Scoping Meeting: LRDP Update and Housing Projects #1 and #2

Monday, April 27, 2020
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Information on the proposed project.

- Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Update
- Housing Project #1 (Gateway Site)
- Housing Project #2 (People’s Park)

Overview of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- EIR process and schedule
- Environmental topics addressed in the EIR
- Purpose of NOP and Scoping Meeting

Receive comments from the public, organizations, and interested public agencies.

- What comments should address
- How to submit comments
- Comments are due by 5 p.m. on May 15, 2020

What is scoping?

A scoping session helps notify the public that a lead agency (in this case, UC Berkeley) is evaluating a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and to solicit public comment regarding the type and extent of environmental analyses to be undertaken.
Project Overview

Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Update
Housing Project #1 (Gateway Site)
Housing Project #2 (People’s Park)
What is an LRDP?

A coordinated strategy for providing the infrastructure needs of a modern research university. It is a framework that provides structure and order to the planning of future projects.

An LRDP does not determine future enrollment or campus population.

- The LRDP is a guide for planning a University of California’s physical campus based on enrollment projections.

What does the updated LRDP plan for?

- Additional campus life spaces
- Building on the Chancellor’s Housing Initiative
- Modern academic and research space
- Upgrading and modernizing infrastructure
- A more diverse, resilient campus
- Enhancing wayfinding
- Optimizing investment in new projects
- Maintaining and enhancing campus impact and experience
- Does not mandate growth or new facilities
- Does not set a future population capacity for the campus
Graphic 1A: LRDP Planning Area and EIR Study Area
To conduct the environmental review, an LRDP EIR is given a planning horizon.

The planning horizon for Berkeley’s updated LRDP EIR is 2036-37.

What are the population projections for the 2036-37 academic year?
- 48,200 students
- 19,000 faculty and staff

What does the LRDP update propose to add by academic year 2036-37?
- Add up to 11,700 new student housing beds
- Add up to 360 new employee housing units
- Add up to 4,018,000 GSF of academic and campus life facilities
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<td>33,450</td>
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<td>Undergraduates</td>
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<td>Years 1-5 = Average 0.5% per year</td>
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<td>Doctoral students = Proportional to ladder faculty</td>
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<td>Employees</td>
<td>15,810</td>
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<td>Faculty</td>
<td>1,980</td>
<td>3,276</td>
<td>1:18 faculty-to-student ratio</td>
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<td>Staff</td>
<td>13,830</td>
<td>12,145</td>
<td>Proportional to student growth</td>
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<td>TOTAL:</td>
<td>49,260</td>
<td>55,129</td>
<td>1.1% per year</td>
<td>67,200</td>
<td>+12,071</td>
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**Table 2: Proposed Unconstrained LRDP Update Development Program**

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<th>Status of 2020 LRDP</th>
<th>Total Academic &amp; Campus Life Space</th>
<th>Housing (beds)</th>
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<td>Campus Space in 2005 (2020 LRDP Baseline)</td>
<td>12,107,100 GSF</td>
<td>8,190 beds</td>
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<td>Realized 2020 LRDP Development Program</td>
<td>+992,160 GSF (of 2.2M)</td>
<td>+1,301 beds (of 2,600)</td>
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<td>Current Campus Space (2019)</td>
<td>13,099,260 GSF</td>
<td>9,491 beds</td>
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<td>Proposed New LRDP Space Program</td>
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<td>Current Space Need, based on current population</td>
<td>+1,319,000 GSF</td>
<td>+8,000 student beds + 300 faculty units</td>
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<td>Net Add’l Space Need, based on future population</td>
<td>+2,699,000 GSF</td>
<td>+3,350 student beds + 60 faculty beds</td>
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<td>Total Future Space Need</td>
<td>+4,018,000 GSF</td>
<td>+11,350 student beds + 360 faculty units</td>
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<td>Category</td>
<td>Potential LRDP Space (2036-37)</td>
<td>Net New Space Compared to 2018-19</td>
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<td>Academic and Campus Life</td>
<td>17,117,260 GSF</td>
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<td>Housing</td>
<td>21,200 beds</td>
<td>+11,350 student beds</td>
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<td>Parking</td>
<td>TBD spaces</td>
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Graphic 1B: Potential Growth Areas

- Campus Park
- Hill Campus
- Clark Kerr Campus
- Satellite properties within the City of Berkeley
Land Use Categories for Potential Growth

1. Academic, Research and Support
   • Approximately 180 to 200 acres
   • Mostly accommodated on Campus Park
   • Intention to preserve existing proportion of open space

2. Mixed Use / Other Programs
   • Approximately 150 to 175 acres
   • Includes housing and support uses
   • Potential housing redevelopment is approximately 35 to 55 acres
   • Satellite properties and Clark Kerr Campus

Majority of the Hill Campus will continue to support recreation and biodiversity. The LRDP Update proposes expansion and renewal of existing uses.
Graphic 2: Potential University Housing Locations

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<th>Existing Housing</th>
<th>Sites under consideration for future housing</th>
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<th>Co-Op Housing (1,264 beds)</th>
<th>Greek Housing (952 beds)</th>
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**DOwNTOWN**
1. Oxford Tract
2. Gateway
3. University Hall
4. 2200 Bancroft

**NORTHsIDE**
5. Upper Hearst
6. Foothill/Stern

**SOUTHsIDE**
7. Clark Kerr Campus
8. Smyth Fernwald
9. Anna Head
10. People’s Park
11. Unit 3
12. Channing Ellsworth

**OTHER SITES**
13. 2000 Carleton

[Map of potential housing locations with numbered sites and labels for DOWNTOWN, NORTHsIDE, SOUTHsIDE, OTHER SITES, Existing Housing, Sites under consideration for future housing, Master Lease, Co-Op Housing (1,264 beds), Greek Housing (952 beds).]
Housing Project #1

Proposed project would be built on what we refer to as the Gateway Site. The borders are Oxford St., University Ave., Walnut St. and Berkeley Way.

Buildout assumptions for Housing Project #1:

- One building
- 850 student beds
- Ground-floor retail
- Office space
- Events space
- Student-serving space
Housing Project #2
Proposed project would redevelop and revitalize People’s Park. The borders are Haste Street, Bowditch Street, and Dwight Way.

Buildout assumptions for Housing Project #2:

- Two buildings
- Building A: Student housing
  - Up to 1,200 student beds
  - Student housing amenities
- Building B: Permanent supportive housing
  - Up to 125 apartments for lower-income (non-university) individuals
  - On-site services
  - Developed and managed by non-profit organization
- Open landscaped space
CEQA

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is the State’s primary environmental protection law.
CEQA: Overview

• The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is the State’s primary environmental protection law and requires public agencies such as UC Berkeley to:
  
  a. Consider and disclose to the public and decision makers the environmental implications of their actions
  
  b. Avoid or reduce the significant environmental effects of these actions to the extent feasible through imposition of mitigation measures or alternatives

• An EIR must be prepared for any project that may have a significant effect on the environment

• Where the EIR identifies significant effects, it must also identify feasible mitigation measures to minimize such effects. Mitigation measures may also be incorporated into long range plans, such as LRDPs, that provide a legal or policy framework for later projects or approvals

• UC Regents must certify the EIR before considering approval of the LRDP Update or the housing projects
CEQA: What is an EIR?

• An EIR is informational document that:
  a. Discloses the significant effects of the proposed project on the environment
  b. Identifies feasible mitigation measures
  c. Describes potentially feasible alternatives to the proposed project

• CEQA includes different types of EIRs for varying situations and intended uses:
  a. Program-level EIRs are appropriate for broad planning actions such as the LRDP and can be used to “tier” CEQA review of future development projects
  b. Project-level EIRs are appropriate for specific development projects

The EIR for the LRDP Update and Housing Projects #1 and #2 will evaluate the analyze the LRDP Update at the program level and the housing projects at the project level.
CEQA: Addressing Environmental Topics in the EIR

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire
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<td>Accept scoping comments</td>
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<td>Publish Final EIR with responses to comments</td>
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<td>Consider Final EIR certification, LRDP adoption, housing project approval</td>
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Scoping Comments

Tonight, we will read public comments received via email as of 5:00 p.m. on April 27, 2020.
Scoping Comments: How to Submit

• Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2020

• Please send your written response to:
  
  Raphael Breines, Senior Planner
  Physical & Environmental Planning
  University of California, Berkeley
  300 A&E Building, Berkeley, CA 94720-1382

• Please email your written response (and include as the subject: LRDP Update and Housing Projects #1 and #2 EIR) to:

  planning@berkeley.edu
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