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REVISION TO PREVIOUSLY ISSUED NOTICE OF PREPARATION

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY MONTEREY BAY MASTER PLAN

DATE: August 9, 2019

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: California State University Monterey Bay Master Plan (Project)

LEAD AGENCY: The Board of Trustees of the California State University (Trustees)
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, California 90802-4210

On behalf of California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB)
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SUBJECT: Revised Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the CSUMB Master Plan

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the pending CSUMB Master Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was issued by the Board of Trustees of the California State University (Trustees) on May 17, 2017 and is located at <https://csumb.edu/campusplanning/draft-campus-master-plan-2017>. Per California Education Code (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 3, §66606), the Trustees is the governing body and owner of the California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) campus, and has the authority to certify the EIR, adopt the Master Plan, and provide for schematic design approvals. CSUMB is acting as point of contact for the CEQA process.

As the lead agency for the preparation of the EIR for the Project, the Trustees prepared this Revision to Previously Issued NOP to notify agencies, organizations, and other interested parties that the methodology to be used in the EIR in assessing potential transportation-related impacts has been modified from that indicated in the original NOP. Specifically, the original NOP indicates that intersection and freeway levels of service (LOS) would be the basis for the evaluation of potential

transportation impacts related to vehicle travel in the EIR. However, in response to Senate Bill 743 and the associated revisions to the CEQA Guidelines that became effective December 28, 2018, after release of the original NOP, the proposed analysis methodology has been modified, as further explained below. In all other respects, the NOP issued May 17, 2017, is unchanged.

NOP Revision – Transportation and Traffic: NOP page 9 is revised to read as follows: A transportation impact analysis will be prepared as part of the EIR to evaluate potential impacts of the proposed Master Plan and the near-term projects relative to vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and other applicable transportation criteria, consistent with the December 2018 revisions to the CEQA Guidelines. The analysis will consider campus growth and land use changes anticipated under the proposed Master Plan, including increases in on-campus housing and the availability of increased student amenities. The campus has committed to a sustainable campus Master Plan, which includes recommendations for a transportation demand management (TDM) program and a parking management plan as a means to manage vehicle trips to the campus and parking demand. While the transportation analysis will acknowledge the implementation of the TDM program and parking management plan as part of the Project, the estimates of vehicle travel in the transportation analysis are based on observed existing travel behavior to provide for a reasonable worst-case estimate of likely transportation conditions with the Project. Intersection and freeway LOS analysis will be provided for information and campus planning purposes only; significant impact determinations relative to vehicular travel and mitigation, if applicable, will be identified based upon the 2018 CEQA Guidelines, which require VMT analysis.

Organizations and Interested Parties: The Trustees request comments and concerns regarding the proposed revised analytical methodology, as described in this Revision to Previously Issued NOP, to be applied in the transportation impact analysis associated with the Project.

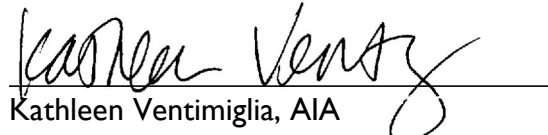
Public Review Period: The Trustees have issued this Revision to Previously Issued NOP for public review and comment pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, §15082 and §15375). The Trustees have established a 30-day public scoping period from **August 12, 2019** through **September 10, 2019**, in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, §15082). The Revision to Previously Issued NOP, along with the original NOP dated May 17, 2017, is available for review online at the following location: <https://csumb.edu/campusplanning/draft-campus-master-plan-2017>.

Scoping Comments: The Trustees are soliciting comments only on the revised analytical methodology to be applied in the transportation impact analysis of the pending EIR as described in this Revision to Previously Issued NOP. All prior scoping comments will be disclosed and considered in the pending EIR and do not need to be resubmitted. Comments on the transportation impact analysis may be submitted by mail, email, or fax. All comments should indicate a contact person for the agency or organization, if applicable. All comments should be sent to the following address, to arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. on **September 10, 2019**:

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Public Scoping Meeting: Two scoping meetings were previously held in May of 2017. The Trustees will hold one additional Scoping Meeting to give the public an opportunity to receive more information about the revised analytical methodology to be applied in the transportation impact analysis of the pending EIR, and to provide comments and suggestions related thereto. All members of the public and interested persons are welcome to attend and provide written comments. The Scoping Meeting will be held on **August 27, 2019**, from **5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at the Student Center West Lounge (next to Starbucks) on the CSUMB campus. See the campus map at the following location: <https://csumb.edu/directory/building/12>.

Further Information: For environmental review information or questions about the Project, please contact Anya Spear (831.582.5098 or aspear@csumb.edu).


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