



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

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

DATE: May 11, 2022

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

LEAD AGENCY: The Board of Trustees of the California State University
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On behalf of California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB)
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The Board of Trustees of the California State University (Board of Trustees) is the lead agency for the preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.), and the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15000 et seq.). The Board of Trustees has prepared this Notice of Availability of the California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Master Plan Final EIR in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15088. The Final EIR addresses the environmental effects of the Project and analyzes reasonable alternatives to avoid or minimize significant environmental effects.

Project Location: The Project site is located at the existing CSUMB campus, on the former U.S. Department of the Army military facility known as Fort Ord. The CSUMB campus is located north of the Monterey Peninsula and west of the Salinas Valley. Portions of the existing CSUMB campus are physically located within the governmental boundaries of the cities of Seaside and Marina and within unincorporated Monterey County. Primary access to CSUMB is available from Highway 1 via the main entrance at Lightfighter Drive to the south and from Imjin Parkway to the north.

Project Description: The proposed Master Plan provides the basis for the physical development of the CSUMB campus through approximately 2035. Implementation of the Project would provide space and facility needs to support an on-campus enrollment of 12,700 full-time-equivalent students (FTES) and 1,776 FTE faculty and staff by the year 2035. Overall,

the Master Plan proposes approximately 2.6 million gross square feet of net new building space for academics, administration, student life, athletic and recreational uses, institutional partnership facilities, and housing. On-campus housing sufficient to continue to accommodate 60 percent of FTES would be constructed and existing housing would accommodate 65 percent of FTE faculty and staff, with a projected increase of 3,820 student beds and 757 converted residential units for faculty and staff. The Project also would accommodate redevelopment and growth of outdoor athletics and recreation facilities to serve campus needs.

The proposed Master Plan includes Project Design Features (PDFs) that address open space, transportation, water and wastewater systems, energy systems and greenhouse gas reduction, and design. For example, transportation PDFs will enhance and expand the campus's existing Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program in order to further reduce vehicle trips and prioritize pedestrian and bicycle movement.

The Project includes specific development components identified in the proposed Master Plan and expected to be constructed in the next 10 years; these are referred to throughout the EIR as "near-term development components." These include Student Housing Phase III (600 student housing beds); Academic IV (95,000 GSF of classroom/instructional space); Student Recreation Center (70,000 GSF of recreation space); Student Housing Phase IIB (400 student housing beds); and Academic V (76,700 GSF of classroom/instructional space).

Significant Environmental Effects: The Final EIR identifies "potentially significant impacts" for the following environmental topics: biological resources, cultural resources and tribal cultural resources, paleontological resources, greenhouse gas emissions, and noise. Implementation of feasible mitigation measures would avoid or substantially reduce all environmental impacts, with the exception of operational roadway noise at one off-campus location (6th Avenue and Gigling Road), which would remain potentially significant and unavoidable.

Document Availability: The Final EIR is available online at the following website: <https://csumb.edu/facilities/planning/>

EIR Certification and Project Approval: The Board of Trustees of the California State University will consider the Final EIR for certification and the Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for adoption at its upcoming meeting on May 23-25, 2022. The Board of Trustees will also consider the proposed Master Plan for approval at the same meeting.

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