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City of Hayward, Cal State East Bay settle litigation over University Master Plan and traffic mitigation

HAYWARD, Calif., Oct. 30, 2020—The City of Hayward and Cal State East Bay announced today an agreement over how the city and university will work together to evaluate and mitigate potential traffic effects of university growth and expansion for decades to come.

The agreement settles city legal challenges to the adequacy of environmental impact reports accompanying the university's Hayward Campus Master Plan under the California Environmental Quality Act.

The university's Master Plan sets forth the strategic vision for future academic and residential facilities on its 364-acre campus in the East Bay foothills through the year 2040. The settlement agreement reaffirms the university's commitment to pay for its fair share of the cost of mitigating traffic impacts of university development on adjacent and nearby streets, roadways and intersections on a project-by-project basis.

"The city and university understand that our interests and aspirations are intertwined and are best met and pursued in partnership," said Hayward City Manager Kelly McAdoo and Cal State University President Leroy Morishita in a joint statement.

"Our partnership was on display this spring when the University agreed to host for several weeks a COVID-19 Testing Site established by the Hayward Fire Department, and it has been affirmed in this important agreement," City Manager McAdoo and President Morishita added.