



Campus Planning Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: December 21, 2023

Members Present: Brian Baxter, Nicola De Jager, Michael Flatte, Rick Fosse, David Hensley, Erin Litton, Dusty Persinger, Scott Spak, Patrick Taylor, Brett Wineinger

Others: Shawn Albaugh Kleppe, Joe Bilotta, Lizzie Brackett, Jay Goodin, Mike Kearns, Rod Lehnertz, Martha Stoakes

New Road – Newton Road to Fountain Entrance

Martha Stoakes presented the design plans for the new road to be constructed from Newton Road to the Fountain entrance to the Hospital. This new roadway is being done in preparation for the new hospital tower and associated projects depicted in the 10-year UIHC Master Plan. Completion of this project is slated for the end of 2024.

As described a roundabout will be installed near what is currently the bus stop/drop-off near the VA hospital on Newton Road with new access up along the General Hospital to the Fountain Entrance that may become the main entrance to the hospital.

There will be significant grade changes that will be accommodated by the introduction of two retaining walls that will be of similar materials as other campus retaining walls.

Underground storm water storage tanks will be added as part of this project. These will improve the existing conditions which currently struggle during heavy rains in this area. This system drains over to Public Health and Old Museum of Art area of campus.

Significant landscaping will be included in the scope of this project to maintain the visual appeal the area has today. Landscape Services will transplant 20 trees before construction begins, and great effort has been made to avoid removing three large Bur Oak trees and other significant trees in the area. Many trees will still need to be removed and many will be planted as part of this project.

Discussion items included the following:

Challenges for Public Transportation – construction will be done in phases that create extra pull off for buses.

Hospital Access during Football Games – There will be more options for in and out traffic via the east exit. This could eventually create a ring road around the hospital for better accessibility.

Pedestrian Pathways - Pedestrian pathways from Boyd Tower and General Hospital will be pushed further South with the new roadway.

Bus Shelters – currently there are only two planned. These will maintain the current number of bus shelters that have worked well for the area.

Signage – Additional signage will be determined by a wait and see process of what might be needed.

Bike Lanes – No new bike lanes will be created. The roadway will be wider than usual and some supporting sidewalks will also be wider.

Emergency Room Access – There will be no change to access at this time. Fire Department requirements will be met.