

September 1, 2023

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

**California State University, Long Beach Master Plan Update
State Clearinghouse No. 2022040460**

To: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Stakeholders and Interested Parties

From: California State University, Long Beach
Office of Design and Construction Services
1331 Palo Verde Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90815

California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed California State University, Long Beach Master Plan Update (Master Plan Update, proposed project). CSULB has prepared this Notice of Availability (NOA) in accordance with Sections 15087 and 15105 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines to notify responsible and trustee agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties that a Draft EIR has been submitted to the State Clearinghouse and is available for public review and comment. The California State University (CSU) is the lead agency responsible for compliance with CEQA for the proposed project, and the CSU Board of Trustees is the approving body for the proposed project.

For residential recipients of this notice: You are being provided with this notice because of your property's proximity to the CSULB campus.

Project Description. Each of the 23 universities within the CSU system is required by the CSU Board of Trustees to prepare and periodically update a physical Master Plan. The Master Plan is intended to guide the physical campus development necessary to support the needs of the current student, faculty, and staff campus populations as well as projected student enrollment and campus population growth, which serves as the basis for determining long-term academic, administrative, student support, student housing, and athletic and recreational program space needs, in accordance with approved educational policies and objectives.

CSULB is one of the largest universities in the State by enrollment and continues to grow, often receiving the most undergraduate applications of any CSU, and enrolls one of the largest graduate student populations across the CSU system and the state of California. CSULB is proposing a comprehensive update of the current campus Master Plan, last updated in 2008, to accommodate enrollment growth, a campus population, and physical development of the campus through the horizon year 2035 (Master Plan Update, proposed project, or project). The Master Plan Update focuses on optimizing the existing physical assets of the campus, enhancing the efficiency of facilities throughout the campus, and evolving the existing buildings and programs to accommodate future university needs. The "project" that is analyzed in the Draft EIR includes specific development projects identified in the Master Plan Update that are expected to be developed in the near-term (2-5 years), mid-term (6-10 years), and long-term (11 years or more).

The underlying purpose of the Master Plan Update is to support and advance the CSULB mission, vision, and values by guiding the physical development of the campus and to accommodate changes in enrollment through the horizon year 2035. CSULB's projected enrollment at the horizon year 2035 is approximately 36,000 Full-Time-Equivalent Students (FTES), including approximately 33,000 FTES on campus and 3,000 FTES off-campus. The Master Plan Update is intended to accommodate this projected student enrollment and the corresponding campus population.

Project Location. CSULB is located in an urbanized area within the governmental jurisdictional boundary of the City of Long Beach, in southern Los Angeles County, California. The City of Long Beach is bordered by the cities of Paramount and Lakewood to the north; the Pacific Ocean to the south; the cities of Hawaiian Gardens, Cypress, and Los Alamitos, the unincorporated community of Rossmoor, and the city of Seal Beach in Orange County to the east; and the cities of Los Angeles, Carson, and Compton to the west. CSULB consists of two properties: the CSULB main campus and the Beachside Village property. The CSULB main campus, located at 1250 Bellflower Boulevard, encompasses 322 acres and is generally bounded by East Atherton Street on the north, East 7th Street on the south, Palo Verde Avenue on the east, and Bellflower Boulevard on the west. The Beachside Village property is a CSU-owned student residential complex located at 4835 Pacific Coast Highway, approximately 0.6 miles west of the CSULB main campus.

Anticipated Environmental Effects. An analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed Master Plan Update has been conducted and is contained in the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant impacts requiring mitigation measures for aesthetics; biological resources; cultural resources; geology, soils, and paleontological resources; noise; and tribal cultural resources. No significant and unavoidable impacts have been identified for implementation of the Master Plan Update.

Hazardous Materials/Waste On-Site. The CSULB campus is not included on any hazardous waste site lists including the Department of Toxic Substances Control's EnviroStor database, which includes CORTESE sites and the Environmental Protection Agency's database of regulated facilities, or other lists compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Reviewing Locations. This Notice of Availability and the Draft EIR may be accessed online at: www.csulb.edu/beach-building-services/california-environmental-quality-act-ceqa-compliance.

In addition, a limited number of hard copies are available for review to persons who are unable to access the online version at the CSULB Office of Design and Construction Services, located at 1331 Palo Verde Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90815. Please email CSULB-CommunityEngagement@csulb.edu to request this accommodation.

Public Review Period/Comment Period. This Notice of Availability and Draft EIR will be circulated for a 45-day public review and comment period, commencing on September 1, 2023, and concluding on October 16, 2023. This Notice of Availability will be filed with the State Clearinghouse, filed with and posted by the Los Angeles County Clerk's office for a period of not less than 45 days, and published in the Long Beach Press-Telegram.

All written comments on the Draft EIR must be submitted by 11:59pm on October 16, 2023, and may be submitted in any of the following manners:

1. Online (Digital QR Code)

Provide your comments online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X3CSYLT> or by scanning the QR code below with your mobile device. To scan the code, open the camera app on your mobile phone and move your camera so that the QR code is clearly visible in the frame. Click on the QR code's URL, [surveymonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com), when it pops up. Follow the instructions in the survey to provide your comments on the Draft EIR online.



2. Email: CSULB-CommunityEngagement@csulb.edu

Please include "Master Plan Update EIR Comments" in the subject line.

3. Mail

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4. Public Meetings

Two public meetings will be held to solicit comments on the Draft EIR, as well as to present information on the Master Plan Update. The meetings will consist of one in-person meeting and one virtual meeting to be hosted on an online platform. The meeting dates and location information is as follows:

In-Person Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Location: The Pointe, located in the Walter Pyramid at CSULB. Free parking will be provided at Parking Lot G11 adjacent to the Walter Pyramid, located at 1792 Merriam Way. Please park in the spots reserved for the Draft EIR Meeting and follow the signs to The Pointe. See map on the following page.

Attendees are invited to email CSULB-CommunityEngagement@csulb.edu at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting for more information, to arrange ADA accommodations, and/or to request language translation support.

Virtual (Online) Meeting:

Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Location: Zoom Conference <<https://zoom.us/j/95666519969>>

Meeting ID: 956 6651 9969

Or join by phone at +1 (669) 444-9171 / Meeting ID: 956 6651 9969

In-Person Public Meeting Location

