

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

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Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code (PRC) 21091(a) and the Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines), the San José State University (SJSU) has released for public review a Draft EIR for the SJSU Campus Master Plan (project).

Project Title: San José State University Campus Master Plan

Draft EIR Review Period: January 17, 2025 to March 3, 2025

Project Location: The Master Plan Area encompasses SJSU-owned properties on the Main and South campuses of the University, as well as various off-campus properties in and around the City of San José (City) in Santa Clara County. The Main Campus encompasses 88.5 acres in downtown San José at 1 Washington Square and is developed with academic, student life, administrative, and athletic facilities, as well as student residence halls. The South Campus encompasses 62 acres located approximately 8 city blocks or 1.3 miles southeast of the Main Campus and is the home of the Athletic Department including a majority of the University's athletic facilities. See Figure 1.

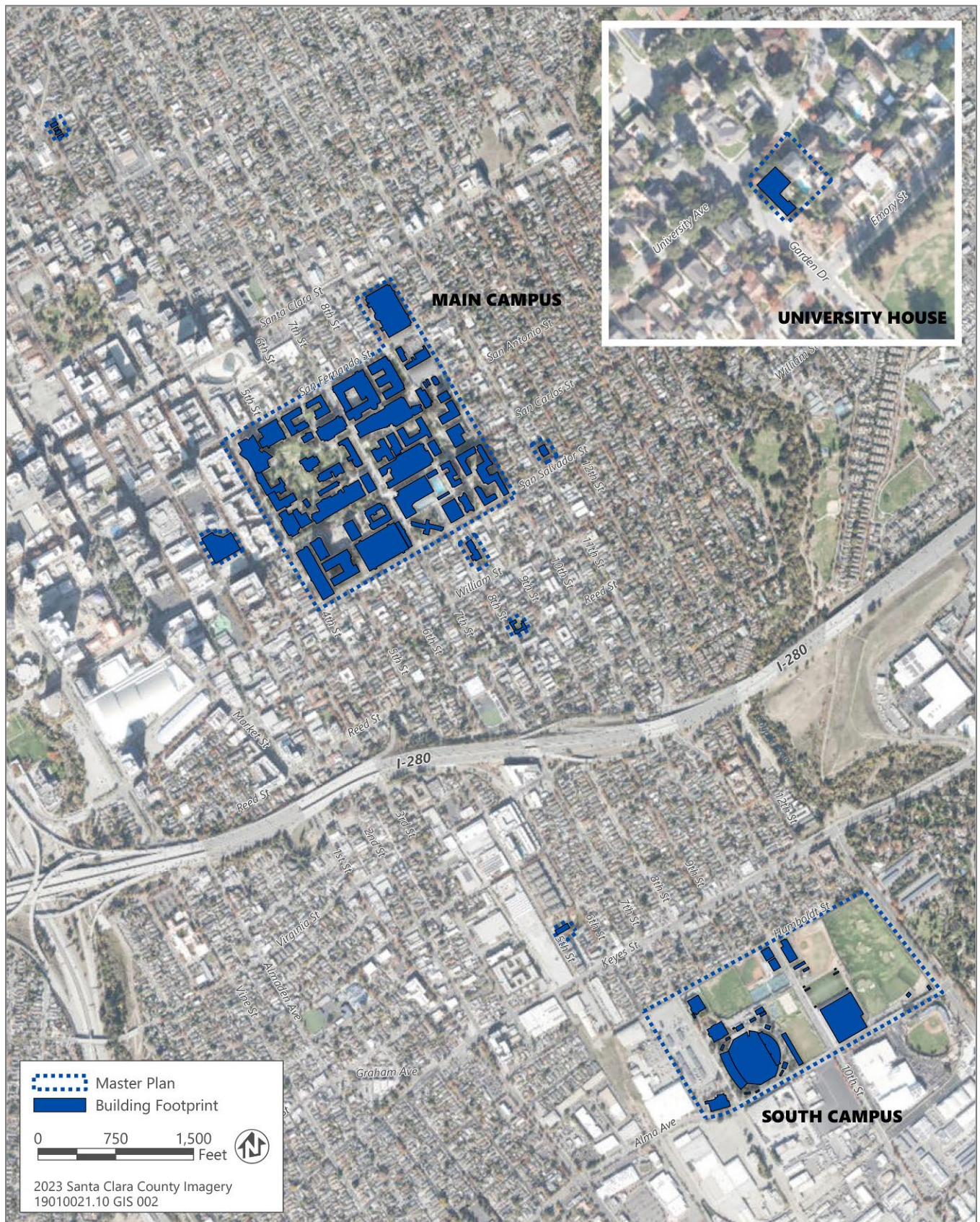
Project Description: The Campus Master Plan is a long-range planning document that guides the development and use of campus lands to accommodate projected growth in student enrollment and in fulfillment of SJSU's academic mission. To accommodate the anticipated enrollment growth and increase in demand for academic facilities, additional housing, recreation and athletic facilities, and student support facilities and services on campus through 2045, the Campus Master Plan would include the demolition and replacement of approximately 1,065,000 GSF of existing academic, administrative, housing, and support facilities to allow the campus to add density in both the Main and South campuses while maintaining and increasing the amount of open space on the Main Campus. Approximately 1,400,000 GSF of academic, research, and administrative space and an additional 400,000 GSF of student support space would be added. This includes approximately 900,000 GSF of new student housing space to accommodate the 2,100 new student beds and up to 1,000,000 GSF of new housing at the Alquist Building site. The new housing development at the site of the Alquist Building would provide up to 1,000 residential units with up to 500 units for faculty, staff, and graduate students. In total, approximately 3,700,000 GSF of net new construction, 1,065,000 GSF of replacement, and 1,600,000 GSF of renovation would occur within the Master Plan Area.

In terms of assignable square feet (ASF), an additional 750,000 ASF of academic and administrative, and an additional 225,000 ASF of support space would be developed. In addition, 650,000 ASF of existing aging or obsolete academic, administrative, and support space would be demolished and replaced with new facilities.

The Campus Master Plan estimates overall student enrollment to increase from a total headcount of 35,475 (AY 2018-2019) students to 44,000 students (27,500 full-time equivalent students [FTES]) by 2045, along with sufficient faculty and staff to provide instruction and support services that would accommodate the demand of this increased headcount.¹ More than half of that growth would occur in Special Sessions (i.e., academic programs provided to matriculated students on a self-support basis) and online enrollment.

Document Availability: The Draft EIR is available for review online at: <https://www.sjsu.edu/campusmasterplan/>

¹ FTES is a calculation of university capacity based on the assumptions that a full-time undergraduate student is expected to enroll in 15 units each term (i.e., quarter) and a full-time graduate student is expected to enroll in 12 units each term (i.e., quarter). FTES balances out the amount of instruction involved and level of academic instruction required because not all students take exactly these loads each term.



Source: Adapted by Ascent Environmental in 2024.

Figure 1 Master Plan Area

Public Review and Comment Period: A 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR begins on January 17, 2025 and ends on March 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Please send your written comments via letter or email, with appropriate contact information, to:

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Comments provided via email should include "San José State University Campus Master Plan Draft EIR Comment" in the subject line and the name and physical address of the commenter in the body of the email.

Public Meeting: SJSU will host a public meeting on February 5, 2025 at 6 p.m. to inform interested parties about the project, provide a summary of the environmental impact conclusions from the Draft EIR, and provide agencies and the public with an opportunity to provide comments on the EIR. The public meeting will be conducted as a hybrid meeting (i.e., in-person meeting with online webinar for those who prefer to attend virtually).

- ▶ February 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 225 at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library (150 E. San Fernando Street, San Jose, CA 95112) located in the northwest corner of the main campus in the City of San Jose. The building is located at the northwest corner of 4th Street and San Fernando Street, immediately south of the 4th Street Garage.
- ▶ Participants who would like to attend virtually must register to attend the scoping meeting here:

<https://www.sjsu.edu/campusmasterplan/>

After registering, you will receive the link to log-into the webinar to be held on February 5, 2025.

Anticipated Significant Environmental Effects: Based on the environmental analyses completed for SJSU Campus Master Plan Draft EIR, implementation of the project would result in the following significant and unavoidable environmental impacts, following implementation of feasible mitigation measures:

- ▶ Air Quality – Construction and Operational Criteria Air Pollutants and Ozone Precursor Emissions.
- ▶ Cultural Resources – Potential to Result in a Substantial Adverse Change in the Significance of a Historical Resource.
- ▶ Noise – Generation of Substantial Temporary (Construction) Noise.
- ▶ Noise – Generation of Substantial Stationary Operational Noise.
- ▶ Tribal Cultural Resources – Potential Impacts to Known and Unknown Tribal Cultural Resources

Cortese-Listed Sites: Section 15087 (c)(6) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that this notice disclose whether the project site is listed on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5 (Cortese List). Based on information gathered, no sites located within the Master Plan Area are actively under evaluation or remediation.

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