State of California  
Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**Project Title:** UC Davis Unitrans Hutchison Bus Terminal

**Project Location:** University of California, Davis; core campus west of Hutchison Drive and California Avenue

**County:** Yolo County

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.), and the University of California Procedures for the Implementation of CEQA, a Draft Tiered Initial Study for the above-named project was prepared (please see enclosure). The document identifies and evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The campus proposes to prepare a Negative Declaration for the project.

**Project Description**

UC Davis proposes to redevelop an existing parking lot to provide a new bus terminal adjacent to the existing bus loading and unloading area at the Silo Building. The new bus terminal would primarily serve Unitrans—the student operated UC Davis and City of Davis bus operation, but would also serve busses from Yolo Bus, Fairfield-Suisun Transit, and the UC Davis Health System shuttle bus. The new bus terminal would improve bus operations and pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Hutchison Drive by providing an appropriately designed bus terminal, an integrated system of pedestrian sidewalks, and new bike parking facilities. Construction of the new terminal would take place on approximately 1.5 acres south of Haring Hall in the existing Parking Lot 29 and on adjacent land along Hutchison Drive. The new West Entry Parking Structure and other nearby parking lots are expected to provide adequate parking capacity to compensate for up to 49 spaces that would be lost from the displacement of Parking Lot 29. Parking Lot 29 currently provides a mixture of metered parking spaces, permit spaces, special restriction spaces (service vehicles spaces, handicap designated spaces, etc.), and some bus loading for Unitrans and the shuttle bus that serves the UC Davis Health System in Sacramento. Construction of the new bus terminal is expected to take approximately 6 to 8 months and would begin in Spring 2007.

The new bus terminal would combine the existing bus layover and bus loading/unloading operations currently taking place within Parking Lot 29 with the bus operations taking place on Hutchison Drive between A Street and Bioletti Avenue and would provide terminal/layover space for 14 to 16 busses. Due to rapid growth in riders and subsequent increases in bus service,
Unitrans uses portions of Hutchison Drive as a combined area for bus layovers (parking of busses during daytime low-demand periods), bus stops, and as a road for traveling east to west across the core campus. Bus layovers currently take place on the south side of Hutchison Drive west of Bioletti Drive, west of California Road and north of the Silo building, and at the Art Building. Bus layovers also currently occur on the north side of Hutchison Drive at Shields Library, Parking Lot 29, and near Bioletti Drive. Upon completion of the new bus terminal, layover busses would no longer be parked on Hutchison Drive and busses would primarily use Hutchison Drive as a through road with bus stops rather than a series of bus layover areas. The removal of layover busses from Hutchison Drive would provide increased street availability for cyclists and sidewalks would be provided on the north side of Hutchison Drive to facilitate pedestrian access to and from the new bus terminal.

Environmental Review and Comment

Based on the analysis presented in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the campus proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed project. Copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration are available during normal operating hours at the UC Davis Office of Resource Management and Planning in 376 Mrak Hall on the UC Davis campus; at Reserves in Shields Library on the UC Davis campus; at the Yolo County Public Library, 315 E. 14th Street, Davis; at the Vacaville Public Library, 1020 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville; and online at http://www.ormp.ucdavis.edu/environreview/.

We appreciate your prompt acknowledgement and review of this Draft Tiered Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, the document's 30-day review period will extend from October 6, 2006 through November 6, 2006. Comments must be received before 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2006. They may be e-mailed to environreview@ucdavis.edu or sent to:

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Vice Chancellor- Resource Management and Planning  
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If you have any questions about the project, please contact Sid England, Director of Environmental Planning, at (530) 752-2432 or Rick Keller, Assistant Vice Chancellor – Capital Resource Management, at (530) 752-2433.

Sincerely,

John A. Meyer  
Vice Chancellor – Resource Management and Planning

Enclosures: 15 copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration 1 Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form

c: Notice of Intent, Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form, and Draft Tiered Initial Study sent to addresses on attached list
Form A
Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, PO Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 916/445-0613

Project Title: UC Davis Unibats Hutchison Bus Terminal

Lead Agency: University of California
Street Address: Office of Resource Management and Planning, UC Davis
City: Davis Zip: 95616 County: Yolo

Project Location:
County: Yolo City/Nearest Community: Davis
Cross Streets: Old Davis Road/Interstate 80 Zip Code: 95616 Total Acres: .10
Assessor's Parcel No.: NA Section: 16
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 113 and I-80 Twp.: 8N Range: 2E Base: Mt. Diablo
Waterways: Putah Creek Airways: University Airport
Railways: Union Pacific Schools: Davis Joint Unified

Document Type:
CEQA: □ NOP □ Supplement/Subsequent EIR NEPA: □ NOI Other: □ Joint Document
□ Early Cons (Prior SCH No.) □ Other □ EA □ Final Document
□ Neg Doc □ Other □ Draft EIS □ Other
□ Draft EIR

Local Action Type:
□ General Plan Update □ Specific Plan □ Rezone □ Annexation
□ General Plan Amendment □ Master Plan □ Prezone □ Redevelopment
□ General Plan Element □ Planned Unit Development □ Use Permit □ Coastal Permit
□ Community Plan □ Site Plan □ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) □ Other Project Approval

Development Type:
□ Residential: Units: ______ Acres: ______ □ Water Facilities: Type: ______ MGD:
□ Office: Sq.ft.: ______ Acres: ______ Employees: ______
□ Commercial: Sq.ft.: ______ Acres: ______ Employees: ______
□ Industrial: Sq.ft.: ______ Acres: ______ Employees: ______
□ Educational □ Transportation: Type: ______ Transit Terminal
□ Recreational

Funding (approx.): Federal $1,600,000 State $—— Total $1,750,000

Project Issues Discussed in Document:
□ Aesthetic/Visual □ Flood Plain/Flooding □ Schools/Universities □ Water Quality
□ Agricultural Land □ Forest Land/Fire Hazard □ Septic Systems □ Water Supply/Groundwater
□ Air Quality □ Geologic/Seismic □ Sewer Capacity □ Wetland/Riparian
□ Archeological/Historical □ Minerals □ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading □ Wildlife
□ Coastal Zone □ Noise □ Solid Waste □ Growth Inducing
□ Drainage/Absorption □ Population/Housing Balance □ Toxics/Hazardous □ Landuse
□ Economic/Jobs □ Public Services/Facilities □ Traffic/Circulation □ Cumulative Effects
□ Fiscal □ Recreation/Parks □ Vegetation □ Other

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:
Academic and Administrative

Project Description:
See attached public notice.

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Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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Resources Agency

Boating & Waterways
Coastal Commission
Coastal Conservancy
Colorado River Board
_SX_Conservation
_SX_Fish & Game
Forestry & Fire Protection
_SX_Office of Historic Preservation
Parks & Recreation
Reclamation Board
_SX_S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
_SX_Water Resources (DWR)

Business, Transportation & Housing

Aeronautics
California Highway Patrol
_SX_CALTRANS District # 3
Department of Transportation Planning (headquarters)
_SX_Housing & Community Development

Food & Agriculture

Health & Welfare
Health Services

State & Consumer Services

General Services
OLA (Schools)

Environmental Protection Agency

_SX_Air Resources Board
_SX_California Waste Management Board
_SWRB: Clean Water Grants
_SWRB: Delta Unit
_SWRB: Water Quality
_SWRB: Water Rights
_SX_Regional WQCB # 5

Youth & Adult Corrections

Corrections

Independent Commissions & Offices

Energy Commission
_SX_Native American Heritage Commission
Public Utilities Commission
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
State Lands Commission
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

_SX_Other ___ Yolo-Solano AQMD

Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date October 6, 2006
Ending Date November 6, 2006
Signature ____________________________ Date 10/6/06

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):
Consulting Firm: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City/State/Zip: ____________________________
Contact: ____________________________
Phone: (______) ____________________________

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Date Received at SCH ____________________________
Date Review Starts ____________________________
Date to Agencies ____________________________
Date to SCH ____________________________
Clearance Date ____________________________
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Project Objectives
The proposed project would provide needed transit facilities for the Unitrans Hutchison Bus Terminal site. Objectives of the project include the following:

- Provide sufficient space to consolidate bus operations to a new bus terminal area along Hutchison Drive
- Improve transit facilities at UC Davis by providing a convenient bus terminal near the Silo buildings.
- Improve pedestrian sidewalks in the area of the existing Parking Lot 29.

Environmental Review
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The 2003 LRDP EIR is a Program EIR, prepared pursuant to Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15000 et seq.) and Section 21080.09 of the Public Resources Code. The 2003 LRDP EIR analyzed full implementation of uses and physical development proposed under the 2003 LRDP through the year 2015-16 to accommodate a projected total enrollment level of 31,500 students and identified measures to mitigate the significant adverse project and cumulative impacts associated with that growth. The proposed project is within the scope of the campus development that was anticipated in the 2003 LRDP and evaluated in the 2003 LRDP EIR.

The Draft Tiered Initial Study for the Unitrans Hutchison Bus Terminal project is tiered from the 2003 LRDP EIR in accordance with Sections 15152 and 15168(d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Public Resource Code Section 21094. Based on the analysis presented in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the Unitrans Hutchison Bus Terminal will have no significant project or cumulative impacts that were not addressed in the 2003 LRDP EIR. No project-specific mitigation measures are identified and no project-specific mitigation measures are proposed.

Public Review and Comment
Based on the analysis in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the campus has determined that a Negative Declaration will be prepared for this project. The public and agency review period for the Draft Tiered Initial Study will be from October 6, 2006 to November 6, 2006. Copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study are available during normal operating hours at the UC Davis Office of Resource Management and Planning in 376 Mrak Hall on the UC Davis campus; at Reserves in Shields Library on the UC Davis campus; at the Yolo County Public Library, 315 E. 14th Street, Davis; at the Vacaville Public Library, 1020 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville; and online at http://www.ormp.ucdavis.edu/environmentreview/.

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The proposed Negative Declaration, along with any comments received by the above-listed deadline, will be considered by the University in conjunction with consideration of the project for approval. The Negative Declaration will become Final if adopted by the University.