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## MIMP Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process

- Three Major Steps in the EIS Process:
- EIS Scoping
  - Draft EIS
  - Final EIS

### What is EIS Scoping?

- This was the first step in the EIS process.
- The purpose of scoping is to narrow the focus of the EIS to just address:
  - probable significant environmental issues; and
  - identify the range of alternatives that should be analyzed in the EIS.
- EIS Scoping helps the University decide what issues and alternatives to analyze in the Draft EIS.
- Scoping provides notice to agencies, organizations and the public that an EIS will be prepared for the proposed project.

### What is the Draft EIS?

- The Draft EIS is the University's initial comprehensive analysis of probable significant environmental impacts of the alternatives. Key sections of the Draft EIS include:
  - Fact Sheet
  - *Section I* – Summary
  - *Section II* -- Description of the Proposed Master Plan and Alternatives
  - *Section III* – Affected Environment, Significant Impacts, Mitigation Measures and Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

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*Section III* could potentially contain detailed analysis of the following environmental parameters (dependent upon the results of the Scoping Process):

- Earth
- Air Quality
- Water
- Plants & Animals
- Noise
- Land Use
- Aesthetics
- Historic and Cultural Preservation
- Transportation
- Public Services & Utilities

Analysis in Section III describes

- existing conditions
- impacts of the Proposed Master Plan and alternatives
- mitigation measures
- unavoidable adverse impacts

- The Draft EIS is distributed to agencies (federal, state, regional, City), organizations, and the public for a review and comment period.
- A public meeting will be held following issuance of the Draft EIS to gather comments regarding the Draft EIS.

### What is the Final EIS?

- The Final EIS is the third and final part of the EIS process.
- The Final EIS combines the Draft EIS with:
  - changes or clarifications to the scope of the project since the Draft EIS was issued;
  - revisions or clarifications to the analysis of impacts that was contained in the Draft EIS; and
  - responses to written comments and public testimony that was received on the Draft EIS from agencies, organizations and individuals
- The Final EIS is distributed to the same recipients of the Draft EIS and notice of availability is sent to organizations and individuals that commented on the Draft EIS.

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- In general, the EIS is an objective, impartial evaluation of the environmental consequences of the proposed project. The EIS is:
  - a planning tool that is used by the University, other agencies and the public in the decision-making process;
  - it identifies and evaluates probable significant environmental impacts of each of the alternatives;
  - it identifies measures that, if implemented, could mitigate the impacts that are identified in the Final EIS;
  - it identifies unavoidable adverse impacts of the project;
  - it evaluates direct, indirect, cumulative and construction-related impacts; and
  - the EIS does not authorize a specific action -- nor does it recommend for or against a particular course of action.