

# The University of Texas at San Antonio Campus Master Plan

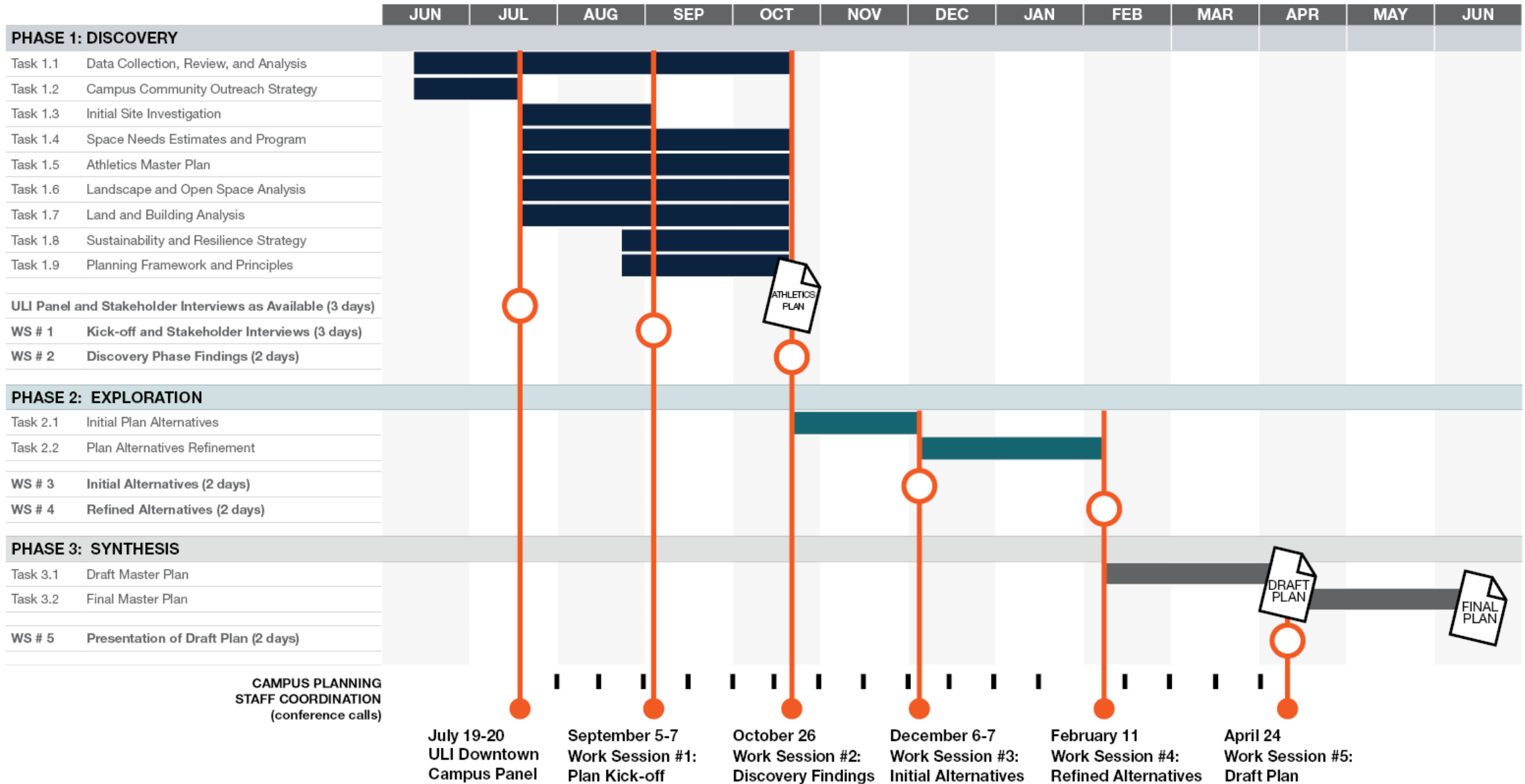
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# Agenda

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- 4 Sustainability Approach**
- 5 Next Steps**

# 1 Introduction

# Introduction | Schedule



# Introduction | **Master Planning Process** Stakeholder Engagement

## **Internal UTSA engagement:**

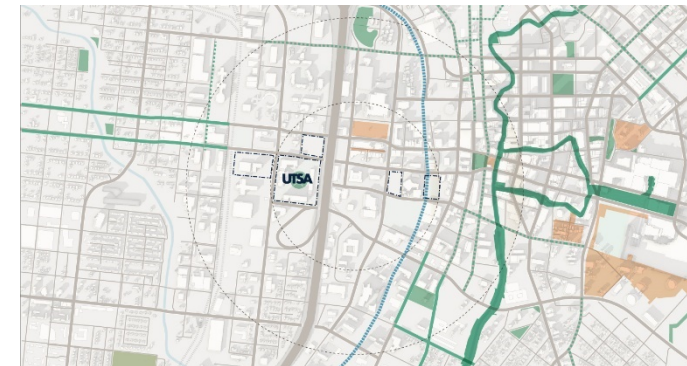
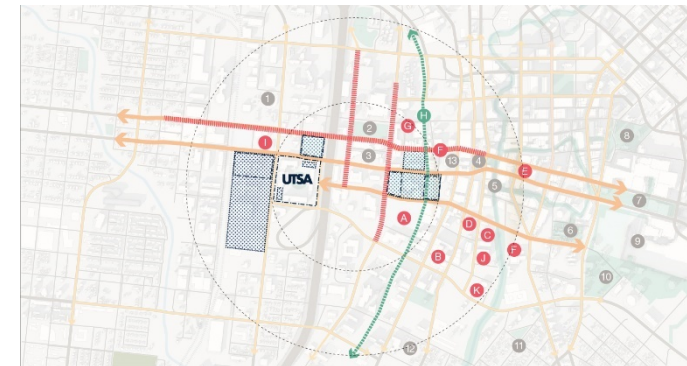
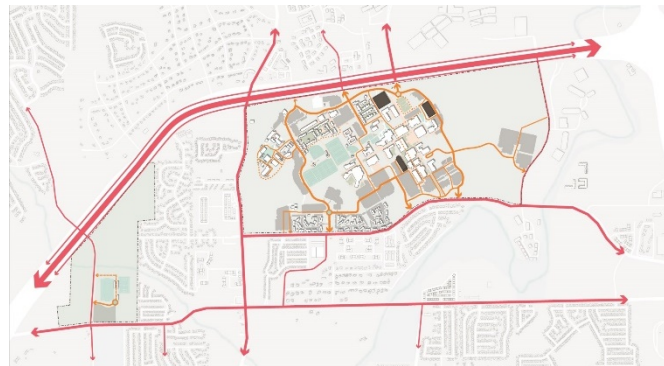
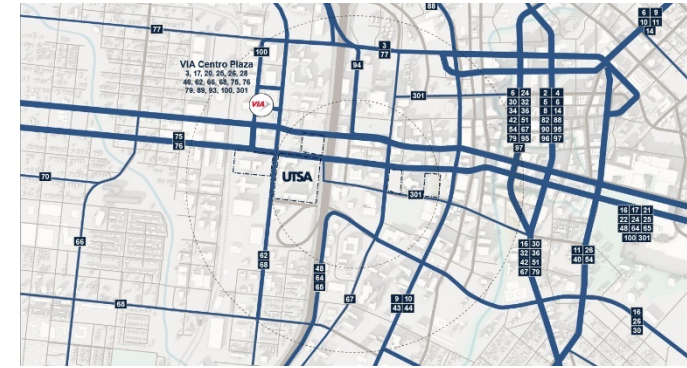
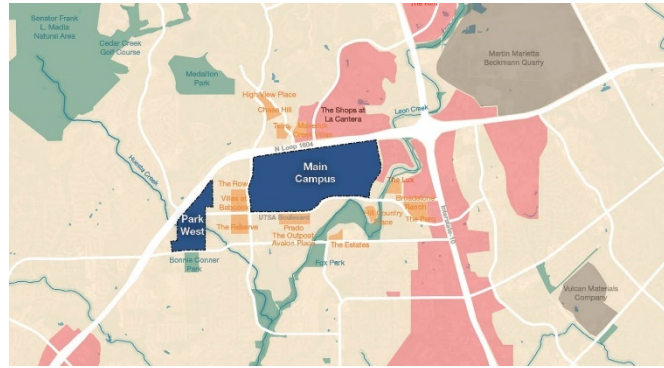
- 5 Master Plan Steering Committee meetings
- 4 Senior Leadership Team meetings
- University leadership interviews (29)
- Faculty interviews(13)
- 4 faculty focus groups
- 2 student focus groups
- 4 all-campus forums
- 1 sustainability council meeting
- All-campus online survey/activity

## **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



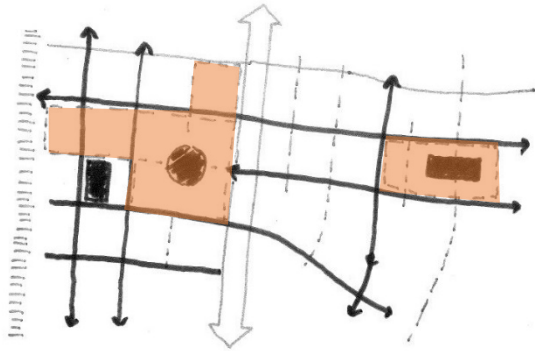
## Introduction | **Master Planning Process** Purpose Statement

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.**

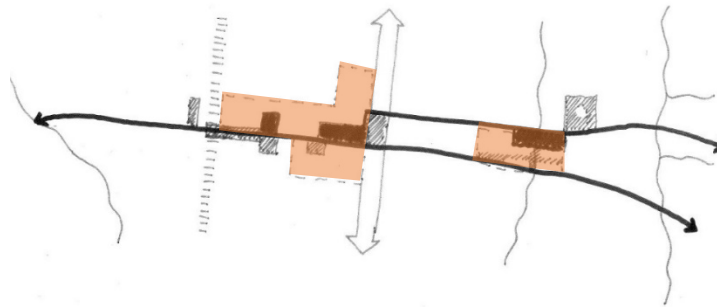
The plan draws from the university and community's **history and legacy, leverages local assets, and projects a forward-looking framework** for UTSA's future.

# Introduction | Master Planning Process *Alternatives*

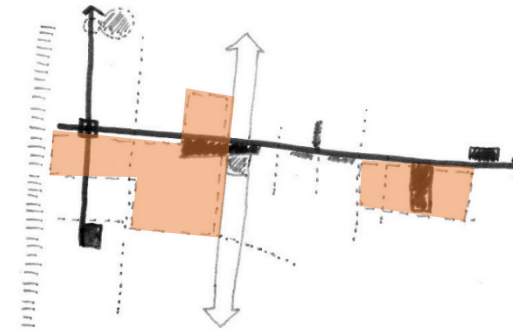
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Reinforcing the Grid



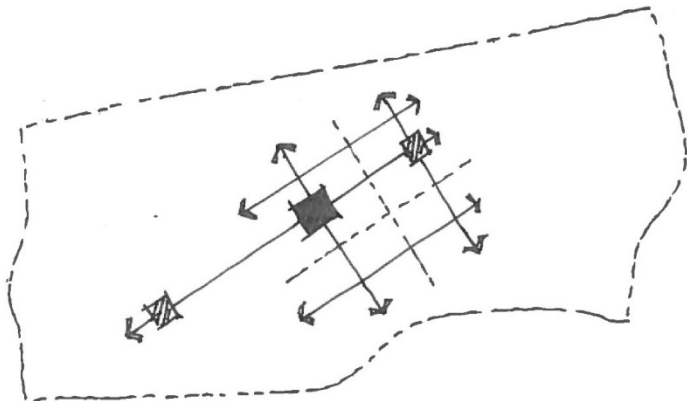
**Concept B**  
East/West Link



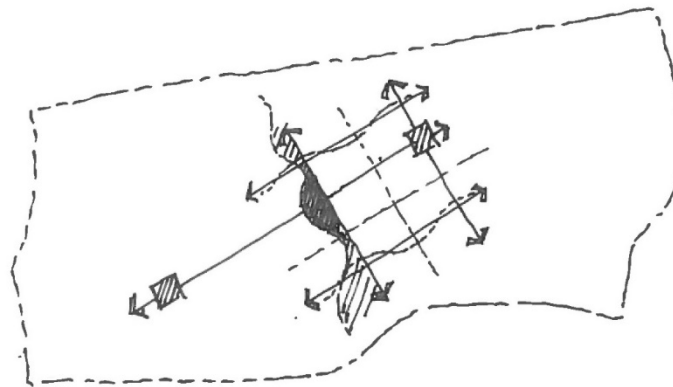
**Concept C**  
Dolorosa Crossing



**Concept 1: Plazas y Paseos**



**Concept 2: Vías Verdes**





## **2 Main Campus**

# Main Campus | Planning Principles

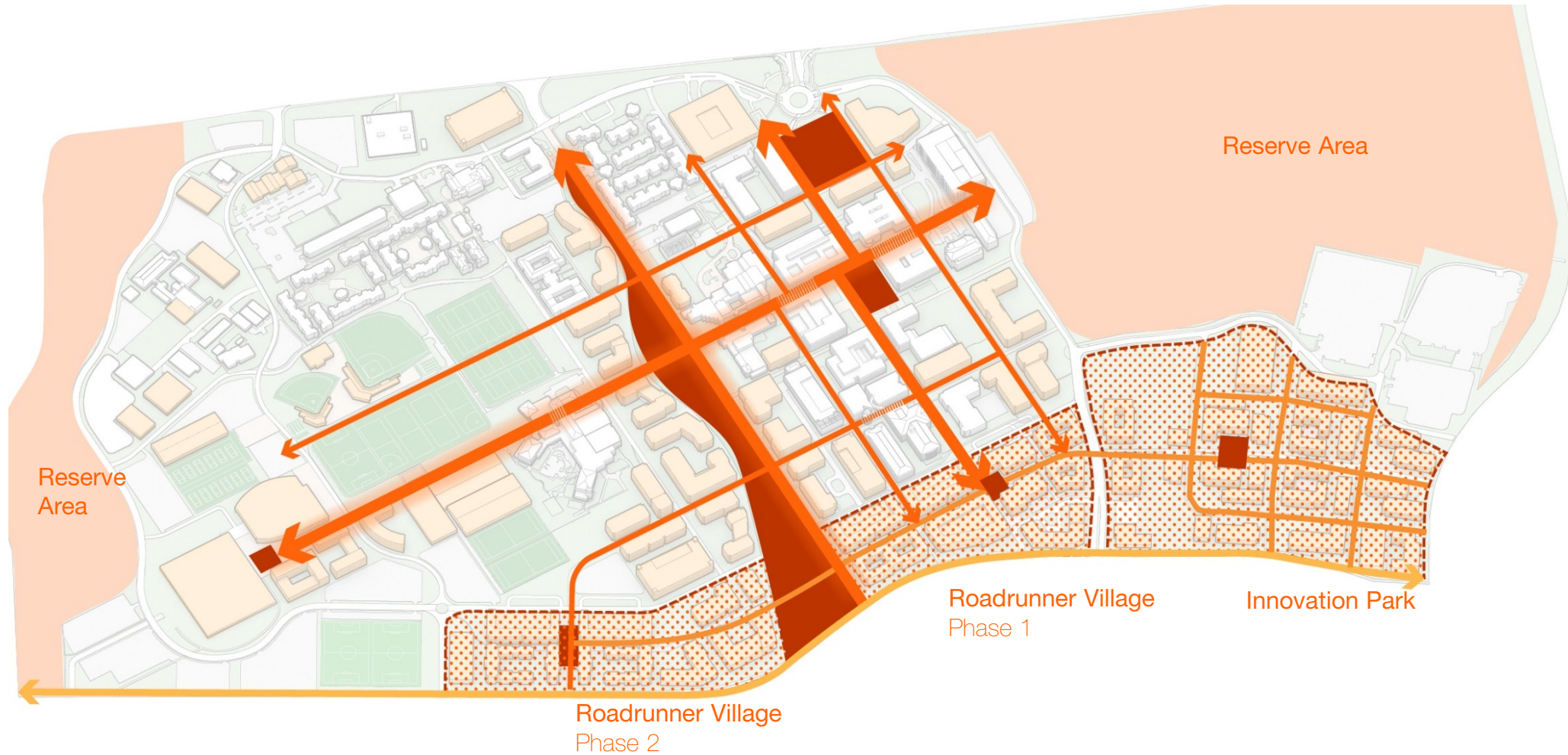
- Support a robust research enterprise through **interdisciplinary collaboration** and **partnership opportunities**
  - Accommodate significant additional square footage on campus to meet research space needs and population growth
  - Co-locate complementary and synergistic programs such as academic 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



# Main Campus | Campus Framework



# Main Campus | Campus Framework Primary Building Uses

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.



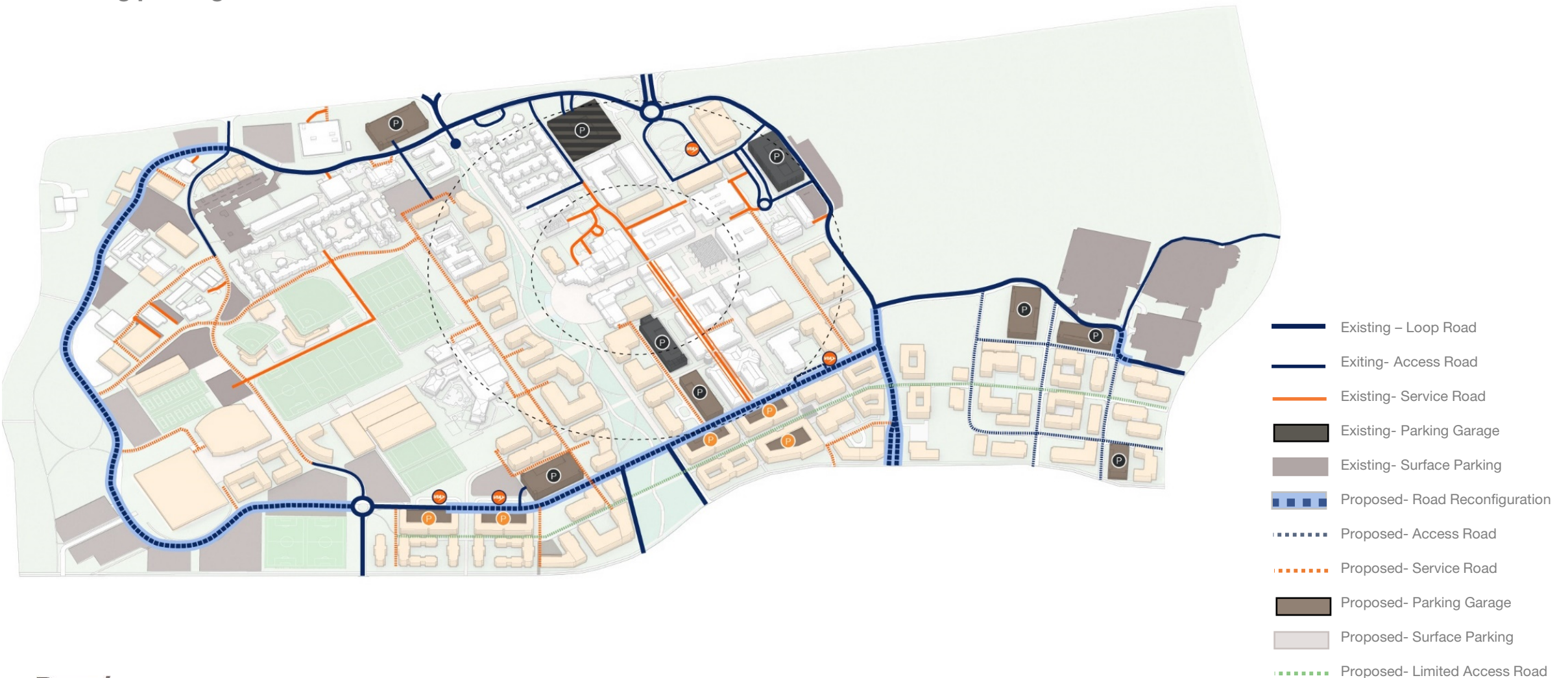
# Main Campus | Campus Framework Pedestrian and Open Space Network

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.



# Main Campus | Campus Framework Vehicular Circulation and Parking

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.

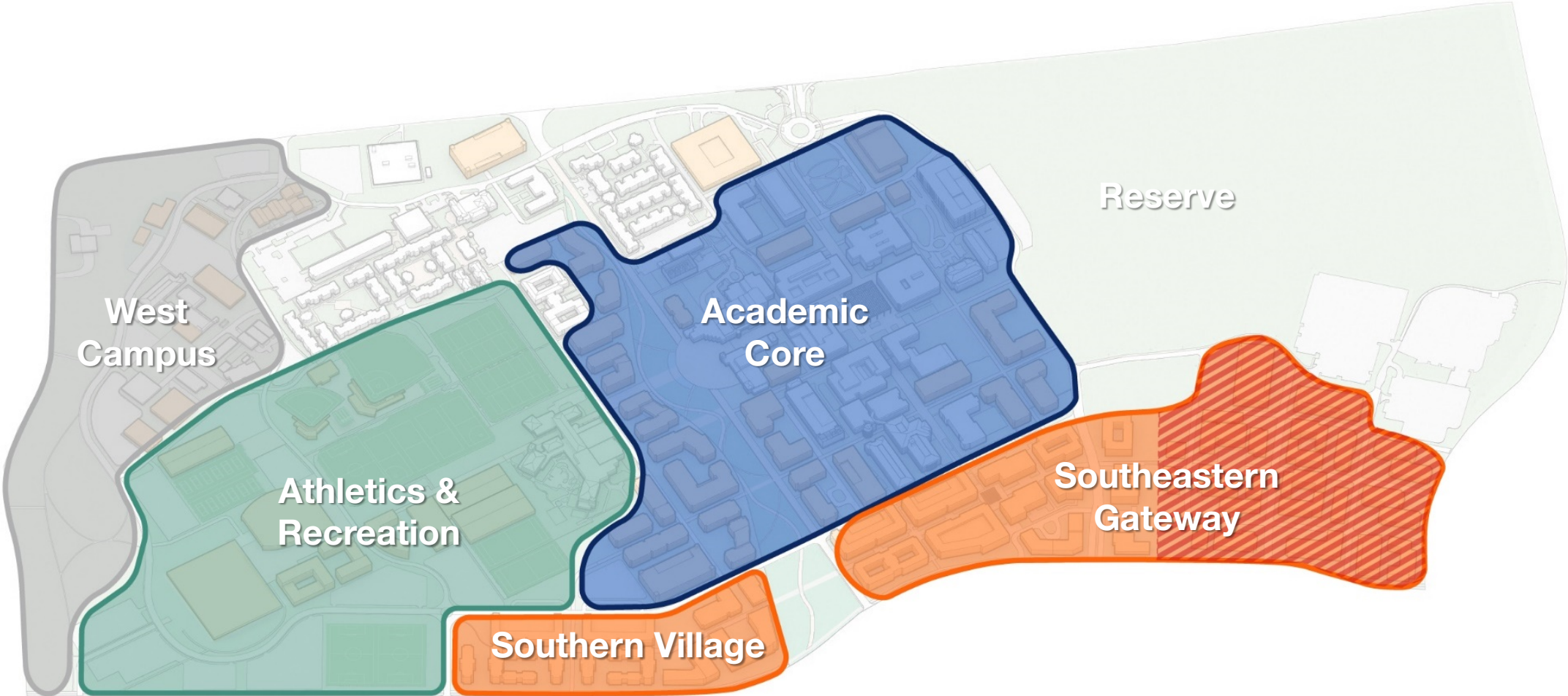


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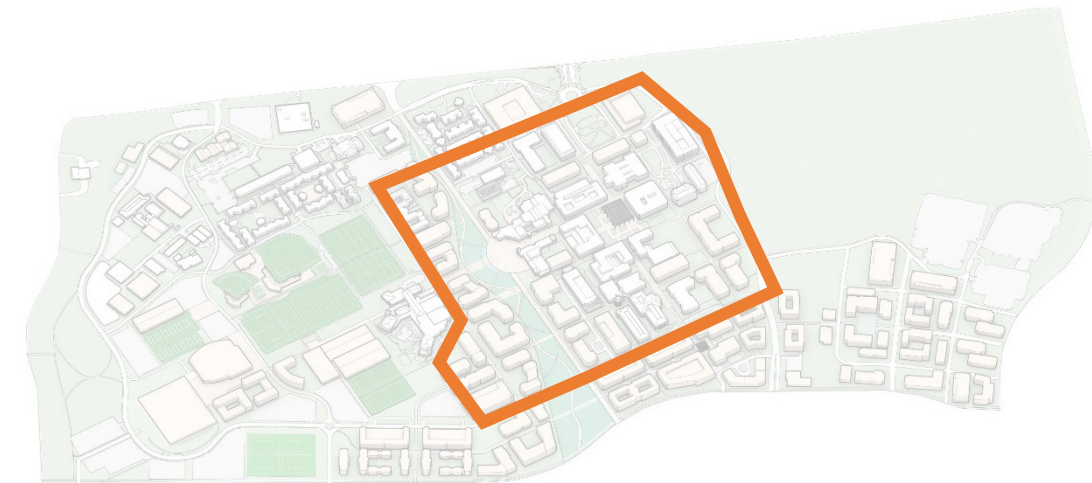




# Main Campus | Districts



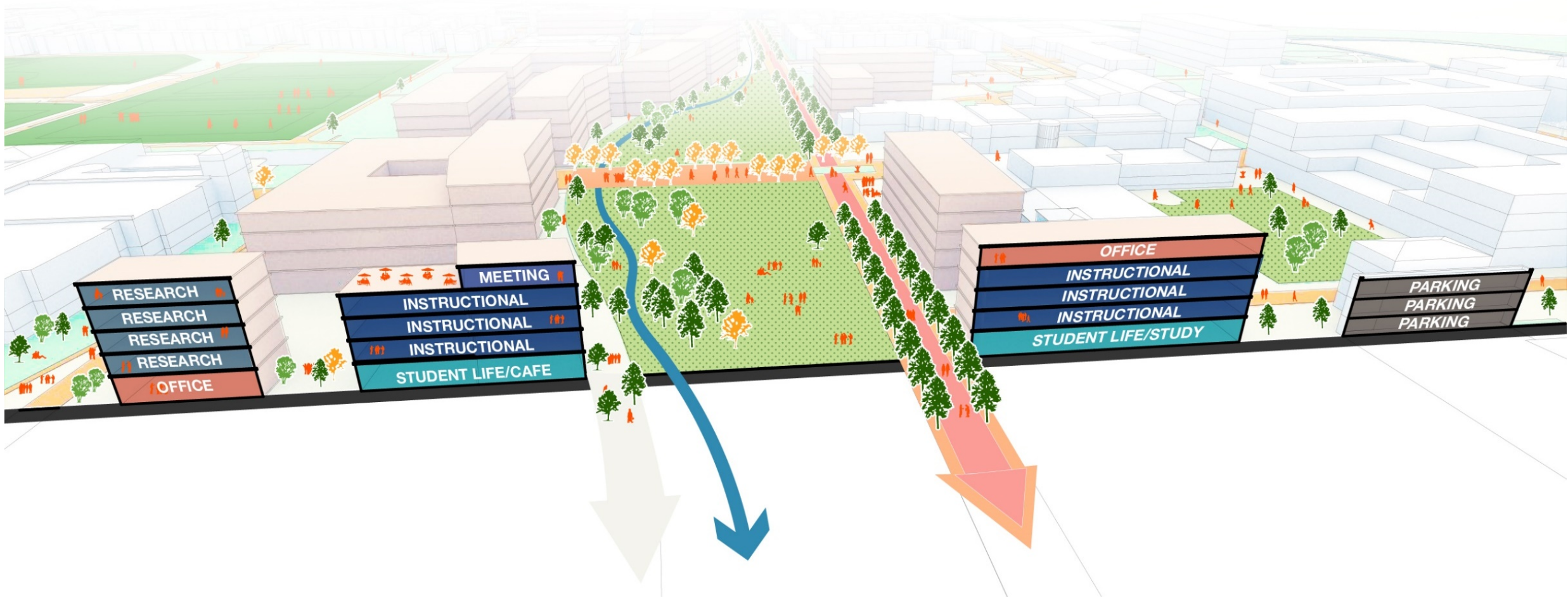
# Main Campus | **Districts** Academic Core



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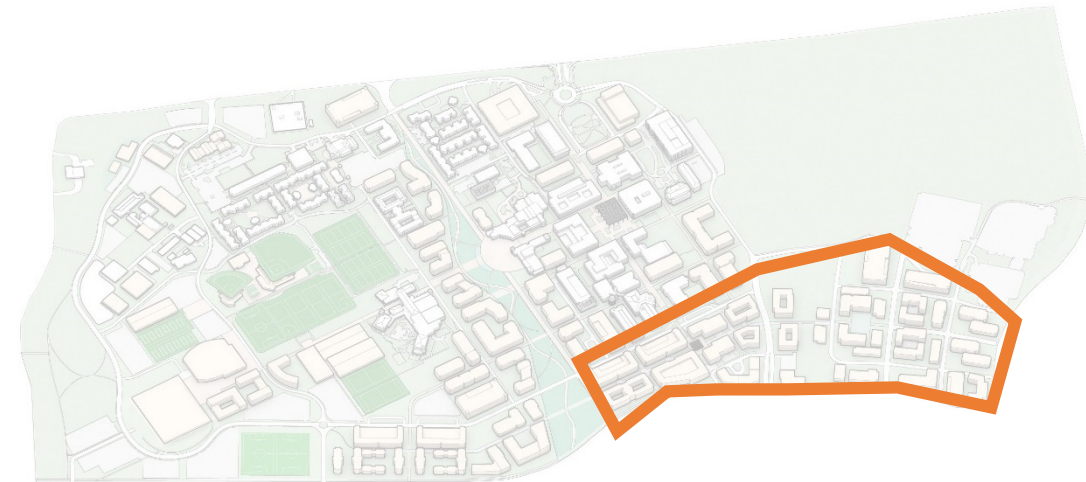
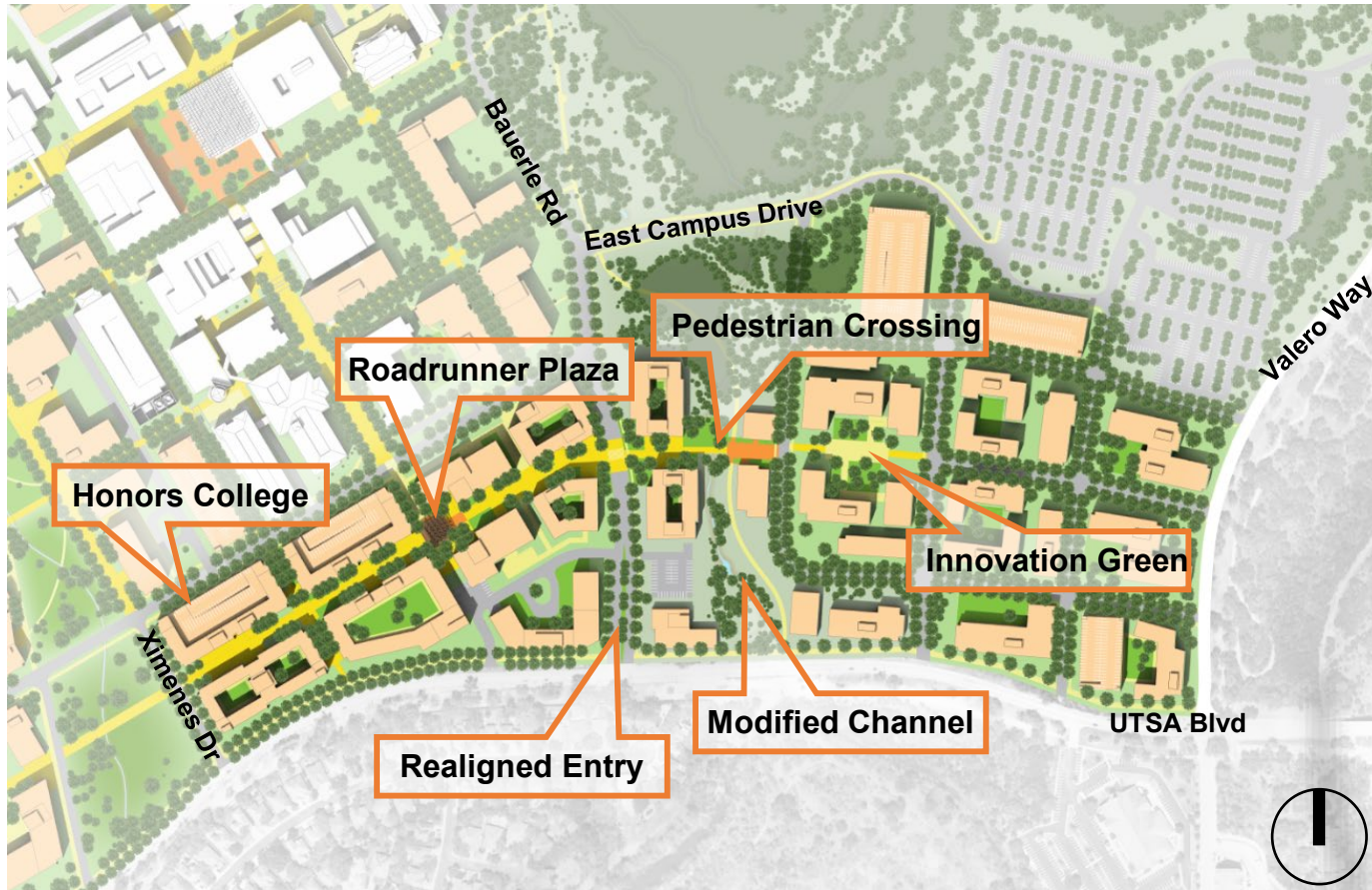
# Main Campus | Paseo Verde



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# Main Campus | **Districts** Southeastern Gateway



# 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**



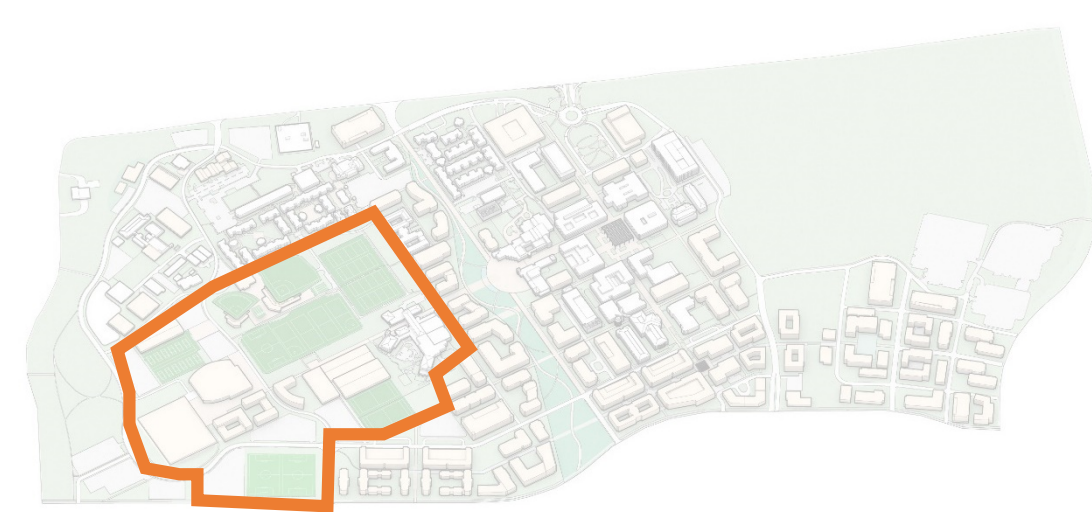
**MIT Stata Center, Cambridge**



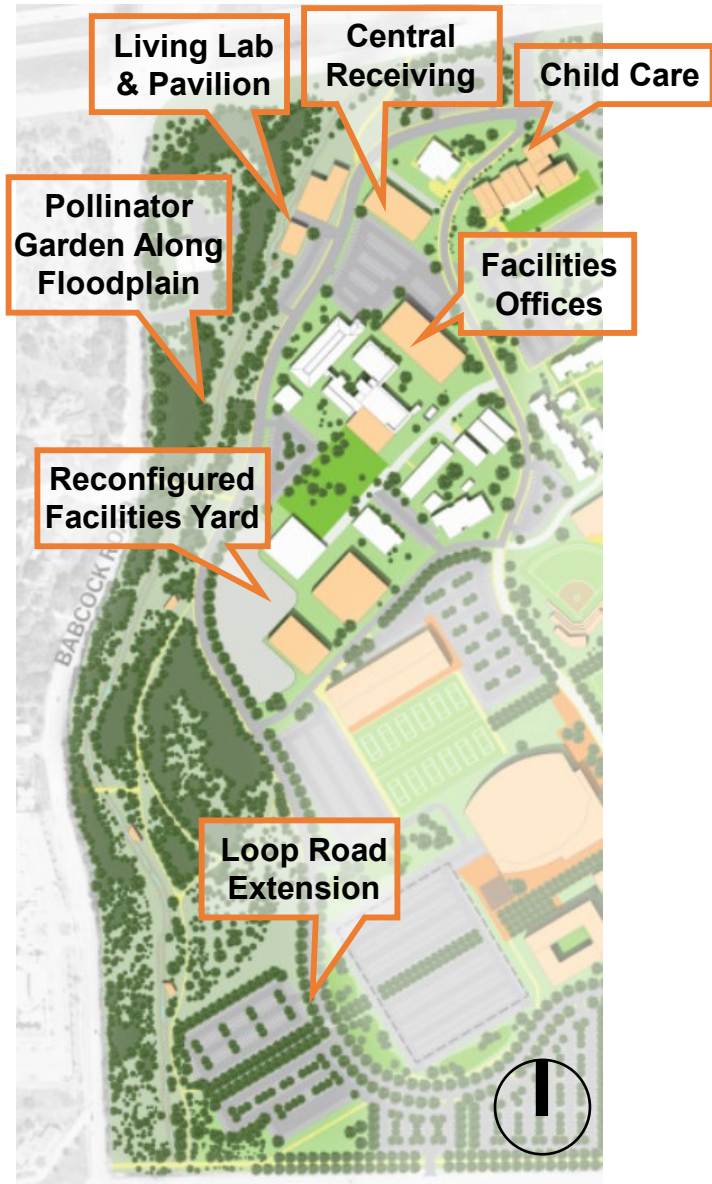
# Main Campus | **Districts** Southern Village



# Main Campus | **Districts** Athletics and Recreation



# Main Campus | **Districts** West Campus



# Main Campus | **Districts** Park West



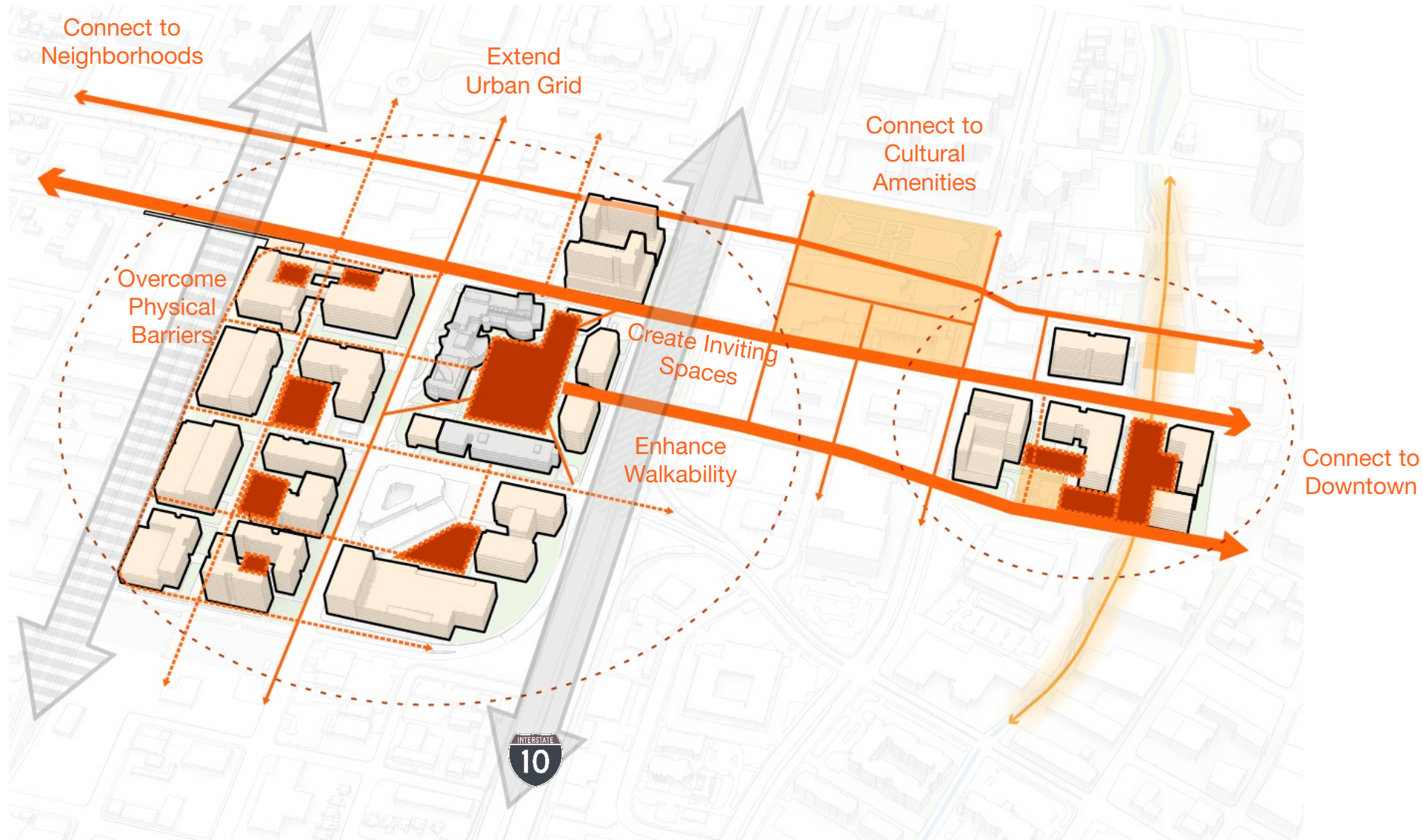
# **3** Downtown Campus

# Downtown Campus | Planning Principles

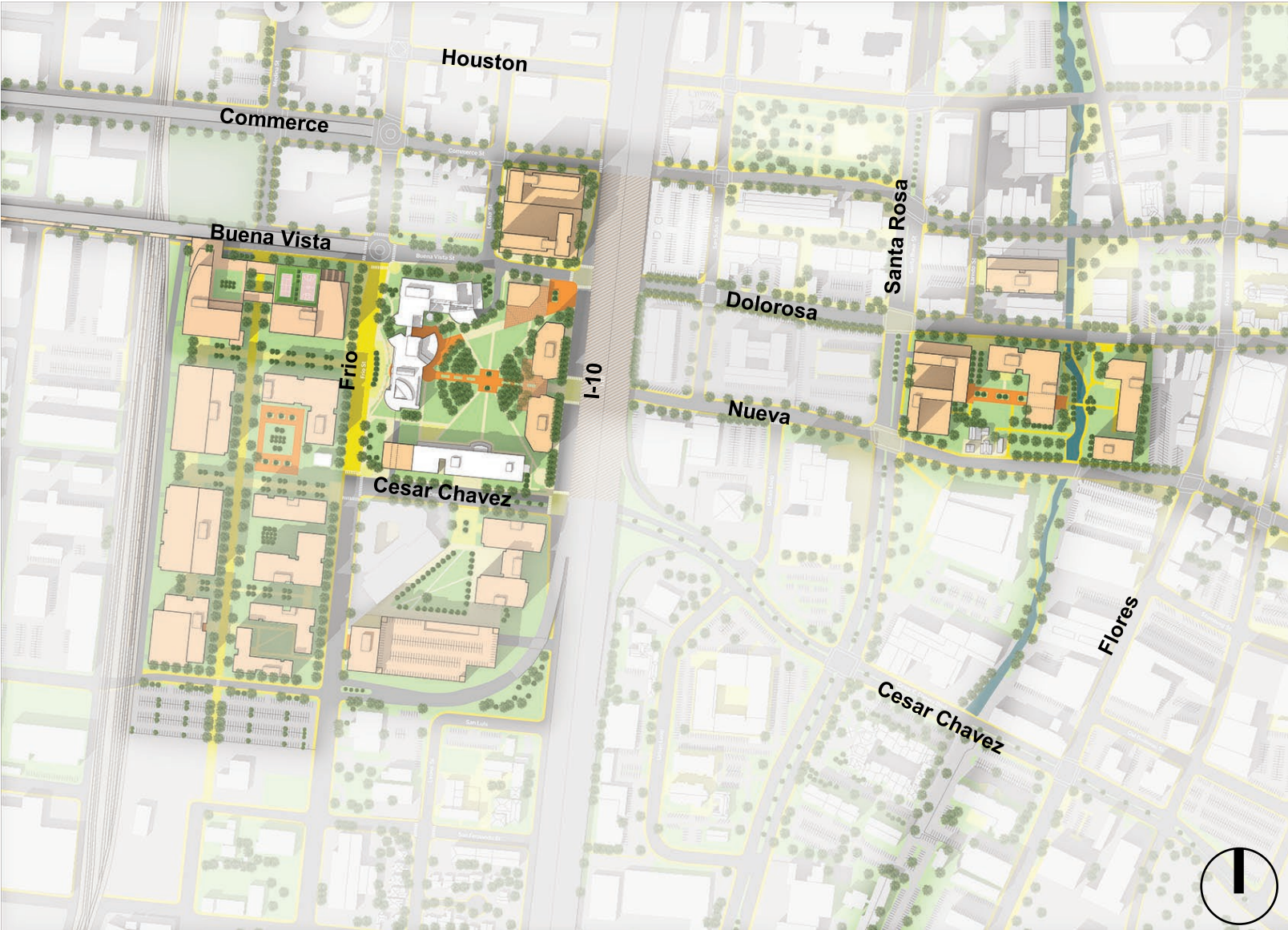
- Promote **community partnerships**
  - Encourage and create opportunities for synergistic partner development through physical accommodations and programmatic connections
  - Make or reinforce intentional physical connections to key off-campus destinations (i.e. key neighborhoods, such as the Historic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



# Downtown Campus | Long-Term Plan










# Downtown Campus | Long-Term Plan

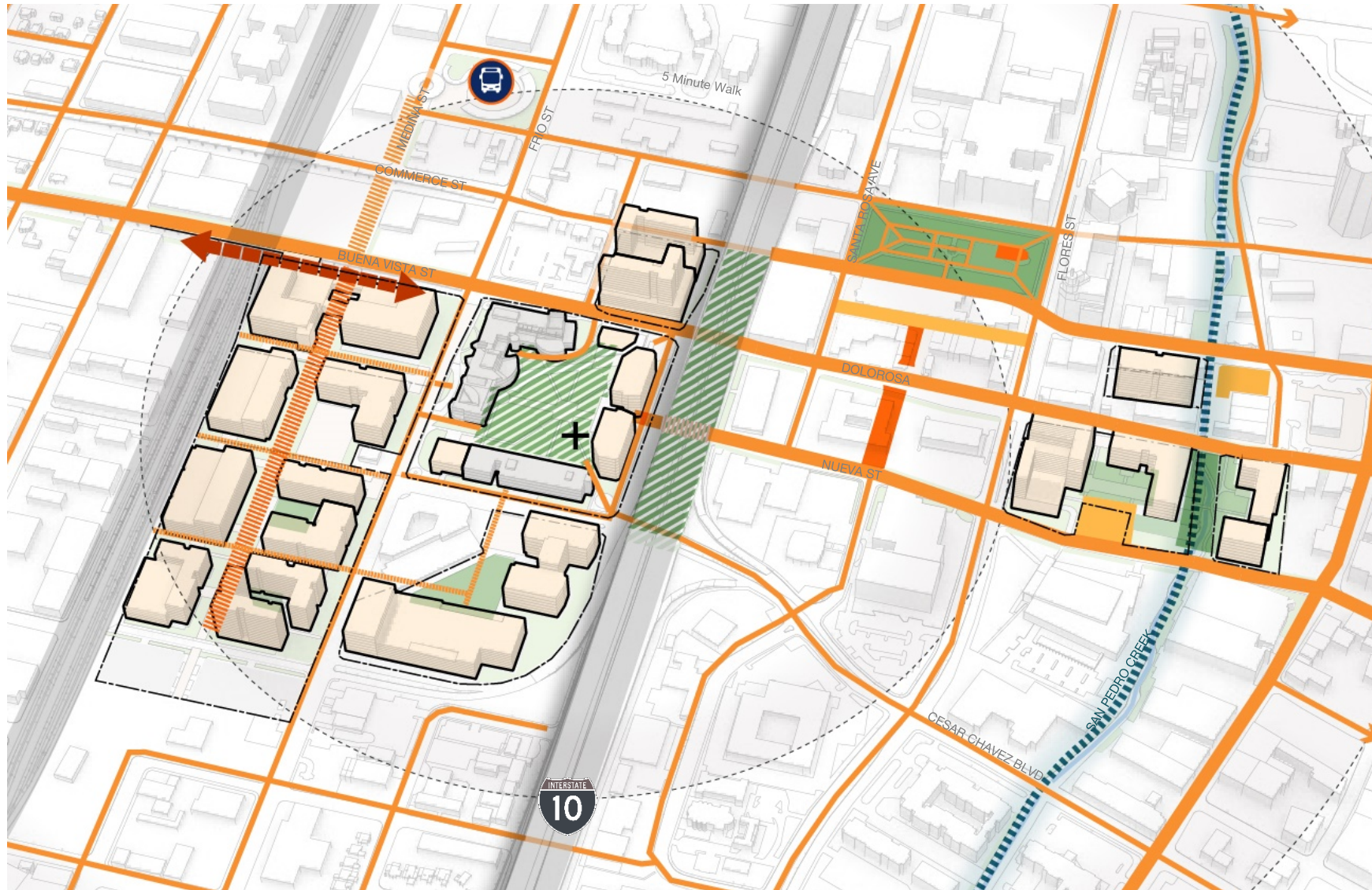


# Downtown Campus | Campus Framework Primary Building Uses



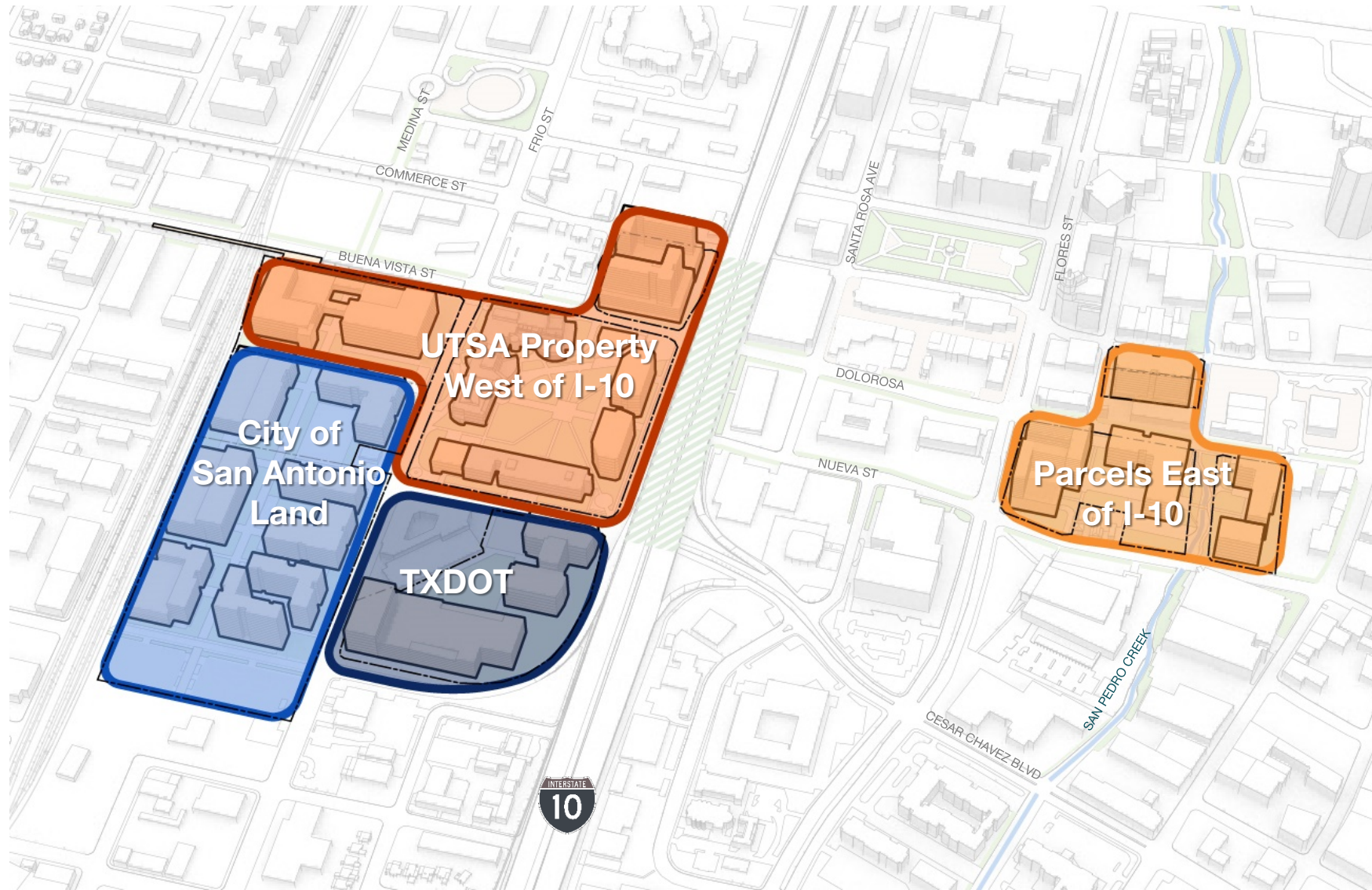
-  Existing- Academic/ Admin
-  Proposed- Athletics/ Recreation
-  Proposed- Academic/ Admin
-  Proposed- Housing
-  Proposed- Parking Garage

# Downtown Campus | Campus Framework Pedestrian/Open Space Network

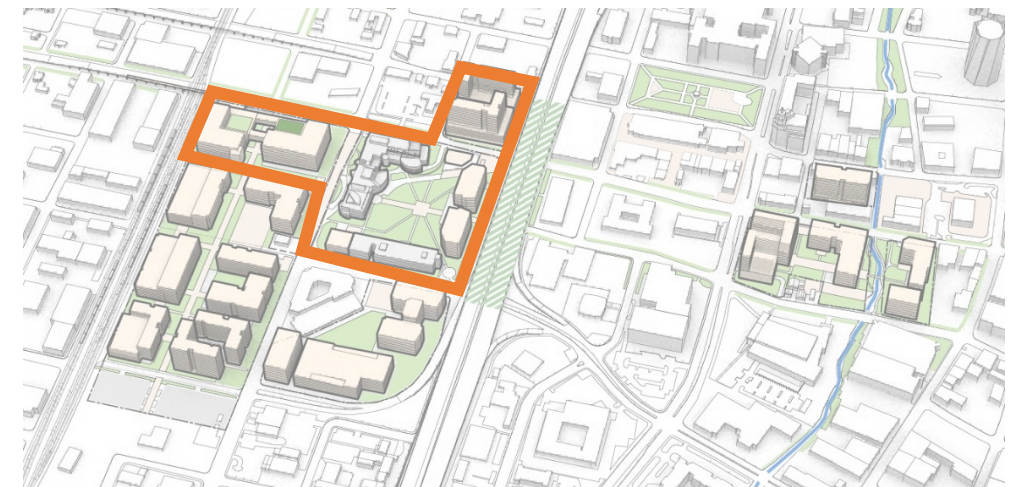
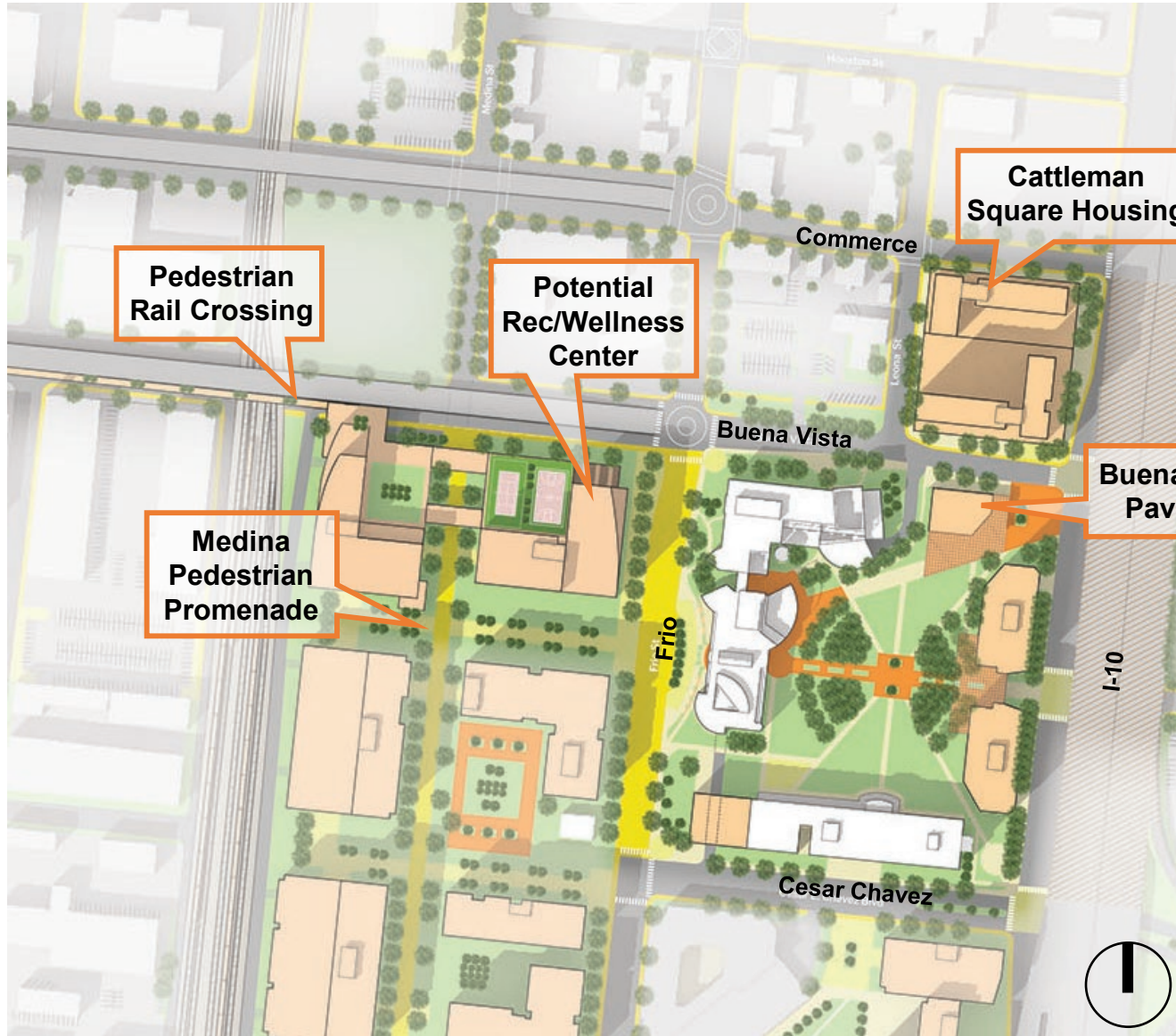


- Existing- Open Space
- Existing- Historic Area
- Proposed- Recreation Space
- Proposed- Open Space
- Proposed- Improvement Area
- Proposed- Pedestrian Only Path
- Existing- Major Path
- Existing- Minor Path
- Existing- San Pedro Creek Project

# Downtown Campus | Districts



# Downtown Campus | Districts UTSA Property West of I-10



# Downtown Campus | Buena Vista Entry Pavilion

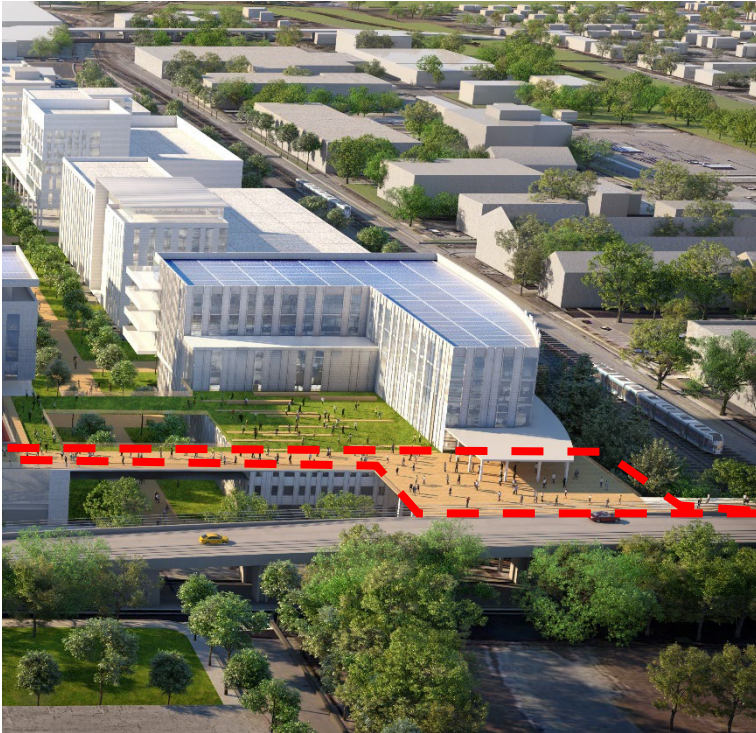


# Downtown Campus | Westside Crossing



# Downtown Campus | Pedestrian Overpass

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



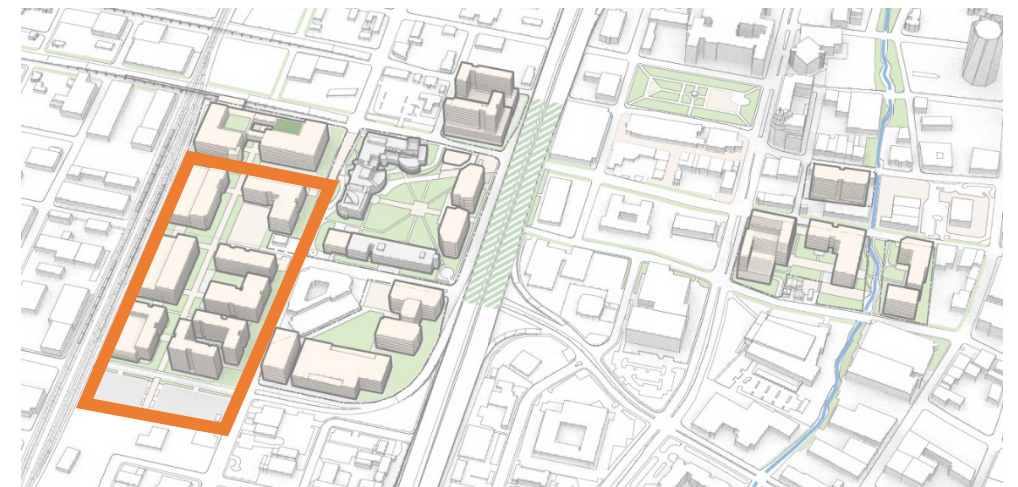
High Line, New York



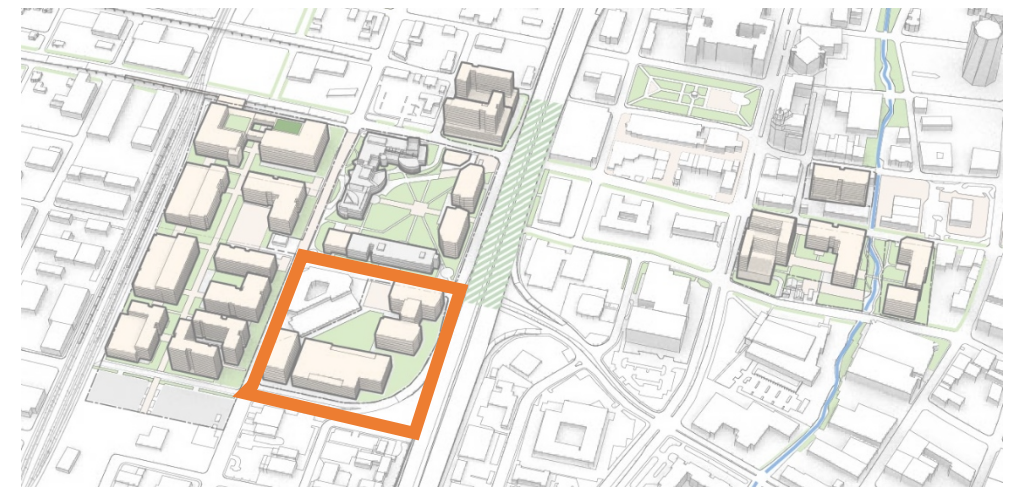
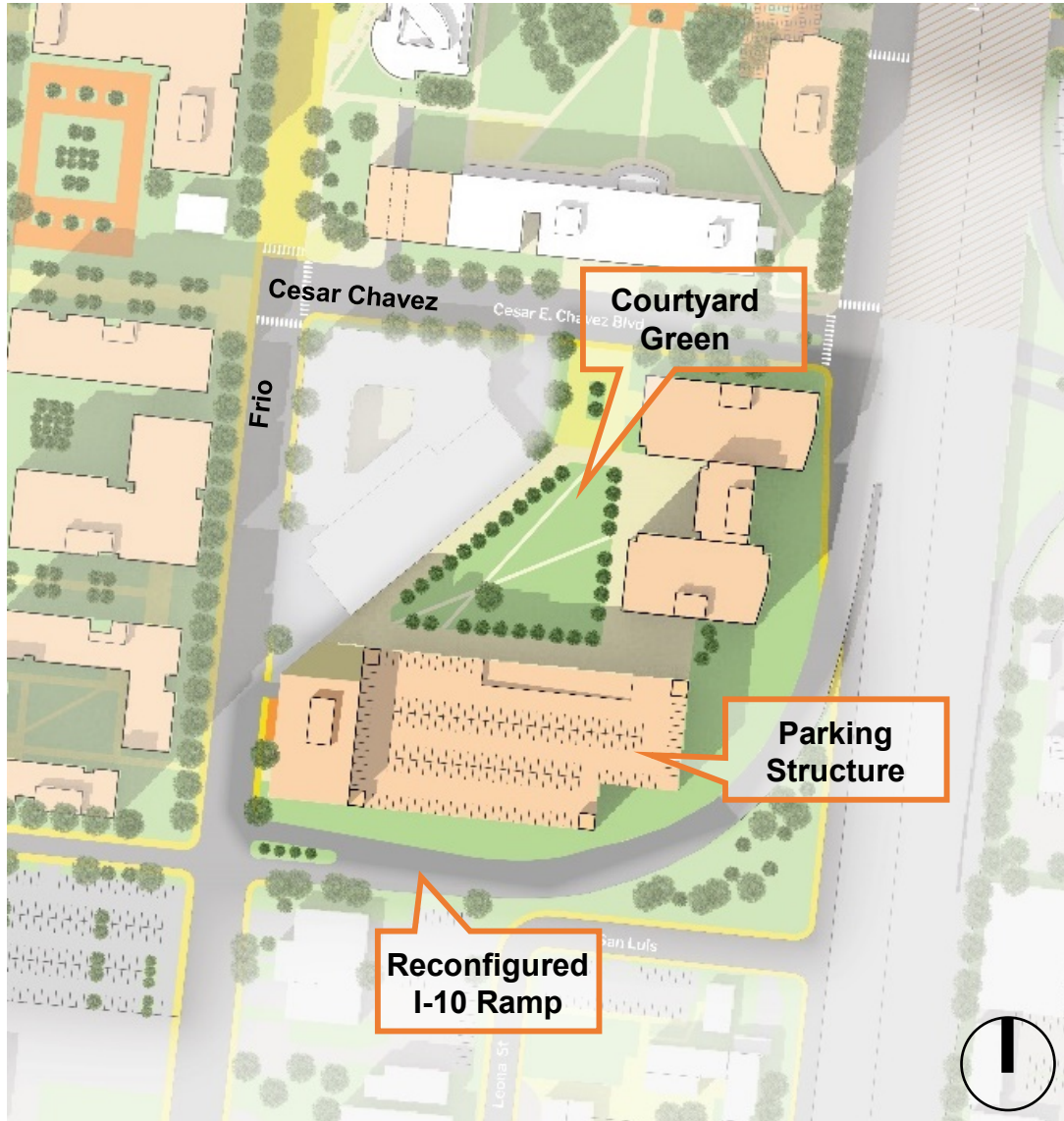
Pfluger Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge, Austin



# Downtown Campus | Districts City of San Antonio Land

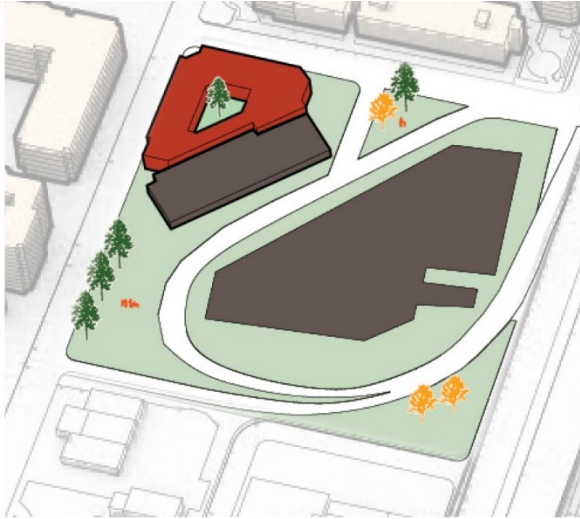


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Existing Conditions



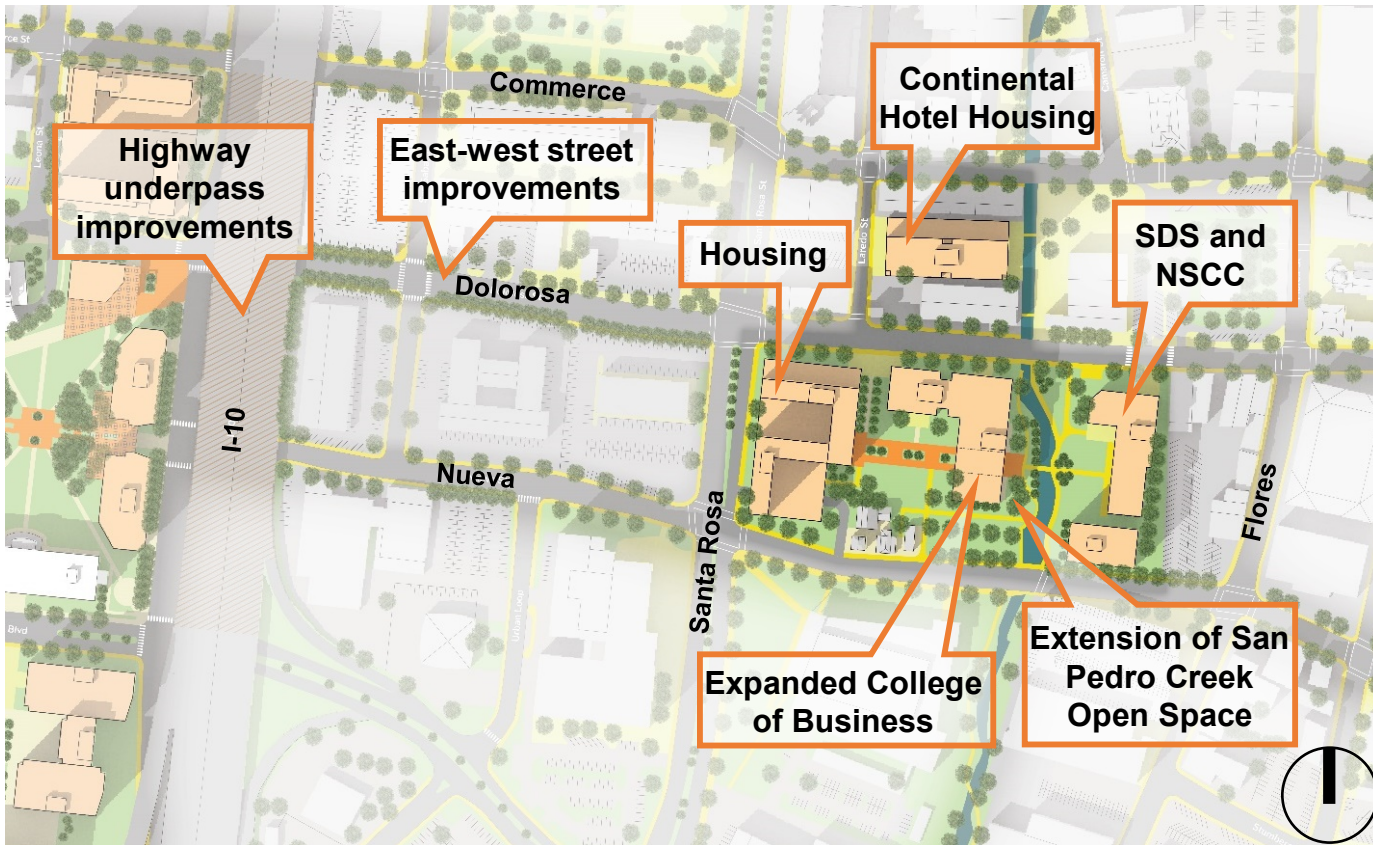
- Limited opportunity for expansion
- Challenging pedestrian environment

Modified Off Ramp



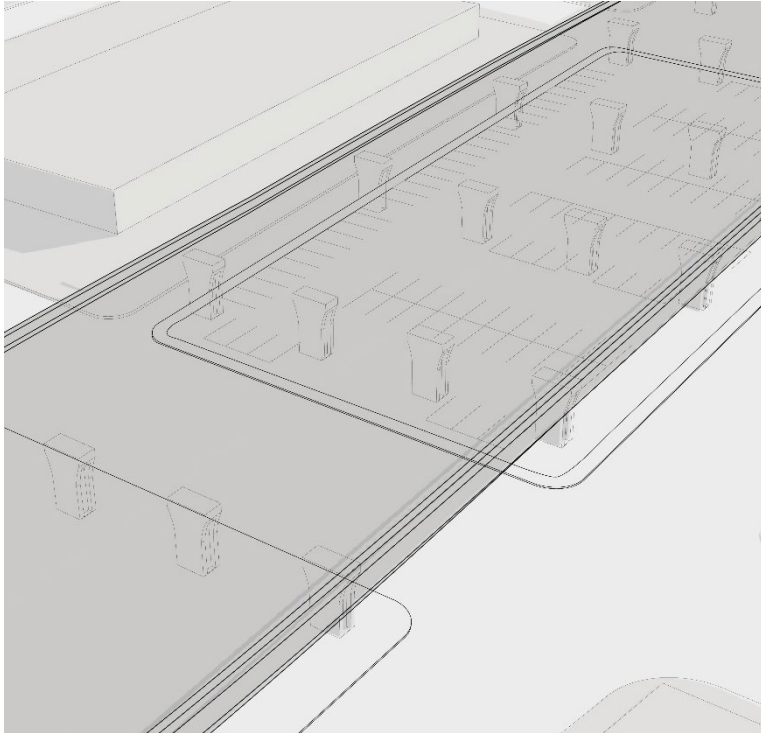
- Provides opportunity for urban grid extension, public spaces, and a new parking structure to accommodate UTSA growth
- +/-280,000 GSF for development

# Downtown Campus | Districts Parcels East of I-10

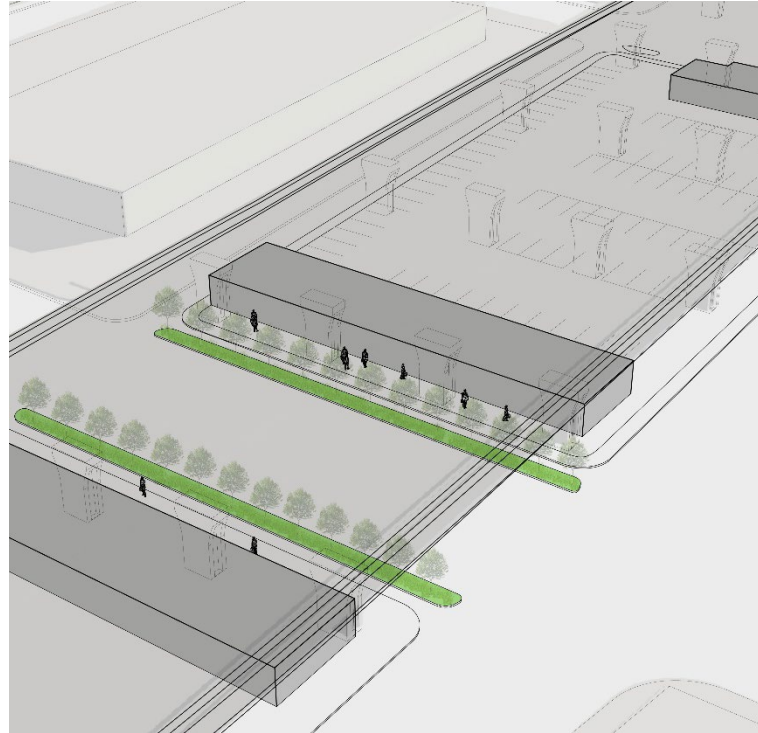


# Downtown Campus | Highway Underpass Improvements

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.



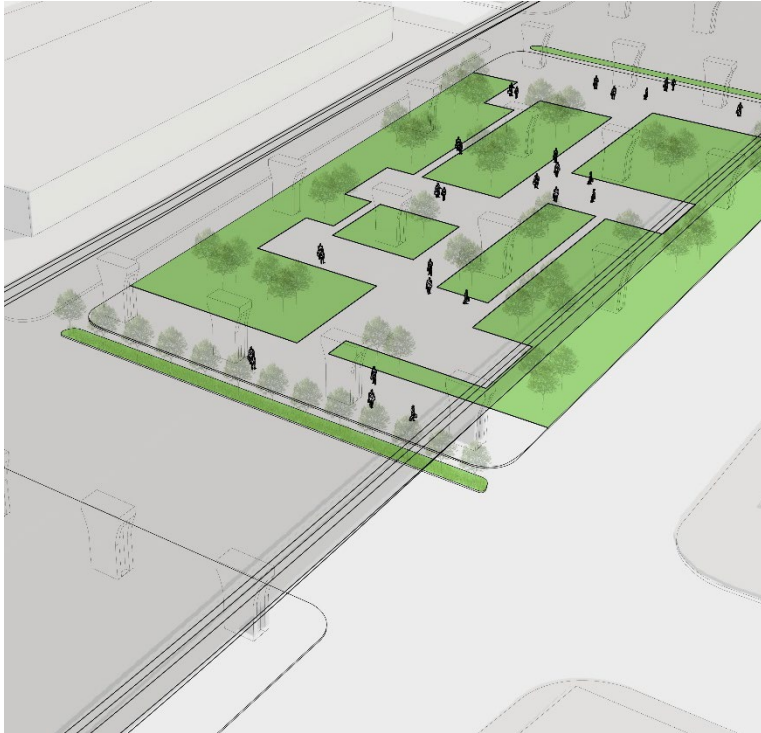
**Certified Farmers' Market,  
Sacramento**



**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.

# Approach | Potential Sustainability Principles

## 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
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- Operational efficiency
- Partnerships
- Finance & Investment
- Economic Development

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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

## MASTER PLAN WEBSITE

- <https://www.utsa.edu/masterplan>

## WRITE YOUR FEEDBACK OR IDEAS TO:

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