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Re: NOP/IS EIR Uptown Newport Project (PA2011-134)

Dear Ms. Ung:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study (IS) for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Uptown Newport Project in the City of Newport Beach.

The DEIR analysis should consider existing and future UC Irvine land uses and vehicular trip projections as described in the campus Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) and LRDP Final Environmental Impact Report. The LRDP program includes the UC Irvine North Campus planning area identified on Figure 3 in the IS. Although the IS states that a portion of the North Campus is undeveloped open space, the approved LRDP development program for this area includes 950,000 gross square feet of office and/or research and development space and 435 multi-family dwelling units. Further, existing land uses in the planning area include, in addition to the UC Irvine Child Development Center identified on Figure 5 in the IS, the UC Irvine Arboretum, and administrative and academic facilities. The LRDP FEIR and supporting documents are available at <http://www.ceplanning.uci.edu/feir.html>.

We request that the DEIR analyze the impact of the project's vehicular traffic generation on the LRDP's traffic improvement program, impacts to UC Irvine vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle circulation plans, and land use compatibility with existing and proposed UCI land uses and programs. Additionally, the DEIR analysis should include existing and future North Campus access/egress points identified on Figure 5-3 in the LRDP.

Please contact me at (949) 824-8692 if you require additional information regarding UC Irvine planning.

Sincerely,



Alex Marks,  
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