The Process is as Important as the Product
02 PROCESS

- Project Kick-Off
- Observations & Analysis
- Conceptual Alternatives
- Precinct Studies
- Draft Plan
- Final Plan Report + Adoption
Boise State University Campus Master Plan Update

**TIME LINE**

**2013**
- **AUGUST:** summer break
- **SEPTEMBER:** 8/26 classes start
- **SITE VISIT, KICK-OFF 8/23**
- **STAKEHOLDER FOCUS MTGS 9/11**
- **WORKSHOP 9/20**
  - Observations-Analysis

**2014**
- **DECEMBER:** winter break
  - Start 1/21
  - 7/17 PD
- **MARCH:**
  - [SB]

**PLANNED MTGS**
- Tasks in Progress
- University Review
- On-Campus Workshop
- Team WebEx
- Community Mtg
- Open Forums
- Submittal
- Final Submission

**PROJECT SCHEDULE**

1. Observations
2. Concepts-Alternatives
3. Precinct Studies
4. Implementation-Draft Plan
5. Final Plan

**1st Workshop - Observations + Analysis + Visioning**

Space Needs
Master Planning

One of three planning tools:

What – **strategic plan** establishes need + direction

Where – **master plan** guides physical development

How – **financial plan** facilitates implementation
**2013 Update**

- Goals based Strategic Plan
- Build on principles in past plans
- Integrate current plans-projects

**Plan for expansion:**
- strategic
- flexible
- implementable
Goal 1: Create a signature, high-quality educational experience for all students.

Goal 2: Facilitate the timely attainment of educational goals of our diverse student population.

Goal 3: Gain distinction as a doctoral research university.

Goal 4: Align university programs and activities with community needs.

Goal 5: Transform our operations to serve the contemporary mission of the university.
Downtown Context Map
Knit campus into the URBAN fabric
Knit campus into the URBAN fabric
Study Area
Campus Identity - Gateways & Edges
Campus Identity, Gateways & Edges
Existing Facilities
Campus Building Uses
Campus Building Use Zones
ACADEMIC PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Academic “Zoning”
Housing ‘Zoning’

- **First Year**
  - Traditional: 908 beds
  - Apartments: 81 beds

- **Non-Traditional / Sophomore**
  - Traditional: 386 beds
  - Apartments: 106 beds
  - Non-Traditional: 300 beds
  - Apartments: 356 beds

**Total Residence Hall Beds**: 1,864
**Total Apartment Beds**: 573
**Total Campus Beds**: 2,437
Housing types to match student maturity & stage in life

Existing Housing Types
Campus Parking
Campus Parking – Land Area
Existing Pedestrian, Bike Circulation
Existing Transit Circulation
Pedestrian Circulation, 5 - 10 - 20 minute walks
Circulation – Resolving the Grids
Boise State University Transportation Considerations
Ada Count Highway District:
- Owns and maintains all public roads
- Provides recommendations to City of Boise during land-use approvals
- Grants approval for projects/plats impacting public roads

Boise State University:
- Own and maintains private university roads and other facilities

City of Boise:
- Grants land-use and building approvals
- Own and maintains the Boise River Greenbelt
- Grants land-use approval
Boise State Specific Studies
- BSU Campus Circulation Plan (2012)
- BSU Master Plan (1197, 2005, 2008)
- BSU Transit Center Design
- BSU Housing TIS
- BSU Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Master Plan
- BSU Lincoln Garage TIS
- BSU Street Vacations Assessment
- Property Exchange Agreement
- COBE TIS

Region-wide Studies
- Boise City Comprehensive Plan
- ACHD Transportation Land Use Integration Plan
- ACHD Master Streets Map
- ACHD Roadways to Bikeways
- VRT Treasure Valley in Transit
Goal A

– Integrate Boise State University campus into the urban form and community

Goal B

– Reinforce a pedestrian campus environment for Boise State students
Master Plan Transportation Concept

Edge of Campus = Auto Access

Core of Campus = Auto-free

- Campus Edge Network (Auto, Service, Transit, Bike, Ped)
- Campus Core Roadways (Transit, Bike, Ped, Service Vehicles Off-Hours)
- Campus Core Quads / Garden Walks

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
Existing Transportation System - Vehicle Connections

Primary Access Route is University

Street Vacations
Transportation Vision - Vehicle Access

- Existing Parking Garages
- 2008 Plan Proposed Parking Garages
2008 Plan Proposed Campus Streets

Major

Minor

Transportation Vision - Internal Vehicle Connections
2008 Plan Proposed Campus Streets

- **Major**
- **Minor**
- **Limited Vehicular-Pedestrian-Bike**

Transportation Vision - Shared Ped/Bike/Veh Connections
2008 Plan Proposed Campus Streets

- **Major**
- **Minor**
- **Limited Vehicular-Pedestrian-Bike**
- **Pedestrian-Bike only**
Key Transportation Outcomes (Circulation Plan)

- Transition To Pedestrian Only
- New Signalized Crossings Focused on Pedestrians
- Reduce University Drive to Three Lanes East of Brady
- Improvement to Beacon St
University Dr/Capitol Blvd/Boise Ave is at Capacity

Expansion to south to Boise Ave

Impact of East-West Traffic on Boise Ave?

Expansion/Growth across Capitol Blvd (Private & University Growth)
Landscape Analysis
PedestrianCorridors. Open Spaces. Landscape Character.
University Vision

- Reinforce a Pedestrian Campus Environment for Boise State University. – pg 12
Landscape Analysis

Designated Pedestrian Corridors

- Continuity and Structure

Connections at Greenbelt

Disorganized Structure

Disconnect at Vehicular Infrastructure
Landscape Analysis

Designated Pedestrian Corridors

- Continuity and Structure
- Separation and Safety

Pedestrian Corridors

- MATERIAL SEPARATION
- STREET AND ALLEY VACATING
- POOR SEPARATION
Landscape Analysis

Designated Pedestrian Corridors

• Continuity and Structure
• Separation and Safety
• Design for Pedestrian Experience

Pedestrian Corridors
Open Spaces
Landscape Analysis

Open Spaces

- Hierarchy of Spaces
  - Primary
  - Secondary
  - Nodes
Landscape Analysis

- Hierarchy of Spaces
  - Primary
  - Secondary
  - Nodes

- Relationship with Buildings

Open Spaces

Meaningful Relationship with Building

Shared Spaces

Poor Relationship with Buildings
Landscape Analysis

- Hierarchy of Spaces
  - Primary
  - Secondary
  - Nodes
- Relationship with Buildings
- Places for People

Open Spaces
“The primary goal of the campus landscape should be to reinforce the open space and path system.” - 46r

- Spatial Definition
- Scale
- Form
- Plant Palette
Landscape Analysis

- Spatial Definition

PLANT MATERIALS REINFORCE SPACE

PLANT MATERIAL LACKS SPATIAL DEFINITION
Landscape Character

Landscape Analysis

- Spatial Definition
- Scale
“Each part of campus will have a distinctive landscape focus and a stronger identity.” – pg. 46r

Landscape Character

- Spatial Definition
- Scale
- Form

GEOMETRIC

ORGANIC
Landscape Analysis

- Spatial Definition
- Scale
- Form
- Plant Palette

Landscape Character

COLORFUL PLANTER BEDS

DIVERSE TEXTURE

LAWN AND SHADE TREES
Site Utilities Analysis
Infrastructure Analysis

Storm Sewer and Irrigation

- Gravity Irrigation Delivery
- Storm Drains
- Storm Water/Irrigation Conflict
- Existing Drain Ditch

Pressurized Irrigation System (Surface Water)

Storm Water Collection/Discharge

Storm Water Onsite Retention

Potable Water System (United Water)
Infrastructure Analysis

Sustainable Water Management Solutions

Storm Sewer and Irrigation
Infrastructure Analysis

Site Utilities

- Potable Water
- Sewer System
- Gas Piping
- Geothermal System
- Irrigation Piping
- Storm Drains
Facilities/Systems
03

ISSUES + OPPORTUNITIES
Projects Since 2005 Master Plan

- Micron Business and Economics Building
- Interactive Teaching & Learning Center
- Arguinchona Basketball Complex
- Caven-Williams Sports Complex
- Gene Bleymaier Football Complex
- Stueckle Sky Center
- Bronco Stadium Improvements
- Union Expansion
- Transit Center
- Environmental Research Building
- Lincoln Avenue Garage
- Recreation Addition
- Norco Building
- Lincoln Townhouses
- Recreation Field
Environmental Research Building
Lincoln Avenue Garage
Lincoln Townhouses
Recreation Field
Projects in Planning and Construction

- Fine Arts Building
- Green space Improvements
- Kinesiology + Bronco Gym
- Athletic Field + Volleyball
- Alumni Center
- Science & Research Building
Administration Parking Lot Enhancement
Opportunities: Expansion Areas
Stakeholder Input:

- Highest Academic Needs: Labs, Large Classrooms Learning Commons
- Need more collaborative and break-out spaces
- Enrollment likely to be ± 2%, could be more, could be less
- Housing should focus on the First Year Experience
- Lots of off-campus housing being proposed – competition? crossings?
- More dining facilities needed to support more on campus students/residents
- Student Union and Rec will need expansion with increased enrollment
- Continue to improve and expand campus green spaces
- Reduce pedestrian conflicts esp. at University and Lincoln
- Parking utilization is not maxed out – 45-80% at peak periods
- Higher priced permit sales going up, cheaper ones stay the same
- Campus Transit capacity, room for better utilization
03 Issues + Opportunities

Summary:

- Campus Identity
- Gateways, Edges
- Connectivity
- Circulation
- Transformations
- Expansion
One year ago President Casey Signed President’s Climate Commitment. We’re one step closer to carbon neutrality.
What does your ‘big picture’ VISION look like?
Boise Campus Transformations
(since 1997-2005-2008 plans)

• multi-faceted mission has become more traditionally focused
  • growth in transfer students, grad students, doctoral degree candidates
  • still large % of non-traditional students

• campus is seen as a safe environment for students

• regional institution on the cusp of more national presence
  • didn’t use to have much direct competition from other HE choices
  • now Boise State is on the ‘map’ for students and faculty
  • anticipating by next year 25% off all students are out-of-state

• gained a ‘university feel’, added graduate programs, doctoral degrees

• added significant new facilities, improved campus appearance

• seen funding environment become more challenging
**Vision:**
Consolidating facilities/support/services; Cross-disciplinary learning + research facilities (like ERB) with flexible research space

**Vision:**
Vehicles move to the perimeter and central campus pedestrian space expands

Proud of service to non-traditional, diverse students (89%)

**Vision:**
Engage those students in the cultural life of the campus
**Vision:**
Very excited about kinesiology-athletics project with shared vision, working together

**Vision:**
Residential life for all freshman, including 900 not living on campus; Towers is very successful in creating ‘community’

**Vision:**
Faculty cohesion - many scattered, colleges and programs lacking identity. How can faculty connect with students when it’s all decentralized?
Needed to Realize Visions:

- Faculty Club,
- CONSOLIDATION, work together - be together

- Can’t tell where ‘campus’ starts/ends – define/improve the perimeter
- The RIVER – unique resource, walking-biking, greenbelt enhancements

- Campus is generally very walkable and comfortable
- Enhance life style-experience campus for all students
- Tech + Elec in outdoor spaces;
- More consistency in design, materials, reinforce campus character

- Improve transit use/service w/ schedules that work beyond class times (eves, weekends); VRT doesn’t reach many pockets of commuter students; partner with VRT? work with Downtown Boise Assoc?
• Cross-disciplinary research facilities; ERB, look at that experiment and flexible research space

• Student views: safe, proximity to downtown, behaves like a family
• Smaller w/ unique opportunities; branding, identity
• Improve awareness-communications and way finding
• First year live-on campus requirement? More housing-dining options
• More outdoor spaces; wi-fi + power in study spaces, outdoor spaces
• Learning commons (*not ‘book cemeteries*)
• Consolidate student services (*too scattered now*)
• Boise students stay in the Treasure Valley, community support, integration

• Funding Challenges
  • used to be state and tuition only….few capital projects
  • now multiple sources (*grants, donors, multiple public sources*)
  • What’s the future for funding? Are donors tapped out?
05
NEXT STEPS
Student Forum + Walk

- Walk campus with students
- Hear their ideas, concerns for the campus
- Invite them to stay involved in the process

STUDENT FORUM
Campus Master Plan

WHAT is important to you?
classrooms, housing, collaborative spaces, recreation, parking, biking, libraries, dining options, athletics, open space, signage, benches, transit, computing labs

Please join us for a conversation on the future of the campus. We want to hear from YOU! The Master Planning Team will hold a discussion with students to hear their ideas for the campus, and take a short walk around campus to see what is great and what can be improved in the future.

- What makes this campus great?
- What could make it better?
- What do you want to see here in the future?

WHO: All Students are invited
WHEN: Friday September 20, 2:00 pm
WHERE: Student Union Building Info Desk (Near the SUB Atrium)

Questions or Comments?
email: capitalplanning@boisestate.edu

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
## Workshop #2 – Concepts & Alternatives

### Monday, October 7th
- **8:00am – 10:00am**: Steering Committee & Executive Committee
- **10:30am – 11:30**: Housing Work Session
- **1:00pm – 2:00pm**: Academic Work Session (STEM District)
- **2:00pm – 3:00pm**: Traffic/Circulation Work Session
- **4:00pm – 5:00pm**: Informal Presentation to Kevin & David

### Tuesday, October 8th
- **8:00am – 9:30am**: Executive Committee Debrief
- **9:30am – 10:30am**: Wrap up meeting with BSU Planning
Thank you!

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