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COMMUNITY FORUM NEWSLETTER

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NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM
THURSDAY, OCT. 11 | 4:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Natural History Museum of Utah
 301 Wakara Way in Research Park
 Free parking west of the building

**We welcome your attendance, comments,
 and participation in the discussion.**

AGENDA:

- **New law school project**, *Hiram Chodosh, Dean, S. J. Quinney College of Law*
- **Changes to street lighting**, *Jim Lewis, CFO, Salt Lake City Public Utilities*
- **Update on crowds and traffic at Utah football games**, *Collin Simmons, Administrative Manager, U of U Commuter Services*

The following items were discussed at the summer Community Forum, held July 12, 2012, at ARUP Labs in Research Park.

UPDATE ON THE AMBULATORY CARE COMPLEX PROJECT

Curtis Leetham, AIA Campus Planner

The Ambulatory Care construction project is a joint, multi-phase development partnership between the University of Utah and Intermountain Health Care's Primary Children's Medical Center (PCMC). The building site is located on the north end of the former University golf course between Mario Capecchi and Wasatch drives.

Phase I

Phase I of the project includes constructing two five-story buildings, PCMC's to the north; and the U's to the south. The new buildings will accommodate hospital administration, space for physicians, an outpatient unit, and educational space. Phase I also includes two parking terraces located directly west of each building. The Phase I parking terrace for PCMC will hold about 800 cars; the U's terrace about 600 cars. Both Phase I parking terraces will be completed by August 2013 with PCMC's Phase I building completed by August 2014. The University's Phase I building will be constructed at a later time, most likely two to five years after Phase I of the PCMC building is completed.

In preparing for the construction, a detention basin that accommodates the health sciences campus is being moved to the north end of the project site, and many trees are being removed. The University's policy to replant two trees for each one removed will be followed. Once the detention basin is moved, new trees will be planted around it. Construction then will begin on Phase I of the PCMC building and both parking terraces.

Phase II

After the U's Phase I building is completed, construction on PCMC's Phase II will begin. Phase II includes two more parking terraces (PCMC's to the north, the U's to the south) and two, five-story ambulatory buildings constructed on top of the parking terraces. Each building will have approximately 200,000-215,000 square feet of outpatient clinical space and administration areas. PCMC's Phase II garage will hold 4,200 cars to supplement their existing parking area. The University's Phase II building will be built some years later. Its Phase II garage will be smaller and will accommodate 400-600 cars.

More about Phase I

During Phase I, PCMC will build a bridge across Mario Capecchi Drive to connect its Phase I ambulatory care building to its hospital, giving staff a more direct connection for patient care. To the south, when the U constructs its Phase I ambulatory care building two to four years from now, a tunnel will be built under Mario

OTHER NEWS FROM THE U

New Honors Housing Opens

The dedication of the stunning new Donna Garff Marriott Honors Residential Scholars Community building took place on Sept. 21. The building, located at 250 South Mario Capecchi Drive, provides apartment-style living to more than 300 honors students and is one of the most innovative and progressive collegiate housing complexes in the nation.

The buildings were designed to create a seamless living and learning environment under one roof. Student apartments, classrooms, faculty offices, a library, easy transportation access—even a market—all in one place draw together the traditionally segmented components of campus life. Importantly, the dynamic atmosphere created here could become the new model for an engaged student experience throughout the U.

Capecchi Drive to connect its Phase I ambulatory care building to University Hospital.

Phase I plans also include a new pedestrian and bike path to be built along the entire length of North Campus Drive. Currently, North Campus Drive is a challenge to navigate in a vehicle, let alone on bike or foot. A three-foot-wide strip of sod will separate the road from the path, and a 10-foot-wide path will be lined with trees and berms to give it a more pedestrian scale.

Once Phase I construction on the buildings is completed, a new interdisciplinary campus mall will provide a connection between the academic and health sciences campuses and convenient access to the Medical Center TRAX station.

Question: *Are you using turf in the landscaping of Phase I buildings?*

Curtis Leetham: Some of it will be turf, and some will be native landscape with tall grasses.

Question: *What's the energy efficiency of the PCMC building?*

Leetham: They're going for LEED certification.

Question: *On North Campus Drive, with bike lanes going in, are you going to narrow the traffic lanes? Change the configuration?*

Leetham: The changes we are making to the grades will open up the view corridor so rather than the way it feels now—quite narrow—the changes will definitely improve North Campus Drive.

Question: *How will bikes connect from the new North Campus path to other routes through campus?*

Leetham: The new North Campus Drive path will connect to Wasatch Drive, which is already a designated bike path. From there, cyclists can connect with the academic campus or continue off campus. This project is adding a link to the bike route where there was none before.

PRESIDENT PERSHING'S GREAT RED ROAD TRIP

Barb Smith reported on highlights from President David W. Pershing's Great Red Road Trip this past summer. Smith is the U's executive communications manager and was among those who accompanied President Pershing as he travelled around the state, reaching out to people from

the Uintah Basin and Cache Valley to St. George, Moab, Blanding, and Bluff—and places in between. He met with community members, business leaders, legislators, alumni—and in the Uintah Basin, Ute tribal leaders. "It's heartwarming to get off the Wasatch Front and see how pleased people are that President Pershing is coming to them," said Smith. Pershing is asking Utah residents how the U can better serve their community, and how his office can ensure that their students have a good experience at the U. "He's a good listener, deeply cares about the students on our campus, and, because he is such a genuinely warm individual, he is exceptionally well received," said Smith. Read more about the Great Red Road Trip here: <http://admin.utah.edu/>.

Note: *President Pershing's inauguration as the 15th president of the University of Utah is scheduled for Oct. 25.*

OLYMPICS AND THE U

Mike Perez, Associate Vice President, Facilities Management

Recent news reports had indicated that Salt Lake City may once again vie to host the Olympic Winter Games. However, the U.S. Olympic Committee this summer decided not to apply to host the games in 2018 but could consider it for 2026. In anticipation of that possibility, President Pershing commissioned an exploratory committee to assess the potential impacts to the University in terms of the academic calendar, events, and facilities. The committee's review was supportive of hosting the Games again, partly because the first experience was so positive. However, it also indicated that the University would be shy the number of rooms needed to house the athletes. "When we built the Olympic Village for the 2002 Games, it was just the right size," said Mike Perez. "But by 2026, there will be more athletes competing and we will not have room to accommodate them." Additional housing—in the same general location as the existing dorms—would need to be provided. (As a result of 9/11, security for the Olympic athletes is a huge priority and works best when the athletes are all housed in the same area rather than fragmented in different locations.)

The current Fort Douglas property is still owned by the U.S. Army Reserve but is projected to come under the

University's control once it is designated as surplus by the federal government. At that time, the Fort property will be considered as a possible location for new dorms because it also would meet the requirement for housing Olympic athletes. Perez said these two needs—more housing for students and more housing for Olympic athletes—may coincide "very nicely."

Asked if new housing would be new construction or adapted use of existing Fort Douglas buildings, Perez said that, after doing a detailed inventory to determine if it makes sense or not, the University would consider repurposing existing buildings. "We would look at that strongly—the historic preservation and financial aspects—to see if it's feasible. All those are elements that would be considered," he added.

All other University-related aspects of the Games—mass transit, TRAX, stadium, etc.—would work as it did in 2002.

LANE CHANGES AT THE INTERSECTION OF 500 SOUTH AND 1300 EAST

Mike Perez reported that the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) in September is upgrading the street paving on 400 South from downtown, east to 1300 East. Changes are planned for the intersection of 500 South and 1300 East. Eastbound traffic in the left turn lane (turning onto 1300 East northbound) currently shares that lane with TRAX, so vehicles are actually on the TRAX rail in that left turn lane. Utah Transit Authority and UDOT would prefer to change that so the TRAX rail is not shared with vehicles but is dedicated to TRAX only. To accommodate this, all lanes will shift one to the south. No lanes will be lost, but the far right lane—which was a dedicated right-turn only—will become a right-turn optional. The change is not anticipated to create any disruption to traffic.

TOUR OF ARUP'S WATERWISE GARDENS

Hal Fordham

Hal Fordham has been caretaker of ARUP's grounds at 500 Chipeta Way in Research Park since 1990. Six years ago, ARUP initiated efforts to reduce water consumption by replacing approximately 1.5 acres of grass with drought tolerant plants and by installing individual water meters to monitor (once a month) water use. Before

moving to waterwise plants, ARUP was using between 9-10 million gallons of water per year and watering four or five times a week. Last year, they used just 2.5 million gallons and watered the xeriscape just twice each week. In the past five years, ARUP has cut its landscaping water use in half.

Fordham uses a three-inch deep bark ground cover mulch for most of ARUP's gardens and a two-inch deep stone mulch in other areas. He says the bark holds the water better than stone, but when it starts to decompose, it can become unsightly. Fordham installs drip irrigation lines before the plants go in, but says it can be done either way. And although some leave the lines on top of the ground, he puts his about two inches below the soil.

For irrigation information, Fordham suggests checking the Central Utah Water Conservancy District website (<http://www.cuwcd.com/>). For plants, he suggests Tri City Nursery in Kaysville (www.tricitynursery.com).

Some of the drought-tolerant plants you'll see at ARUP include the following:

- Karl Foerster Feather grass
 - Blue Oat grass
 - Fescue grass
 - Biomeadow grass
- Rudbeckia, aka Black Eyed Susan
 - Whirling Butterflies
 - Rabbitbrush
- Rocky Mountain Maple
- Mountain Mahogany
- Prairie Coneflowers
- Orange Carpet Plant
 - Oregon Grape
 - Echinacea
- Yucca Philamentosa