

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY MASTER PLAN 2035 DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2016101003)

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: California State University (CSU)/California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) to analyze the potential environmental effects of the proposed 2035 Master Plan (Project).

PROJECT: The Master Plan provides a framework for implementation of the University's goals and programs by identifying needed facilities and improvements to accommodate a gradual growth in student enrollment due to area-wide and regional growth in student population and continuing high demand for Cal Poly education. The student enrollment is projected to reach 22,500 full-time equivalent (FTE) students (25,000 head count) by 2035. The main objective of the Master Plan is to guide campus development, accommodating this gradual student enrollment growth over the next 20 years while preserving and enhancing the quality of campus life. Additionally, Cal Poly proposes to build 420 units of faculty, staff, and general public housing at the northeast intersection of Slack Street and Grand Avenue on a 22-acre site. The project will consist of a mix of studio, one-, two-, and three-bedroom units and approximately 8,500 square feet of retail, within 14 separate buildings ranging in size from two to five stories each. Parking will be provided on-site at a ratio of 1.7 spaces per unit.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF PROJECT: The analysis in the Draft EIR concluded that the Project will result in significant environmental impacts that can be mitigated to a level of insignificance to biological resources, aesthetic resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, traffic and circulation (specific intersections), public services and recreation, utility and service systems, and water supply. The analysis in the EIR concluded that the Project will result in unavoidable significant impacts to cultural resources, agricultural resources, aesthetic resources (Slack and Grand Residential Neighborhood), traffic and circulation (cumulative), air quality, and noise.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Draft EIR will be circulated for agency and public review during a 45-day public review period, which begins on November 6, 2017, and ends on December 20, 2017. <u>All written comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR must be received by 5:00 PM on December 20, 2017</u>. Following the close of the public comment period, responses to comments on the Draft EIR will be prepared and, together with the Draft EIR, will constitute the Final EIR. This notice will be filed with the San Luis Obispo County Clerk's office for a period of at least 30 days.

PUBLIC MEETING: A public meeting to hear comments on the Draft EIR will be held on December 6, 2017, at 6:00 PM. This meeting will take place on the Cal Poly campus, in Chumash Auditorium in the Julian A. McPhee University Union (Building 65, Room 204).

WHERE TO FIND THE DRAFT EIR: Copies of the document are available for review at the Kennedy Library on the Cal Poly campus, the City/County Library at 995 Palm Street in San Luis Obispo, and online at http://masterplan.calpoly.edu and http://masterplan.calpoly.edu and http://masterplan.calpoly.edu and https://masterplan.calpoly.edu (https://masterplan.calpoly.edu

HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS: Written comments on the Draft EIR shall be addressed to:

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