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## Public Notice

### The Gateway New Academic Building Project

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UC Berkeley has published Addendum Number 1 to the UC Berkeley 2021 Long Range Development Plan and Housing Projects #1 and #2 Environmental Impact Report (2021 LRDP EIR).

**Project Location:** The project site is located in the north quadrant of the UC Berkeley Campus Park on Hearst Avenue at its intersections with Arch Street and Le Conte Avenue. The project site was formerly developed with Tolman Hall, which was vacated in 2018 and subsequently demolished. The project site is bounded by Hearst Avenue to the north; University House Way and University House to the east; Bayard Rustin Way, Morgan Hall, and Hilgard Hall to the south; and McFarlane Lane and Koshland Hall to the west.

**Project Description:** The Proposed Project would provide a new, 375,600-gross-square-foot, academic building that includes 213,270 assignable square feet. The building would consist of five above-grade floors and one basement (below-ground) level. The building facade would be a mix of vision glass, etched spandrel glass, aluminum metal panels, and precast concrete and designed to provide a high degree of energy efficiency.

The Gateway New Academic Building would provide space for permanent occupancy of approximately 1,500 faculty, students, researchers, and staff in flexible lab and learning facilities. The building would include space for academic research, offices, classrooms, and other collaborative meeting spaces and house researchers, faculty, and students across multiple disciplines affiliated with the Division of Computing, Data Science, and Society, which is currently housed in various facilities on the UC Berkeley campus. The building would also include shared community gathering spaces, an event space with a catering kitchen, a social kitchen, a café with an outdoor terrace, and associated support spaces. The building would have two primary wings to the east and west that frame two ground floor outdoor courtyards.

**Document Availability:** The Addendum and 2021 LRDP EIR are available on the UC Berkeley Capital Strategies website. If assistance accessing these documents is needed, please contact the Physical and Environmental Planning department at (510) 495-5786 or by email at [planning@berkeley.edu](mailto:planning@berkeley.edu).

**UC Board of Regents Meeting:** On March 15-17, 2022, the UC Board of Regents will meet to, amongst other items, consider approval of the Gateway New Academic Building project following review of Addendum Number 1 to the 2021 Long Range Development Plan Environmental Impact Report. Actions will consist of: 1) adoption of CEQA Findings for the Gateway New Academic Building project; 2) implementation of applicable mitigation measures and continuing best practices as identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

adopted for the 2021 LRDP EIR; and 3) approval of the design of the Gateway New Academic Building project. The UC Board of Regents meeting agenda and schedule can be found online at: <https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/meetings/index.htm>

Members of the public can provide public comment on this project in two ways: 1) request to speak during public comments at the March 15-17, 2022, meeting of the UC Board of Regents by contacting the Office of the Secretary and Chief of Staff at [publiccomment@ucop.edu](mailto:publiccomment@ucop.edu) prior to 5:00 p.m. the day before the public comment period, and/or 2) provide written comments to the Office of the Secretary and Chief of Staff at [regentsoffice@ucop.edu](mailto:regentsoffice@ucop.edu) no less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the scheduled start time of the first session of the March 2022 UC Board of Regents meeting. Guidelines for public comment can be found on the UC Board of Regents website at: <https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/meetings/public-comment.html>

**Download:** [Addendum](#) (PDF) and [2021 LRDP EIR](#)

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