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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Project Title: HSU Trinity Children’s Center and Child Development Lab Project

Lead Agency: The California State University (CSU)

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Purpose of the Notice

The intent of this Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration is to inform agencies and interested parties that Humboldt State University (HSU) has prepared an Initial Study - Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the proposed Trinity Children’s Center and Child Development Lab Project in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15070. This NOI provides information about the project and instructions for reviewing and submitting comments on the IS-MND. The IS-MND is available at the HSU offices located at 1 Harpst Street, Arcata, California, 95521, or online at: <https://facilitymgmt.humboldt.edu/capital-projects>.

Project Location

The project site is located on the southernmost portion of the HSU campus and comprises a 1.44-acre block located between B and C Streets and 13th and 14th Streets. The Assessor’s Parcel Number is 021-061-001 and the site address is 1350 C Street, Arcata, California 95521. Vehicle access to the project site would be provided via two driveways, one from 14th Street just west of B Street, and one across the parking lot on 13th Street. The project site is not located on any of the lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Project Description

The updated project would involve the partial demolition, rehabilitation, and modernization of the Trinity Annex to adaptively reuse the complex as a Childcare Center and Child Development Lab. The project would house programs currently provided on the main HSU campus. The Childcare Center and Child Development Lab program would be moved from four existing buildings on campus, including the

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Mary Warren House, Baiocchi House, Toddler Annex, and Swetman Child Development Lab. The buildings would remain in place and become vacant. The proposed building complex would measure approximately 13,600 square feet in size and up to 25 feet in height. Approximately 8,100 square feet would be demolished, with approximately 9,800 square feet of the existing building would remain, and an approximately 3,800 square foot addition would be built on the eastern side of the renovated Annex. The new building footprint and layout would provide the space required to accommodate the new Child Development Lab classroom and associated rooms. The project proposes to demolish all annexes and additions built after the original hospital was constructed in 1944. The project would relocate the existing bus stop, shelter, and bench on 14th Street to B Street, and would provide an accessible path from the Trinity Annex to the public right-of-way and transit on B Street. The project would also provide two HSU General Permit parking lots with 47 standard parking spaces, 1 van accessible space, and 1 standard accessible space. The project would be developed in two phases: Phase 1 would entail the demolition and hazardous materials abatement of the east wing of the Trinity Annex, and Phase 2 would entail the renovation and construction of the Trinity Center. Construction would last approximately 13 months.

Environmental Review Findings

HSU has prepared an IS-MND pursuant to requirements of the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA and the Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. The IS-MND has been prepared because of the potential for significant adverse effects resulting from project implementation. The IS-MND prepared for the proposed project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts, and monitoring requirements. Potentially significant but mitigable impacts have been identified in the issue areas of: aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, and tribal cultural resources. If the project description changes, the lead agency will require a reevaluation of the IS-MND to consider the changes. If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

Providing Comments and Review Period

HSU is soliciting comments on the IS-MND. Comments provided will be considered by the decision-making body in accordance with CEQA Guidelines, Section 15074(b). The IS-MND is available for public review and comment from **June 18, 2021, to 5:00 PM on July 19, 2021. Comments on the IS-MND must be submitted by the close of the review period: 5:00 PM, July 19, 2021.** Please send all comments by either: 1) U.S. mail; or 2) electronic mail (email) to:

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For comments submitted via email, please include "IS-MND Comments-Trinity Children's Center and Child Development Lab Project" in the subject line and the name and physical address of the commenter in the body of the email.

A Public Meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, July 8, 2021, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Meeting information is as follows:

By computer:

<https://humboldtstate.zoom.us/j/86803292685?pwd=SEJadmZhK3V1aCthaEdnME9ldk1Tdz09>

By phone: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 868 0329 2685

Passcode: 538935

If you have any questions about the environmental review process, please contact Deirdre Clem at the contact information provided above.