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# **COMMUNITY FORUM NEWSLETTER**

# NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING: April 8, 2010, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. MATTSSON BOARD ROOM 540 ARAPEEN DRIVE

Parking is available free of charge directly west of the building.

## **AGENDA:**

- The College of Science:
   Future plans for the George Thomas Building (current home of the Utah Museum of Natural History)
- · Van pool program
- · Q&A with neighbors

## **REPORT ON THE ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting, held each January, is the one mandated meeting in which the University gives a formal update about construction and its impacts to neighboring communities. This particular meeting is more of a report from the University on completed and pending construction projects. The remaining Community Forum meetings throughout the year allot more time for discussion between the University and neighbors.

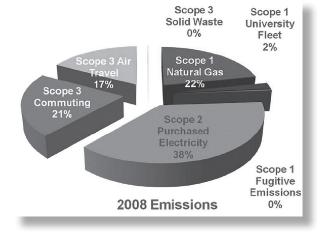
## **SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS**

## www.sustainability.utah.edu

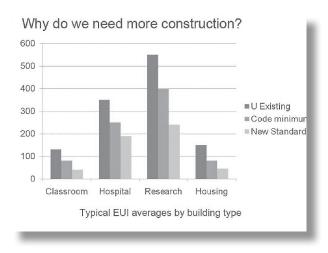
The Office of Sustainability was developed to incorporate sustainability principles into the Campus Master Plan, adopted in 2008. Since University President Michael Young signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment in 2008, the U has made many efforts toward becoming a climate-neutral campus. Here are some sustainability challenges on campus, and what our Office of Sustainability is doing to tackle them. For more detailed information about these efforts, please call Myron Willson at (801) 585-3173, or visit the site.

## Key points about Sustainability at the U:

- Almost 80 percent of transportation emissions (Scope 3 in graph) come from the commute of students, faculty, staff, and visitors to and from campus.
- Sustainability projects are steered by the President's Sustainability Advisory Board.
- The Office of Sustainability created six task teams to analyze various aspects of energy use on campus. These teams are made up of 85 faculty, students, staff, and community members. If you are interested in joining a task team, contact the Office of Sustainability or Myron Willson.
- Stephen Goldsmith, on the City and Metropolitan Planning faculty, has teamed up with Myron Willson to teach a fall semester Honors ThinkTank class, which will provide an opportunity for University students to partner with U administration, Salt Lake City, and others to find real-world solutions to sustainability challenges on campus.



This graph shows the greenhouse gas footprint of the University. Scope 1 includes everything that we burn (use) directly on campus (jet fuel from AirMed, natural gas, etc); scope 2 includes things that other people burn for us; and scope 3 includes commuting to and from campus in addition to air travel for faculty and staff.



This graph shows new building average kbtu/sq ft (bar to the right) compared to current buildings on campus. As you can see, we are reducing the environmental impact of our buildings when we rebuild or restore them.

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## TRANSPORTATION AT THE U

## www.parking.utah.edu

For more information, see the Parking and Transit update at http://unews.utah.edu/?action=neighbors

Currently, approximately 55-58 percent of U students drive alone to campus. Our goal is to reduce that to 45 percent by 2020. Here are some of the efforts we are making toward that goal:

- Encouraging use of UTA bus pass program. The bus/mass-transit program that the U and UTA offer students, staff, and faculty has had one of the greatest impacts to reducing single-occupancy vehicle use. In August 2010, ARUP, a division of the U, will join the U's program. That will add another 2,770 people to the U's Ed-Pass program, which we hope will help get more people off the roads.
- U Car Share. This is a car-rental program for people who take mass-transit to campus. For as little as one hour at a time and a standard mileage rate, the University community can rent one of four cars currently available at the U. Each car has the potential to take 20-30 cars off the road. With some well-established programs, such as Portland, Oregon's, the cars are used 5-10 times per day. The U of U program already has approximately 500 participants.
- Making it easier to travel within campus. It takes most shuttles about 20 minutes to fully circumnavigate campus. Commuter Services, along with Campus Design and Construction and the Office of Sustainability, is looking into ways to get people around more efficiently by discussing some type of people mover, redesigning HPER mall, and working with a committee to make campus better for cyclists. In addition, the U is developing a campus map to include bike routes, and is working with Salt Lake City to develop a bike-friendly map for the city and campus. There is also a free student sponsored bicycle-sharing program.
- **Shuttle enhancements.** There are 28 vehicles in the shuttle system that transport approximately 34,000 passengers per week. The U is in the process of phasing out diesel powered shuttles and replacing them with compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles. There are already two CNG vehicles in the fleet and it is expected to take approximately 7 or 8 years to replace the entire fleet. To make it more convenient to use the shuttles, each is equipped with GPS and can be tracked in real time at www.parking.utah.edu. It can also be viewed on an iPhone.

 Continued partnership with UTA. The U works closely with UTA to time shuttle routes with TRAX and bus schedules so that passengers can easily get to their destinations on campus when they ride mass-transit. In addition, the U and UTA worked together to develop Route 2, which runs directly up 200 South from the downtown transit hub. This route alleviated a lot of transportation issues for the U community.

## **RESEARCH PARK**

Questions about Research Park can be directed to Charles Evans at (801) 581-8133, or charles.evans@admin.utah.edu.

- Myriad Genetics continues to grow and is in the process of occupying their building. Parking is located underneath the building.
- The ARUP parking lot has been completed and about onethird is occupied most of the time.
- In response to neighbor and staff comments that Research Park is not pedestrain friendly, the U commissioned a \$90,000 sidewalk study and plan. This resulted in a sidewalk from Chipeta Way down to Arapeen Drive along Wakara Way.
- The city would like to put a roundabout at the intersection of Arapeen Drive and Wakara Way, and possibly two other areas, to alleviate traffic congestion. Timing on completion of the roundabout is up to the city. The U has offered to pay half the design costs, if it would move funding for the city along.
- Of the 8,200 employees in Research Park, 2,600 are U employees.
- Most off-campus land that the University owns is health sciences and clinics and is not in the immediate vicinity of the U. Also student housing has just been purchased from LDS Business College. Property that is donated to the University is usually not kept. The President's home (Rosenblatt House) and Sr. Vice President's residences are exceptions.

## **UPCOMING ON CAMPUS**

- March 31: Robert Kennedy Jr., Kingsbury Hall
- April 17: Martha Graham Dance Company, Kingsbury Hall
- April 25: Ani Difranco, Kingsbury Hall
- May 7: Commencement address Ambassador Jon M. Huntsman Jr. Jon M. Huntsman Center

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## **CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS**

## www.facilities.utah.edu/portal/site/facilities/

Following is a list of projects currently under construction, scheduled to begin, and on hold. Detailed maps and information can be found at www.unews.utah. edu/?action=neighbors.

## **USTAR Building 1: Neuroscience & Biomedical Technology**

Estimated New Space: USTAR: 200,000 NSF
North Campus Chilled Water Plant: 5,940 NSF
Estimated Completion Date: October 2011
Bldg. 1 parking to use vacant spaces in adjacent lots. Temporary surface parking lot built for parking mitigation during construction.

- Cooperative venture between the University, the Chamber of Commerce, and the business community to bring research products to the marketplace
- Unique facility to enhance interdisciplinary research between health sciences and engineering and bring well established researchers and teams to the University to generate marketable research products

# **HPER Mall High Temperature Water Replacement and Restoration Project**

Estimated New Space: N/A Space to be Removed: N/A

Estimated Completion Date: August 2010 (Phase I)

- Provides heating and hot water needs for building tempera ture and for research processes across campus
- Existing distribution system over 30 years old; corrosion from ground water and drainage severely deteriorated the system resulting in major system failures
- Tunnel construction has begun on the HPER Mall; temporary sidewalks being constructed to help deal with pedestrian mitigation
- Restoration design work in progress

## **Athletics Outdoor Track & Synthetic Field**

Estimated Space: N/A

Space to be Removed: N/A

Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2010

- State-of-the art running track and field
- Currently under construction, including earthwork and concrete
- Asphalt work and track surfacing postponed until spring

## **Eccles School of Business**

Estimated New Space: 188,275 NSF Estimated Completion Date: March 2013

- Two existing buildings demolished due to numerous old structure deficiencies and demand for additional space
- Will better accommodate the current business school program and will include needed additional undergraduate classroom space

- Currently Phase I design 85 percent complete, total construction 13 percent complete
- UTA buses and campus shuttles currently accessed from South Campus Drive
- Future South Campus walk to better accommodate pedestrian traffic from the South Campus TRAX stop

# **Meldrum Civil Engineering Building Addition**

Estimated New Space: 10,000 NSF Space to be Removed: N/A

Estimated Completion Date: December 2010

- Fulfills major program need identified by industrial advisory board of the department and accreditation criteria
- North and west face addition of 10,000 SF to house new student activity space, faculty offices, state-of-the-art practice design/build studio, research labs, and department administrative and advising offices
- No demolition of major elements
- Will seismically strengthen the existing structure

## **Huntsman Cancer Hospital Phase IIB**

Estimated New Space: 156,000 NSF Renovated Space: 27,000 GSF

Estimated Completion Date: September 2011

- Adding additional patient and operating rooms
- Currently under construction

# **Nursing Building Renovation and Addition**

Estimated New Space: 9,430 NSF Renovated Space: 78,167 GSF

Estimated Completion Date: August 2010

- Major interior remodel
- Former under-building parking will be converted to stateof-the-art patient simulation facility.
- Currently in construction phase

## **Utah Museum of Natural History**

Estimated New Space: 156,705 NSF Space to be Removed: None

Estimated Completion Date: October 2011

- New state-of-the-art Utah Museum of Natural History
- Construction currently underway

## **Red Butte Garden Visitor Center Expansion**

Estimated New Space: 8,113 NSF
Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2010

- Will provide onsite administrative offices for faculty currently housed offsite
- Increase size of visitor area, including gift shop
- Project currently under construction and nearing substantial completion
- Working with the Natural History Museum to coordinate design/construction options for entry road to Visitor's Center