

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Bison Avenue Surface Parking Lot
Project Location: University of California, Irvine
Lead Agency: University of California
County: Orange

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and University of California Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA, an Initial Study for the Bison Avenue Surface Parking Lot project (proposed project) was prepared by the University of California, Irvine (UCI), and was determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of analysis.

The proposed project would construct an approximately 1,100-space surface parking lot on the UCI campus. The approximately 7.6 acre project site is located adjacent to Bison Avenue, California Avenue, and Health Sciences Drive in the West Campus sector of UCI. Construction of the proposed project would provide parking supply to replace parking spaces lost to previous campus construction projects, parking spaces projected to be lost to upcoming campus construction projects, and to meet future parking demand for campus commuters and visitors.

The project scope includes vegetation clearing; grading; asphalt paving including two driveway connections to Health Sciences Drive; construction of pedestrian walkways; and installation of lighting to allow 24-hour use, drainage improvements, electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, landscaping, and irrigation. The proposed project would be constructed to allow for the future installation of an information booth and security access gate if deemed necessary at a later time.

The project has been analyzed in the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) and determined that, with the incorporation of mitigation, it will not have a significant effect on the environment. The document is available for viewing on the UCI website at: <http://www.eps.uci.edu/EnvironmentalPlanning/index.html>. Hard copies of the Draft IS/MND and referenced documents are available for review during business hours at the University of California, Irvine's Office of Environmental Planning and Sustainability. Comments will be received June 19, 2017 through July 18, 2017, and can be emailed to hashimol@uci.edu or mailed to:

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The Draft IS/MND, along with comments received during the public review period, will be considered by the Chancellor in conjunction with project approval. If adopted by the University, the Draft IS/MND will be finalized.


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