

**SUMMARY OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES CAMPUS
PAULEY PAVILION RENOVATION AND EXPANSION
INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Pauley Pavilion (Pauley) was constructed in 1965 and is potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources. It is managed by the Department of Cultural and Recreational Affairs (CRA), and supports the multi-use athletic programs of both the CRA and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. It provides the practice and home court competition venue for UCLA's men's and women's basketball, men's and women's volleyball, and women's gymnastics teams; is used for intramural sports, such as basketball and indoor soccer; and is a venue for concerts, ceremonies, and events (refer to the discussion of existing operations provided below). Pauley Pavilion currently accommodates 12,780 spectators, including 10,298 in fixed seats and 2,482 in retractable bleachers. Seating is provided on each of its three levels in a bowl-shaped configuration that surrounds the multi-purpose event floor which is sized to accommodate up to three regulation basketball courts or six regulation volleyball courts. The event floor is located approximately 30 feet below grade on the arena level, which also accommodates the team, coach and auxiliary locker rooms; a sports medicine facility; a media office; equipment storage; concession stands; public restrooms; and a receiving dock. The concourse (entry) level accommodates concession stands; public restrooms; and offices for ticketing, recruiting, and game and event management functions. An upper seating level includes space for a light and sound booth.

Since its construction in 1965, there has been little modernization of the facility, including improvements related to seismic/life safety, building systems, access requirements, and space efficiency. Other areas of concern include the currently insufficient quantity and distribution of public restrooms and the limited space for concessions and merchandising. Pauley Pavilion also currently lacks a multi-purpose space for pre- and post-game events, including receptions, meetings, presentations and recognition ceremonies.

The proposed Pauley Pavilion Renovation and Expansion Project would expand Pauley Pavilion by 56,944 gross square feet (gsf) (from 179,200 gsf to 236,144 gsf) through the provision of an enclosed entry concourse and a 2-story subterranean addition on the facility's north side for team support facilities and a multi-purpose room. In addition, interior reconfiguration of portions of the arena bowl would provide approximately 1,200 new permanent seats without reducing the size of the arena floor. The existing facility would be renovated to improve operations; replace old building systems (i.e., heating, ventilation and air conditioning [HVAC], electrical, plumbing) and life safety systems (i.e., fire); improve accessibility; upgrade the audio/visual capabilities; and upgrade the structure's University of California (UC) seismic rating from "Fair" to "Good." The lower level of the 25,649 gsf subterranean expansion would accommodate new space for team lockers and support space, while the upper level would accommodate a 750-person multi-purpose meeting facility.

Construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in early 2010 with completion in the fall of 2012 (a construction duration of 30–33 months). Construction of

the proposed Project would be sequenced with overlapping phases to allow the arena to remain in use during construction to the extent feasible. With the exception of the 2011–2012 basketball season (November through May), the arena would remain in use during construction activities. It is expected that an off-campus public venue with adequate facilities to accommodate the basketball program would be utilized during the 2011–2012 season, whereas the volleyball and gymnastics programs would be reassigned to other on-campus facilities.

The Project is consistent with the land use assumptions and population estimates described in the 2002 Long Range Development Plan, as amended in 2009, (“2009 LRDP Amendment”) and analyzed in the *University of California Los Angeles 2008 Northwest Housing Infill Project and Long Range Development Plan Amendment Final Environmental Impact Report* adopted in March 2009 (referred to herein as the “2009 LRDP Amendment Final EIR” or “Final EIR”). The proposed expansion would require a transfer of 52,000 gsf of remaining development allocation under the 2009 LRDP Amendment from the Core zone to the Central zone to accommodate the proposed Project. With implementation of the proposed Project, there would be essentially no remaining development allocation within the Central zone and 253,165 gsf of remaining development allocation in the Core zone. The proposed Project is consistent with the 2002 LRDP planning principles for the Central zone.

2. SUMMARY OF INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION IMPACT CONCLUSIONS

An Initial Study (State Clearinghouse No. 2009041122) was prepared for the Pauley Pavilion Renovation and Expansion Project (Project) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and UC Procedures for Implementing CEQA. The Initial Study is tiered from the 2009 LRDP Amendment Final EIR and analyzed the Project’s potential impacts with regard to the following environmental topical areas: (1) aesthetics, (2) agricultural resources, (3) air quality (including climate change), (4) biological resources, (5) cultural resources, (6) geology and soils, (7) hazards and hazardous materials, (8) hydrology and water quality, (9) land use and planning, (10) mineral resources, (11) noise, (12) population and housing, (13) public services, (14) recreation, (15) transportation/traffic, and (16) utilities and services systems.

The analysis provided in the Initial Study incorporates all relevant 2009 LRDP Amendment Final EIR Programs, Practices and Procedures (PPs) and Mitigation Measures (MMs), and one Project-specific mitigation measure (MM Pauley 5-1). Based on the Project-specific analysis presented in the Initial Study, it was determined that with incorporation of all of these relevant MMs and PPs, the proposed Project would have no impact or a less than significant impact for each topical issue.

In addition, the Initial Study analyzed the proposed Project’s contribution to cumulative impacts identified in the 2009 LRDP Amendment Final EIR. The Final EIR concluded that remaining buildout of development on campus under the 2009 LRDP Amendment would result in the following significant and unavoidable cumulative impacts: short-term and long-term emissions of pollutants for which the South Coast Air Basin (Basin) is in nonattainment; construction-related noise and vibration; long-term operational traffic impacts at eight study intersections and two Congestion Management Plan arterial monitoring stations; and, short-term construction related traffic impacts.

The Initial Study concluded that the proposed Project would contribute to the identified significant and unavoidable cumulative air quality (short-term and long-term) and construction-related short-term traffic impacts that have been adequately addressed in the 2009 LRDP Amendment Final EIR. With respect to cumulative air quality impacts, the proposed Project's construction-related and long-term operational air quality emissions are less than significant at a project-level; however, during construction and operation, the Project would contribute to the identified cumulatively considerable net increase in ozone (O₃ during construction and operation), and particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} during construction), pollutants for which the Basin is in nonattainment. Please refer to the discussion on page 33 of the Draft Initial Study for more information about this topic. With respect to cumulative traffic impacts during construction, the proposed Project would generate an estimated 19 truck trips during the AM peak hour, which at the project level would not sufficiently degrade intersection levels of service beyond an identified significance criteria, but could contribute to a cumulative short-term construction-related traffic impact identified in the 2009 LRDP Amendment Final EIR. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted in March 2009 by the UC Board of Regents as part of the approval of the 2009 LRDP Amendment for these significant unavoidable cumulative impacts. There are no mitigation measures that would further reduce these impacts. Therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is the appropriate environmental document for the proposed Project, in accordance with CEQA.

The Initial Study further concludes that the impacts of growth pursuant to the 2009 LRDP Amendment, were adequately addressed in the 2009 LRDP Amendment Final EIR and that the proposed Project (which does not involve an increase in students or staff) will not result in any new impacts that cannot be mitigated to less than significant levels, nor would it increase the severity of any previously identified impacts.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS AND COMMENT RECEIVED

On April 24, 2009, the Draft Initial Study was submitted to the State Clearinghouse in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research; its public review period concluded May 26, 2009 (this exceeds the required 30-day review period due to a federal holiday occurring during the review period). The Initial Study was provided to approximately 33 interested agencies and individuals; it was also made available on the UCLA Capital Programs website and at two on-campus libraries.

During the public review period, the University received three comment letters (in addition to a compliance letter from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research), which are summarized below:

- ***Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit*** – Documented compliance with CEQA review requirements.
- ***California Department of Transportation*** – Requested that UCLA continue ongoing traffic-control measures, and support and participate in regional efforts to improve the regional process of addressing cumulative traffic impacts.
- ***Los Angeles Conservancy*** – Provided suggested design modifications to the proposed Project to further reduce impacts to the building's character-defining exterior features.

- **Roxane Stern** – Commented on construction-related impacts associated with overlapping construction projects on the UCLA campus. Also requested that sightlines within the arena be unencumbered.

The comments received and University responses are provided in the Final Initial Study. No comments were received that required changes to the Initial Study.