The University of Texas at San Antonio Campus Master Plan

Work Session #5 | April 24, 2019
Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Main Campus
3. Downtown Campus
4. Sustainability Approach
5. Next Steps
1 Introduction
PHASE 1: DISCOVERY
- Task 1.1: Data Collection, Review, and Analysis
- Task 1.2: Campus Community Outreach Strategy
- Task 1.3: Initial Site Investigation
- Task 1.4: Space Needs Estimates and Program
- Task 1.5: Athletics Master Plan
- Task 1.6: Landscape and Open Space Analysis
- Task 1.7: Land and Building Analysis
- Task 1.8: Sustainability and Resilience Strategy
- Task 1.9: Planning Framework and Principles

ULI Panel and Stakeholder Interviews as Available (3 days)
WS # 1: Kick-off and Stakeholder Interviews (3 days)
WS # 2: Discovery Phase Findings (2 days)

PHASE 2: EXPLORATION
- Task 2.1: Initial Plan Alternatives
- Task 2.2: Plan Alternatives Refinement

WS # 3: Initial Alternatives (2 days)
WS # 4: Refined Alternatives (2 days)

PHASE 3: SYNTHESIS
- Task 3.1: Draft Master Plan
- Task 3.2: Final Master Plan

WS # 5: Presentation of Draft Plan (2 days)

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July 19-20 ULI Downtown Campus Panel
September 5-7 Work Session #1: Plan Kick-off
October 26 Work Session #2: Discovery Findings
December 6-7 Work Session #3: Initial Alternatives
February 11 Work Session #4: Refined Alternatives
April 24 Work Session #5: Draft Plan

CAMPUS PLANNING STAFF COORDINATION (conference calls)
Introduction | Master Planning Process Stakeholder Engagement

Internal UTSA engagement:
- 5 Master Plan Steering Committee meetings
- 4 Senior Leadership Team meetings
- University leadership interviews (29)
- Faculty interviews (13)
- 4 faculty focus groups
- 2 student focus groups
- 4 all-campus forums
- 1 sustainability council meeting
- All-campus online survey/activity

External engagement:
- Urban Land Institute workshop with local partners
- 2 city councilor meetings with representatives from districts near both campuses
- 4 community open houses
Introduction | Master Planning Process Analysis

Space needs
Transportation
Open space
Sustainability
Land constraints
The UTSA Campus Master Plan will articulate a **roadmap** to guide the university’s future development, investment, and growth to advance **academic excellence** for the success of our diverse students and to promote the **social-economic vibrancy** of our communities by access and knowledge development.

The plan draws from the university and community’s history and legacy, leverages local assets, and projects a **forward-looking framework** for UTSA’s future.
Introduction | Master Planning Process Alternatives

Concept A
Reinforcing the Grid

Concept B
East/West Link

Concept C
Dolorosa Crossing

Concept 1: Plazas y Paseos

Concept 2: Vías Verdes
Main Campus
Main Campus | Planning Principles

• Support a robust research enterprise through interdisciplinary collaboration and partnership opportunities
  • Accommodate significant additional square footage on campus to meet research space needs and population growth
  • Co-locate complementary and synergistic programs such as academic programs, housing, student support, and partner facilities
  • Create indoor and outdoor gathering spaces to promote interaction and collaboration

• Increase access to open space and celebrate the campus natural context
  • Create a variety of sizes and types of open spaces on campus, from more natural to more formal
  • Link open spaces with a robust pedestrian network
  • Bring uniquely San Antonio native landscape into the campus core
  • Promote synergy between open spaces and buildings so that they organize and activate one another

• Promote a pedestrian-oriented and compact campus core
  • Complete an exterior loop road with parking concentrated along the loop
  • Eliminate campus vehicular through-access except for service and emergency
  • Complete an accessible, safe, efficient, and pleasant pedestrian network within the core and connect to key destinations

• Encourage mixed-use and improved connections between uses
  • Create campus districts and neighborhoods with distinct, yet cohesive identities
  • Distribute some campus life uses, like food service, throughout the campus into spaces for social gathering/study
  • Promote blending of uses along district edges, such as Roadrunner Village and the Innovation Park
Main Campus | Long-Term Plan
The framework accommodates sufficient instructional, research, office, library, support, and auxiliary space to support a campus of 30,000 students. Additional housing could create up to 6,000 new on-campus beds.
Extension of the paseo network to fill in existing pedestrian gaps and connect new development areas. This helps reinforce a hierarchy of open spaces and areas of respite into the campus core.
A completed campus loop road with parking along the perimeter allows for elimination of private vehicular cut-through traffic. The framework shows parking capacity to nearly match the existing parking ratios.
Main Campus | Long-Term Plan
Main Campus | **Districts Academic Core**

Performing Arts

New Plaza

Western Academic Expansion

Paseo Verde

Transit Mobility Hub

Loop Road Extension

Tobin Ave

Devine Ave

Brady St.
Main Campus | Roadrunner Village Plaza
Main Campus | Innovation Park

Inviting opening spaces and a carefully revamped drainage channel provides a viable research area seamlessly interwoven with the core of campus.

ASU Polytechnic Campus, Mesa

MIT Stata Center, Cambridge
Main Campus | **Districts** Athletics and Recreation

- Improved Baseball
- Team Building
- Softball
- Indoor & Outdoor Tennis
- Arena
- Athletics Plaza
- Future Athletics Expansion
- Housing
- Rec Fields
- RACE
- Brackenridge Ave
Main Campus | **Districts** Park West

- **Park West**
  - Team Building
  - Recreation Field
  - Remote Parking
  - Park West
  - Trails
  - Potential Future Development
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  - Recreation Fields
3 Downtown Campus
Downtown Campus | Planning Principles

- Promote *community partnerships*
  - Encourage and create opportunities for synergistic partner development through physical accommodations and programmatic connections
  - Make or reinforce intentional physical connections to key off-campus destinations (i.e. key neighborhoods, such as the Historic Westside, internship/practicicum partners, collaborator businesses, community amenities, and cultural destinations)

- Embrace the **urban environment** of San Antonio
  - Promote an urban-feeling campus that is open, welcoming, and porous
  - Create a vibrant urban district that serves both the university and city
  - Activate the ground level of university buildings and promote a positive pedestrian environment, especially along key linkages/corridors

- Enhance **pedestrian connections** to surrounding areas and connect campus facilities
  - Create a safe, unique, and engaging passage under Highway I-10
  - Improve the streetscapes of Dolorosa and Nueva as the key east-west corridors through the creation of complete streets
  - Reinforce a more safe and pleasant connection between the campus and the Via Centro transit hub
  - Create a new contiguous pedestrian connection to the Historic Westside neighborhood to the west and San Antonio’s downtown core to the east

- Create a **complete, comprehensive UTSA campus**
  - Accommodate significant new square footage to support 15,000 students downtown
  - Provide a full range of uses for this population—academic/research space, student support, recreation, social amenities, and housing
Downtown Campus Framework

- Connect to Neighborhoods
- Extend Urban Grid
- Connect to Cultural Amenities
- Create Inviting Spaces
- Enhance Walkability
- Overcome Physical Barriers
- Connect to Downtown

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Downtown Campus | Long-Term Plan
Downtown Campus | **Campus Framework** Primary Building Uses

- **Existing - Academic/Admin**
- **Proposed - Athletics/Recreation**
- **Proposed - Academic/Admin**
- **Proposed - Housing**
- **Proposed - Parking Garage**
Downtown Campus | Districts

- UTSA Property West of I-10
- Parcels East of I-10
- City of San Antonio Land
- TXDOT
Downtown Campus | Buena Vista Entry Pavilion
Downtown Campus | **Pedestrian Overpass**

A well-designed pedestrian bridge can create an inviting and accessible link between the UTSA Campus and the Westside.

High Line, New York

Pfluger Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge, Austin
Downtown Campus | **Districts** City of San Antonio Land

- Medina Pedestrian Promenade
- Central Green
- Cesar Chavez
- Housing

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Downtown Campus | Districts | TXDOT Property

Existing Conditions

- Limited opportunity for expansion
- Challenging pedestrian environment

Modified Off Ramp

- Provides opportunity for urban grid extension, public spaces, and a new parking structure to accommodate UTSA growth
- +/-280,000 GSF for development
Downtown Campus | **Districts** Parcels East of I-10

- Highway underpass improvements
- East-west street improvements
- Housing
- SDS and NSCC
- Expanded College of Business
- Extension of San Pedro Creek Open Space
The highway underpass is an opportunity that can evolve along with the campus and district, from an area used exclusively for parking, to a place with temporary and eventually permanent activation.

Existing condition parking lots

Near-term temporary uses at street crossings

Long-term permanent improvement to key areas
Downtown Campus | Highway Underpass Improvements

Temporary activation at the primary underpass crossings along Dolorosa and Nueva can enliven and enrich the pedestrian experience in the short term.

Certified Farmers’ Market, Sacramento

The Bentway, Toronto
Downtown Campus | Highway Underpass Improvements

Permanent installations of artwork, lighting, and recreational uses can create an underpass that is a desirable attractor to the campus area, not simply a place to move through.

Underground at Ink Block, Boston

Underpass Park, Toronto
4 Sustainability Approach
Overview | UTSA’s Commitment

As an institution of higher education, we will be responsible stewards of our unique environmental and cultural assets. Across the university, we will leverage data-driven approaches and promote knowledge to ensure a sustainable future for UTSA and our wider community.
Overview | Master Plan Sustainability Statement

UTSA’s Master Plan strives for a connected, mixed-use, resource efficient campus(es) that support the health, wellness, and prosperity of all individuals in the community.
Physical Sustainability
- Mobility
- Microclimate
- Energy (& Carbon)
- Water
- Ecology
- Waste
- Disaster Resilience

Social Sustainability
- Equity
- Cultural diversity
- Student success
- Recruitment/retention
- Art
- Wellbeing
- Community connections
- Health & Wellness
- Equal Access

Economic Sustainability
- Affordability
- Capital resources
- Revenue generation
- Leveraged investments
- Operational efficiency
- Partnerships
- Finance & Investment
- Economic Development
Approach | Focus Principles

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- **Finance & Investment**
- Economic Development

Approach is streamlined for the fewest principles across the three elements of sustainability. Several principles initially identified are grouped under a broader title with a suite of related strategies.
5 Next Steps
Next Steps | Opportunities for Additional Information and Feedback

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