

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: University of California at Santa Barbara Long Range Development Plan –
Cooperative Relations Agreement and Mitigation Agreement

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize additional Public Works projects to be included in UCSB's Long Range Development Plan's Mitigation Agreement.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan: The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary: UCSB's Long Range Development Plan includes a Cooperative Relations Agreement and a Mitigation Agreement that identifies eleven road projects the University would either fully or partially fund as part of their road mitigation contribution associated with the long-term growth of the campus.

Both agreements were signed in 1993 by the University, Santa Barbara County and four other partners; the City of Santa Barbara, the Isla Vista Association, the Environmental Defense Center and Citizens for Goleta Valley signed the Mitigation Agreement and the Cooperative Relations Agreement.

Seven of the roadway and intersection projects were completed using exclusively Regional Measure-D, State and Federal funds that were matched with the 3rd District's local Measure-D allocation. As a result, the projects were completed without the University's contribution. All signers of the Mitigation Agreement concur with the recommendation to include the additional transportation projects into UCSB's Long Range Development Plan's Mitigation Agreement.

Discussion:

The Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) outlined the anticipated growth on the UCSB campus over a fifteen-year time horizon. The LRDP included two additional documents; a Mitigation Agreement and the Cooperative Relations Agreement, which were signed by the University, the County, the City of Santa Barbara, the Isla Vista Association, the Environmental Defense Center and Citizens for Goleta Valley.

These agreements obligated the University, among other actions, to pay a fair share contribution towards local road improvements based on the University's anticipated growth. Specifically, the Mitigation Agreement identified a schedule of fair share costs associated to three road segments and eight intersection improvements.

Seven of the eleven road and intersections projects have been completed without UCSB's contribution. Primarily, the funds used to complete these seven projects were Regional Measure-D, State and Federal funds that were matched with the 3rd District's local Measure-D allocation.

There are four remaining Mitigation Projects yet to be completed or billed to the University; the widening of Los Carneros south of Mesa, the widening of El Colegio west of Los Carneros, improvements to the Hollister - Los Carneros intersection and improvements to the intersection at Hollister and Ward Drive.

Because the University is required to pay their fair share costs of the transportation impacts associated with their growth projections and the original projects were completed without the LRDP contribution, an alternative set of transportation projects have been agreed to by the signers of the Cooperative Relations Agreement and are recommended for your approval.

The signatories of the agreement must approve any modifications and all signatories have agreed to the recommended project list. A list of the completed projects and the recommended projects are as follows:

Completed Projects

Storke-Glenn Annie Interchange
SR-154 Interchange
Fairview Interchange
Los Carneros/Hwy 101 SB
Hollister/Patterson Intersection
Hollister/Fairview Intersection
Road & Signal re-design at Storke and El Colegio

Recommended Projects

El Colegio Road Improvements
Traffic Light @ Camino del Sur
Isla Vista Circulation Improvements
Alternative Transportation Enhancements
Isla Vista Master Plan Parking Program
Future Project Designations

The Camino del Sur traffic light funds may be used towards the El Colegio round-a-bout alternative if the 4-lane road project with traffic lights is not adopted. Currently the round-a-bout alternative remains the preferred project and both alternatives are undergoing environmental review. As a result, the contribution from this specific source to future El Colegio Road improvements, at a minimum, will total \$1,000,000.

Isla Vista Circulation Improvements include future traffic calming projects, additional sidewalk improvements and contributions to the Embarcadero Loop streetscape project. Alternative Transportation Enhancements include an investment in the proposed car-share program and improvements to MTD's level of service within the community.

The Isla Vista Master Plan Parking Permit Program will include funding start up costs, capital expenses and other elements associated with this comprehensive program in addition to an anticipated loan from the RDA.

These recommended projects were not considered during the original LRDP negotiations. However, they are priorities for the University and the Public Works Department and are essential elements of the Isla Vista Master Plan initiated for environmental review by your Board. The funds, totaling \$2.3 million have been delivered by the University to the County and held in a restricted designation by the Public Works Department.

Several of these new opportunities and challenges have been generally discussed throughout the Isla Vista Master Plan process including the improvements of El Colegio Road, the Isla Vista Parking Program and enhancements to the local transit system.

While these projects were not originally negotiated under the LRDP, including them will provide the fiscal resources necessary to complete projects within the Isla Vista/UCSB planning area that are prioritized within the IV Master Plan's recommendations. As stated above we have agreement by the other signatories for these proposals. The Board's approval will allow the Public Works Department to initiate the work effort and accomplish many of these projects in a timely manner. This mechanism of amending the agreements was foreseen and has been utilized once before.

Mandates and Service Levels: Public Works is a mandated service.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Funding for these projects are generated from existing sources including Measure-D, RDA, Developer Fees, State and Federal funds.

Special Instructions:

Concurrence: Public Works Department

Attachment: UCSB LRDP EIR; Exhibit C; Fair Share Intersection Improvement Costs