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October 9, 2017

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Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814-3044

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION - DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**Project Title:** UC San Diego Voigt Parking Structure  
**UC San Diego Project #:** 966625  
**Project Location:** University of California, San Diego  
**County:** San Diego

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA, a tiered Initial Study (IS) has been prepared for the above-referenced project. Based on the tiered Initial Study, it has been determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is the appropriate CEQA-compliant document for this project.

Transmitted herewith are fifteen (15) CDs of the proposed Draft IS/MND and fifteen (15) copies of the Summary Form for the project.

The proposed project would involve the construction of an approximately 365,697 gross square foot (GSF), four-story, two-bay parking structure that would support up to approximately 840 parking spaces for staff, students, and visitors – an increase of as many as 791 parking spaces from the current inventory at surface parking lot P503. In order to minimize the overall footprint of the proposed project and the associated encroachment into the undeveloped area west of surface parking lot P503, the proposed parking structure would be built into the existing slope on the project site. The parking structure itself would be no taller than 29 feet above the existing grade of Voigt Drive and 8 feet above Engineer Lane.

Railings, rooftop equipment, elevator overrides, or mechanical equipment exceeding this height would be integrated into the overall parking structure design or screened appropriately. The proposed parking structure would also include a Live Roof that is partially covered with vegetation planted over a waterproofing membrane. Although the proposed project would be ineligible to attain a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – New Construction (LEED-NC) rating because it is a parking structure, the proposed parking structure has been designed to incorporate sustainable design features to achieve certification by Parksmart (formerly the Green Parking Council), a similar “green” rating for parking structures, and integrate sustainability goals to the extent possible.

The proposed project would involve the demolition of the existing surface parking lot P503 (including the removal of 49 parking spaces), clearing of existing vegetation (including approximately 150 mature eucalyptus trees and approximately 1.43 acres of Diegan coastal sage scrub), and grading and fill of the slope to the west of the existing surface parking lot. The proposed project would observe a minimum 45-foot setback from all adjacent buildings, a 25-foot setback from Voigt Drive, and a 20-foot setback from Engineer Lane in order to accommodate adequate sidewalk and planting area. Additionally, the proposed parking structure would be setback 50 feet from wetland habitat located to the west of project site. The proposed parking structure would include intersection improvements to provide right-in/right-out vehicle access along Voigt Drive (Third Level) and right-in/left-out vehicle access along Engineer Lane (Fourth Level). The proposed project would modify the four-way stop-controlled intersection of Voigt Drive and Engineer Lane, including widening for vehicular queuing as well as improvements to intersection crossings and sidewalks. Additional improvements along Voigt Drive would include the removal of existing on-street parking on the westbound side of the roadway to support striping of a new Class II bicycle lane to replace the existing sharrows. The Live Roof (Fifth Floor) included in the proposed project incorporates various multi-modal circulation improvements, such as pedestrian and bicycle pathways that ramp to surface levels and provide connections to surrounding areas within the Warren College Neighborhood. The proposed project would also widen the existing pedestrian path that runs east to west along the southern edge of the nearby canyon in order to provide a dedicated bicycle lane and develop a more formalized multi-modal connection between Hopkins Lane and Warren Mall, which is a priority project identified in the UC San Diego 2012 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Planning Study.

This IS/MND for the proposed project has been tiered from the UC San Diego 2004 Long Range Development Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (as updated), which was certified by The Regents of the University of California on September 23, 2004 (State Clearinghouse [SCH] No. 2014031084), as updated by the East Campus Bed Tower Project EIR certified in July 2010 (SCH No. 2009081053). Based on the IS prepared for the project, it has been determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment that cannot be mitigated. This letter is intended to serve as the Notice of Availability of the Draft IS/MND. The project's anticipated environmental effects are discussed in detail in the enclosed Draft IS/MND.

We appreciate your review of this NOA and the Draft IS/MND, which can also be viewed online at <http://plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu/planning/environmental.html>. Copies of the Draft IS/MND and all documents referenced therein are available for review at the UC San Diego Campus Planning Office

during regular business hours; please call for an appointment at (858) 534-6515. The Draft IS/MND is also available for review at the following libraries:

Central Library  
San Diego Public Library  
330 Park Blvd.  
San Diego, CA 92101

La Jolla Branch  
San Diego City Library  
7555 Draper Avenue  
La Jolla, CA 92037

North University Community Branch  
San Diego City Library  
8820 Judicial Drive  
San Diego, CA 92122

University Community Branch  
San Diego City Library  
4155 Governor Drive  
San Diego, CA 92122

UC San Diego Government Document Unit  
Geisel Library  
University of California, San Diego  
9500 Gilman Drive #0175-G  
La Jolla, CA 92093-0175

We appreciate your prompt acknowledgement and processing of this Draft IS/MND. We expect the State review period will extend from approximately October 10, 2017 through November 9, 2017. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact me at (858) 534-4464.

Sincerely,



Alison Buckley  
Senior Planner  
Environmental Planning

Enclosures:

Draft IS/MND (15 CDs and 15 copies Summary Form)  
NOC and Environmental Document Transmittal Form

cc: UCOP Physical and Environmental Planning  
UCOP Office of the General Counsel

### Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613  
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH #

**Project Title:** UC San Diego Voigt Parking Structure

Lead Agency: University of California, San Diego Contact Person: Alison Buckley  
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City: La Jolla, CA Zip: 92093-0074 County: San Diego

**Project Location:** County: San Diego City/Nearest Community: La Jolla

Cross Streets: Voigt Drive and Engineer Lane Zip Code: 92037

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 32 ° 52 ' 56.09" N / 117 ° 14 ' 08.98" W Total Acres: 6.63

Assessor's Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-5 Waterways: \_\_\_\_\_

Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: Coaster, Amtrak Schools: La Jolla Country Day

**Document Type:**

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| CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP              | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR                 | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons             | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA        | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document        |
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**Local Action Type:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update    | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan            | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment                             |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan         | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan                | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Project Approval</u> |

**Development Type:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Parking Structure for Warren College Neighborhood</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____               |   |

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality              | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard               | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian                        |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Climate Change</u> |

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

The proposed project is located in Academic and Park land use designations and would require a minor amendment to the cap

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The proposed project would involve the construction of an approximately 365,697 gross square foot (GSF), four-story, two-bay parking structure that would support up to approximately 840 parking spaces. The proposed parking structure, which would be located at the intersection of Voigt Drive and Engineer Lane, is intended to provide access to campus facilities and ensure that parking needs are adequately met for staff, students, and visitors to the Warren College Neighborhood (which includes the Jacob's School of Engineering) on UC San Diego's La Jolla Campus.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

**Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".  
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

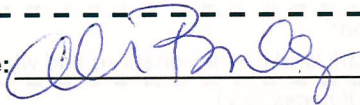
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants                           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission                              | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights                                 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission |  |

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

Starting Date October 10, 2017 Ending Date November 9, 2017

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

Consulting Firm: <u>Amec Foster Wheeler</u>	Applicant: _____
Address: <u>104 West Anapamu Street, Suite 204A</u>	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: <u>Santa Barbara, CA 93101</u>	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: <u>Nick Meisinger</u>	Phone: _____
Phone: <u>(805) 252-0060</u>	

**Signature of Lead Agency Representative:**  **Date:** 10/6/17

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.