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Public Notice

Bechtel Engineering Center Renovation and Addition

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UC Berkeley has published <u>Addendum Number 2</u> to the <u>UC Berkeley 2021 Long Range Development Plan and</u> <u>Housing Projects #1 and #2 Environmental Impact Report</u> (2021 LRDP EIR).

Project Location: The project site is located in the interior of the Campus Park, inset from Hearst Avenue, and is surrounded by adjacent UC Berkeley buildings including Davis Hall to the north, McLaughlin Hall to the west, Evans Hall to the south, and Hearst Memorial Mining Building to the east.

Project Description: The Bechtel Engineering Center Renovation and Addition (project) would construct 34,700 net new gross square feet (GSF) and renovate all of the existing 47,954 GSF within the existing Bechtel Engineering Center to provide additional and reconfigured academic life and campus life space. The project would include a two-story addition, covering most of the existing building footprint. An existing exterior staircase, a landscaped area in front of the building, and the majority of the existing rooftop furnishings, concrete planters, and cafe would be removed to accommodate the addition. The project would create new outdoor study and collaboration spaces to replace the existing rooftop space. The project would also address documented barriers to accessibility.

Document Availability: The <u>Addendum</u> and <u>2021 LRDP EIR</u> are available on the <u>UC Berkeley Capital</u> <u>Strategies website</u>. If assistance accessing these documents is needed, please contact the Physical and Environmental Planning department at (510) 495-5786 or by email at planning@berkeley.edu.

UC Board of Regents Meeting: On September 20-22, 2022, the UC Board of Regents will meet to, among other items, consider approval of the Bechtel Engineering Center Renovation and Addition project following review of Addendum Number 2 to the 2021 Long Range Development Plan Environmental Impact Report. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and project design actions will consist of: 1) adoption of CEQA Findings for the Bechtel Engineering Center Renovation and Addition project; 2) implementation of applicable mitigation measures and continuing best practices as identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted for the 2021 LRDP EIR; and 3) approval of the design of the Bechtel Engineering Center Renovation and Addition project. The UC Board of Regents meeting agenda and schedule can be found online at: https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/meetings/

Members of the public can provide public comment on this project in two ways: 1) request to speak during public comments at the September 20-22, 2022, meeting of the UC Board of Regents by contacting the Office of the Secretary and Chief of Staff at publiccomment@ucop.edu prior to 5:00 p.m. the day before the public comment period, and/or 2) provide written comments to the Office of the Secretary and Chief of Staff at

regentsoffice@ucop.edu no less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the scheduled start time of the first session of the September 2022 UC Board of Regents meeting. Guidelines for public comment can be found on the UC Board of Regents website at: <u>https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/meetings/public-comment.html</u>

Download: Addendum (PDF) and 2021 LRDP EIR

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