

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION / NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE
2021 LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
SCH# 2020070120**

Project Title: 2021 Long Range Development Plan

Lead Agency: The Regents of the University of California

Public Review Period: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 through Monday August 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Project Location: University of California, Riverside
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Riverside, California 92521

County: Riverside County

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Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code (PRC) 21091 (a) and Sections 15087 and 15085 of the Guidelines of the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines), the University of California, Riverside (UCR) has released for public review a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the 2021 Long Range Development Plan (2021 LRDP).

Project Overview:

The proposed 2021 LRDP is intended to guide development on the main UCR campus for the next 15 years. Development under the proposed 2021 LRDP is designed to accommodate a total projected enrollment of approximately 35,000 students (Fall quarter headcount) by the academic year 2035/2036. The proposed 2021 LRDP would guide long-range land use development, open space preservation and improvements, multi-modal mobility planning, and infrastructure sustainability and resiliency efforts. Through gradual phased development, the goal of the proposed 2021 LRDP is to accommodate the enrollment growth and meet program needs in an efficient and sustainable manner.

To accommodate the anticipated increase of approximately 11,078 students (7,419 undergraduate and 3,659 graduate) and 2,806 faculty and staff by academic year 2035/2036, the proposed 2021 LRDP proposes a net increase in development of approximately 3.7 million assignable square feet (asf) (approximately 5.5 million gross square feet (gsf)) of additional academic buildings, support facilities, and student housing. The proposed 2021 LRDP would

provide on-campus or campus-controlled student housing for approximately 40 percent of eligible students (or 68 percent of the increase in student population), equal to approximately 7,489 new on-campus beds. The proposed 2021 LRDP includes the following land use designations: Academics & Research, Campus Support, Land-based Research, Open Space Reserve, Recreation & Athletics, Student Neighborhood, Agricultural/Campus Research, UCR Botanic Gardens, Canyon Crest Gateway, and University Avenue Gateway.

The proposed 2021 LRDP is a plan to guide development, but it is not an implementation plan. Adoption of the proposed 2021 LRDP does not constitute a commitment to any specific project. Rather, development under the proposed 2021 LRDP would occur over time, based on campus needs and funding availability. The Regents and/or its delegated authorities must approve each development proposal, as appropriate. At the campus level, the review of campus development proposals is informed by a process that involves input from staff, faculty, and students (and the local community as appropriate).

Environmental Effects:

Implementation of the 2021 LRDP would result in environmental impacts, on the following environmental resource areas: aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire.

The 2021 LRDP would also result in less than significant impacts, with no mitigation required, related to the following environmental issue areas: hydrology and water quality, population and housing, public services, and utilities and service systems.

The 2021 LRDP would also result in no impacts related to the following environmental issue areas: land use and planning, and mineral resources.

Hazardous Materials/Waste Disclosure:

There are hazardous waste sites within the LRDP Planning Area listed in the EnviroStor and Geotracker databases maintained pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Document Availability & Review Period:

A copy of the DEIR and the proposed 2021 LRDP are available for viewing at the address noted above, or for downloading on the Planning, Design & Construction Environmental Planning website: <https://pdc.ucr.edu/environmental-planning-ceqa>.

The 45-day public review period for the DEIR begins on Wednesday, **July 14, 2021** and ends on Monday, **August 30, 2021**. Comments must be received in writing no later than **5:00 PM** on **August 30, 2021**. Your name should be included with your comments. Please send your written comments to the attention of Stephanie Tang at the address noted above. Comments can also be submitted via email to the following address: CEQA@ucr.edu. **Comments must also be received no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, August 30, 2021.**

Public Hearing to Provide Comments:

As a result of the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, recommendations placed on in-person gatherings throughout California, and based on Governor Newsom's signed Executive Order N-29-20 allowing local and state agencies to hold virtual meetings via teleconference, UCR will host an online public session/hearing to receive verbal comments on the DEIR, rather than an in-person event. The University will hold a virtual public hearing **Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** All other comments outside of this hearing must be submitted in writing, as outlined above.

Ways to attend the virtual public hearing:

1. If you already have a zoom account, click on the following link at the time of the meeting:

<https://ucr.zoom.us/j/91992675953>

2. No Zoom account? Go to www.zoom.us
 - a. Click "Join a Meeting" on the top of the page.
 - b. A window will open asking for the Meeting ID.
 - c. Enter: 919 9267 5953

3. Call in by Phone:
 - a. Dial (669) 900-6833. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 919 9267 5953#

If you have any questions regarding this NOC/NOA, please contact Stephanie Tang at the above address or via email at CEQA@ucr.edu.

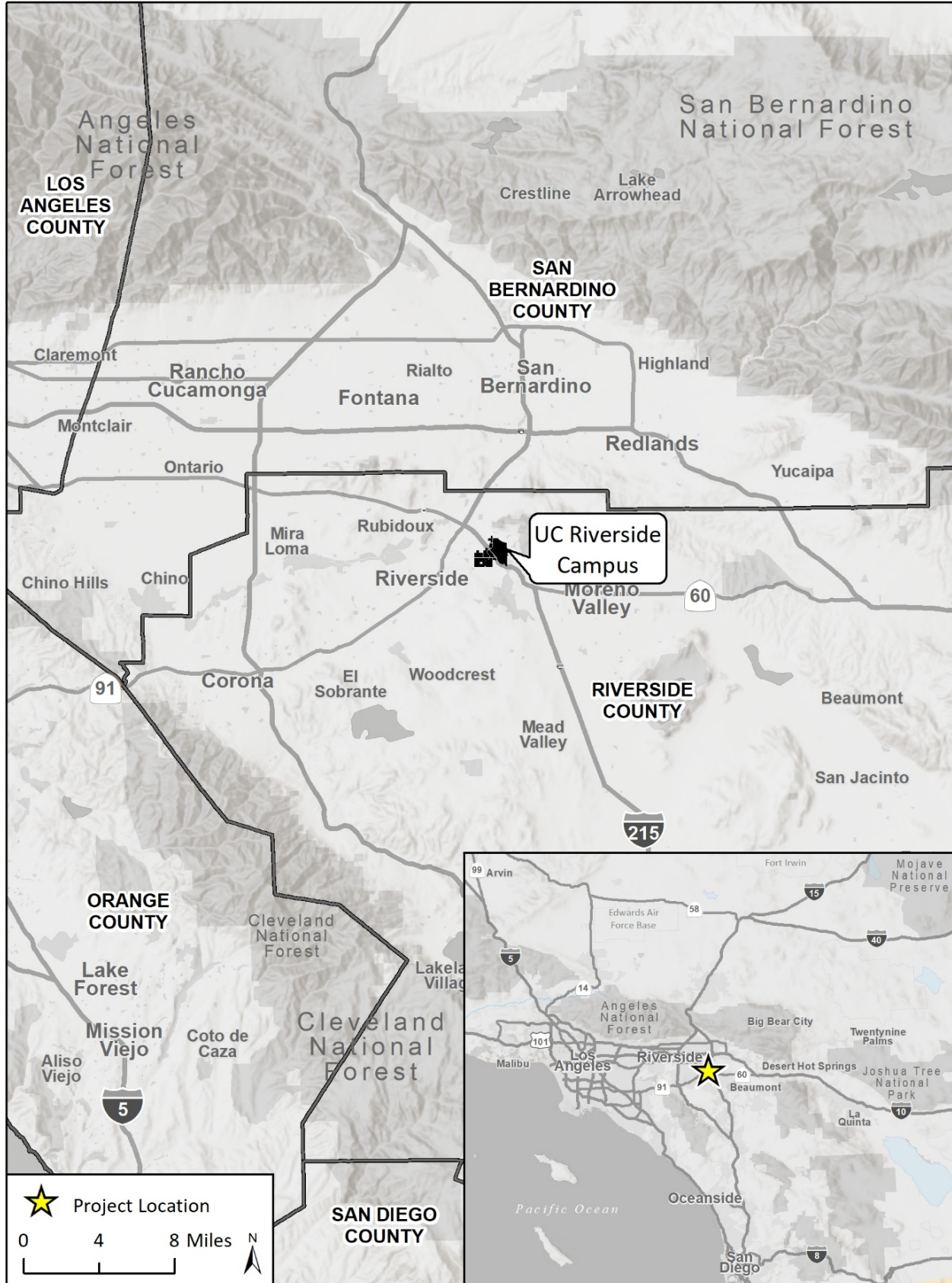
Attachments:

Regional Location Map

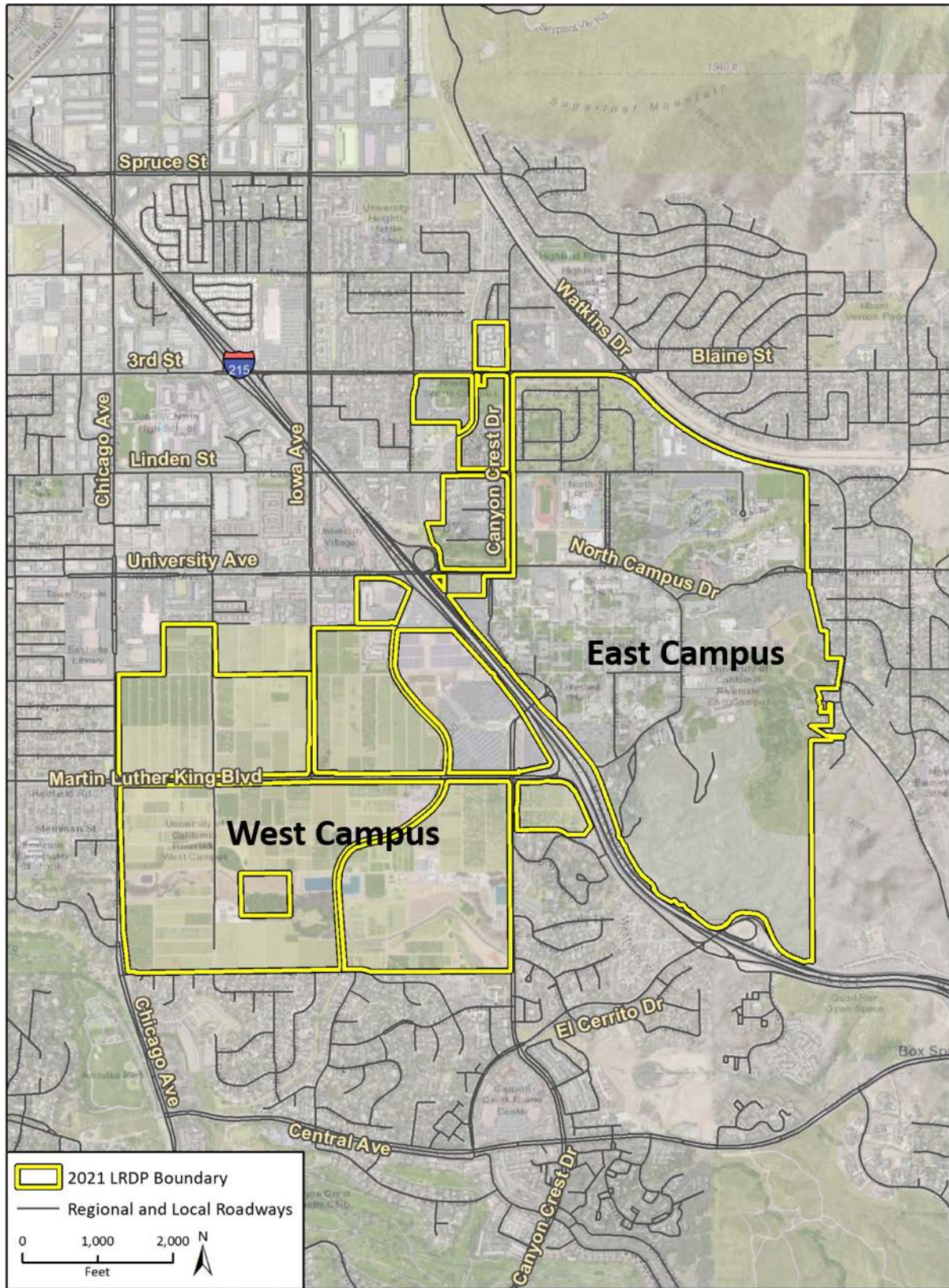
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Campus Planning Area

Proposed 2021 LRDP Land Use Designation

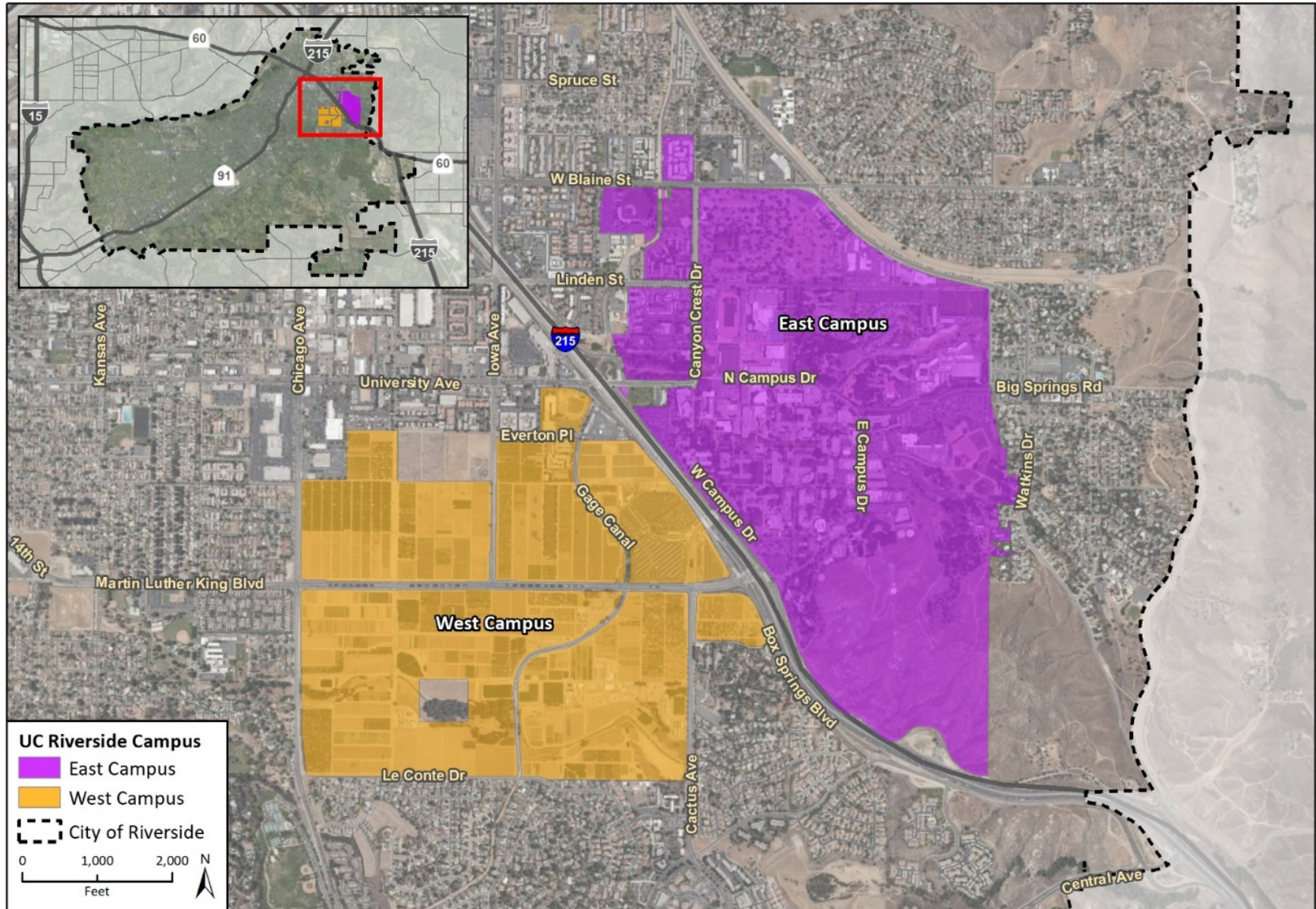


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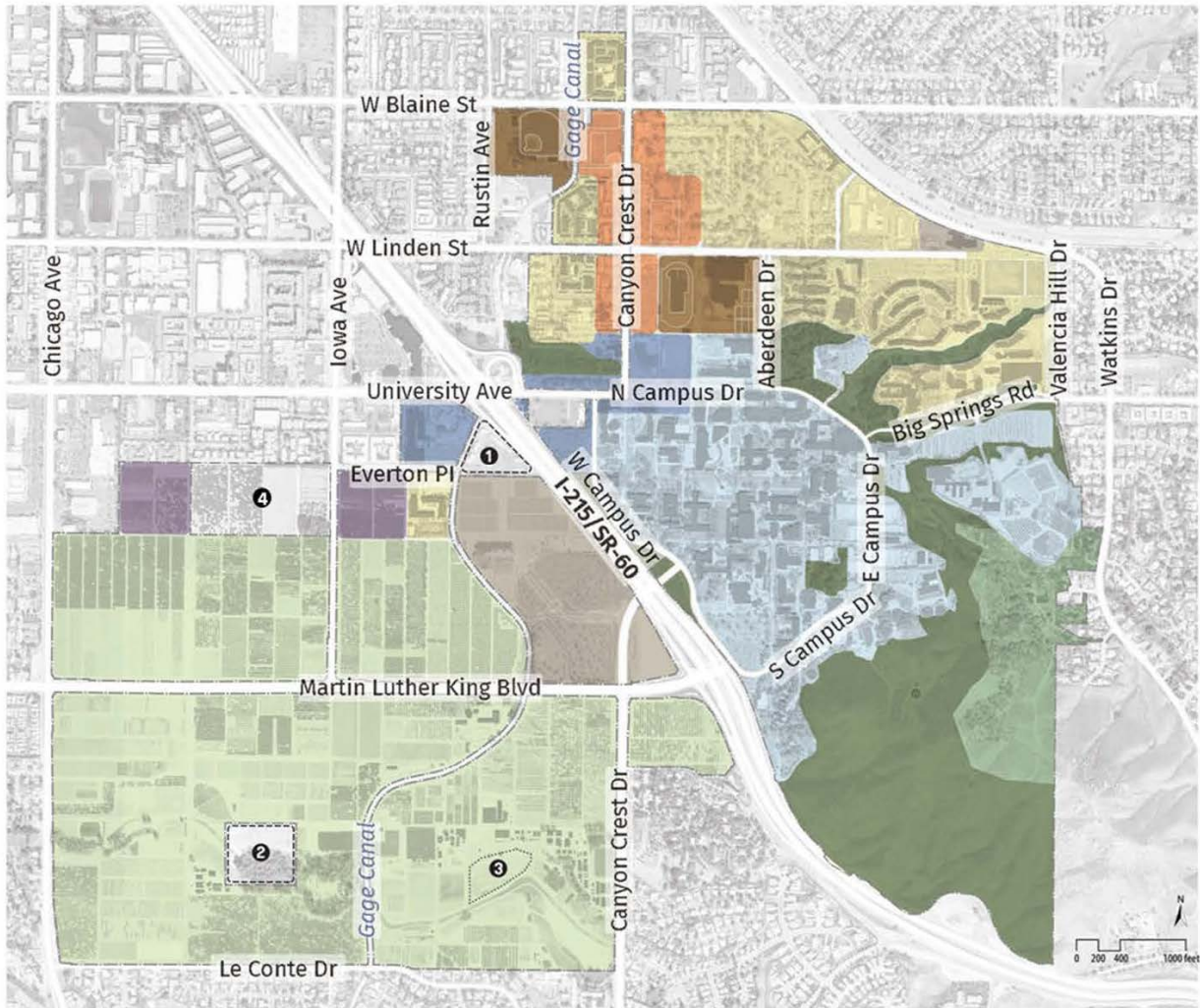
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Fig. 4.15-1 Regional and Local Roadways



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Fig 3 Aerial Map



F3.1 LAND USE PLAN

- 1 Caltrans Yard, not in LRDP planning scope
- 2 City of Riverside property, not in LRDP planning scope
- 3 Development of this approximately 3.25-acre site shall be prohibited from developing uses per a Covenant to Restrict Use of Property entered into between the Department of Toxic Substances Control and The Regents of the University of California, in which a deed restriction was filed on July 26, 2006.
- 4 California Air Resource Board Southern California Headquarters

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| | LAND-BASED RESEARCH | | CANYON CREST GATEWAY |
| | CAMPUS SUPPORT | | UNIVERSITY AVENUE GATEWAY |
| | OPEN SPACE RESERVE | | NON-UCR LAND OF INTEREST |
| | UCR BOTANIC GARDENS | | |