

3.14 PUBLIC SERVICES

This section of the EIR assesses the potential for implementation of the West Village Expansion component of the 2018 LRDP to cause substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered public facilities.

In response to the NOP, comments were received regarding concern with impacts to city of Davis public services from the new campus population increase. As they pertain to implementation of the West Village Expansion component of the 2018 LRDP, these impacts are described and addressed within this section.

3.14.1 Regulatory Setting

Plans, policies, regulations, and laws (applicable to and/or considered for the project) are provided in Volume 1 of this EIR. As the regulatory setting provided in Volume 1 considers potential development, including the project, within the entirety of the UC Davis campus as envisioned through the 2018 LRDP, no additional regulatory setting is provided for the project.

3.14.2 Environmental Setting

Section 3.14, “Public Services,” in Volume 1 of this EIR, presents the setting related to public services for the entire UC Davis campus, including the West Village Expansion site and remote parking area.

3.14.3 Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures

SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA

Refer to Section 3.14, “Public Services,” in Volume 1 of this EIR for a discussion of applicable Significance Criteria.

ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

See Section 3.14, “Public Services,” in Volume 1 of this EIR for analytical methods relative to public services.

ISSUES NOT EVALUATED FURTHER

The following impacts were identified as part of the analysis of the 2018 LRDP, and are either (1) adequately evaluated at the program level of analysis of the 2018 LRDP, or (2) not applicable to the West Village Expansion component.

Library Services

As discussed in Section 3.14, “Public Services,” of the 2018 LRDP, UC Davis has the capacity to provide sufficient library services to serve the campus population’s needs through the 2030–2031 academic year. Therefore, construction of additional library facilities as the result of an increase in the on-campus population is not anticipated. This 2018 LRDP-related impact, including the project, would be less than significant. Therefore, no additional project-level analysis is necessary.

School Services

As discussed in Section 3.14, “Public Services,” of the 2018 LRDP, enrollment for Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD) has declined in 7 of the last 11 years and existing schools would have adequate capacity to accommodate enrollment generated by the 2018 LRDP, including that of student families (i.e., students with children). Furthermore, the housing associated with the West Village Expansion component would not be designed to accommodate student families and, as a result, no increase in the need for school facilities, including those within DJUSD are anticipated. Therefore, no additional project-level analysis is necessary.

PROJECT-SPECIFIC IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

Impact 3.14-1: Impacts on fire facilities.

Increased population and development at the West Village Expansion site could increase demand for fire services. However, this development would not increase response times and thus is not anticipated to increase the demand for additional fire protection facilities, the construction of which could result in environmental impacts. Therefore, this impact would be **less than significant**.

The West Village Expansion component would provide housing for a total of 3,800 students which could increase the demand for fire services. As described under Impact 3.14-1 in Section 3.14, Volume 1, the UC Davis campus is currently served by UC Davis Fire Department (FD). An increase in population, by itself, would not increase demand for fire protection services. Emergency response times are used by the UC Davis FD to determine adequacy of service. Therefore, the provision of fire stations varies more as a function of the geographic distribution of structures than of population increases. The project would not increase the service area of the UC Davis FD and would be located immediately adjacent to existing structures.

Furthermore, as described under Impact 3.14-1 in Section 3.14, Volume 1, development under the 2018 LRDP, including the West Village Expansion component, would be designed to comply with building and fire codes and include appropriate fire safety measures and equipment. Therefore, the potential increase in demand associated with the project would be minimal and accommodate by existing UC Davis FD facilities. Implementation of the West Village Expansion component would have a **less-than-significant** impact related to fire facilities.

Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures are necessary.

Impact 3.14-2: Impacts on police facilities.

The increase in population that is expected to occur at the West Village Expansion site could result in an increased demand for police officers, however, it is not expected to result in the need for new or expanded police facilities, the construction of which could result in environmental impacts. This increase in demand is covered as part of the 2018 LRDP and the campus's capital planning process. Therefore, this impact would be **less than significant**.

The West Village Expansion component would include housing for a total of 3,800 students. As described under Impact 3.14-2 in Section 3.14 of Volume 1, the UC Davis Police Department (PD) provides law enforcement for the UC Davis campus and would continue to provide these services under the 2018 LRDP. The UC Davis PD does not currently rely on any level of service standard but has indicated that it would like to meet a staffing ratio of 1 officer to 1,000 members of the campus population.

UC Davis PD includes about 50 officers that patrol the campus; with the UC Davis PD's intention of having a staffing ratio of 1 officer to 1,000 members of the campus population, the West Village Expansion component would require only three additional officers. This would not require construction of additional facilities. Funding and planning for additional staff members is carried out through UC Davis's capital planning process. Therefore, this impact would be **less than significant**.

Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures are necessary.

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