NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING:
Annual Public Meeting
Thursday, January 13, 2011, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
MATTESON BOARD ROOM
540 ARAPEEN DRIVE
Free parking is available directly west of the building.

AGENDA:
• Recent updates to the campus master plan
• New campus projects for 2011 and impacts to the community
• Sustainable transportation update

Each year, in compliance with University of Utah regulations (PPM 3-201), an annual public meeting is held to promote meaningful participation by neighbors, businesses, and other organizations likely to be affected by proposed additions or changes to the University’s physical facilities and operations. If you have suggestions or questions about the agenda, please contact Ann Floor at 801-585-3595.

The following items were discussed at the Oct. 14, 2010 Community Forum:

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
Carla Flynn, Associate VP, Development
With public funds for higher education decreasing across the country, capital campaigns are becoming a permanent part of the landscape at all universities, including the University of Utah. The Together We Reach campaign is the University’s fourth capital campaign.

The silent phase of Together We Reach began July 1, 2005. By the time the public phase was launched in October 2008 the country was in the middle of the recession. “And contrary to what might be expected, the University is pleased to report that contributions are exceeding expectations,” said Flynn. With a goal of $1.2 billion—the highest goal the University has ever set—$863 million has been raised to date. Additional pledges are at $944 million, with another $580 million for scholarships. The University’s 1,400 endowments (set up for perpetuity) total an endowment of $500 million. Of 800 private and public universities across the country, the U ranks 125th in the size of its endowment.

The Together We Reach campaign is set to conclude in the fall of 2013. As with other institutions with substantial endowments, the University hopes that it can use scholarships as an incentive to recruit the highest caliber students.

The campaign is focusing on five initiatives: Engaging our students, elevating our research, expanding our global outlook, enhancing our learning experience, and enriching the community. The University wants to broaden its base and elevate the giving by reaching out to the entire state as well as across the country, while also being realistic about the state of the economy. Since the campaign began, the University has gained 46,000 new donors. “One especially successful initiative early in the campaign was raising money to improve the Block U on the moun- tain,” said Flynn. “It brought in many new donors and exceeded the amount needed for the renovation project so we were able to invest the rest of the money in scholar- arships for students.”

REVIEW OF CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
Michael Perez, Associate VP, Facilities Management
The following is a list of projects the University of Utah will submit to the Utah State Legislature in 2011. The projects have been reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees and State Board of Regents and will be presented for approval to the State Building Board and the Utah State Legislature.

1. High-temp water and electrical upgrades
   The HPER mall is closed to pedestrian traffic to accom- modate major repairs and replacement of leaking and deteriorating high-temperature water lines and construc- tion of a new utility tunnel. Approximately $13.3 million in state funding is needed to complete the high-temp- water project. Improvements will include increased au- tomation, as well as insulated pipes. The University relies on the high-temp water system in large part for heat-
Dee Genn Smith Athletics Center Expansion

This expansion project will provide improved sports training facilities, athletic lounges, classroom support space, and an eating facility, which is an NCAA compliance requirement. The project will remove 25,000 square feet of the existing building by demolishing the northern portion of the facility. The new facility will be approximately 50,000 square feet. Its height will be similar to what now exists, but it will not be as high as either the Eccles Field House or the tennis facility. The building will be constructed farther east than the existing structure but will not go beyond the setback established by the tennis facility. This project is expected to cost $20 million, all with donated funds.

4. University of Health Care Medical Services Building

This project is somewhat unusual for the U because it is off-campus and usually, the University’s off-campus clinical properties are leased. The new medical services building will consolidate three clinical units (dermatology, OB/GYN, and ophthalmology) currently located in separate clinics in various locations in Salt Lake County into a new 70,000-square-foot facility in a central location in the valley. The land will be purchased by the University. It is anticipated to cost $25.5 million.

Update on the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts and Education Complex

The University has selected EDA Architects and Okland Construction for the new Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts and Education Complex. Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2011. This project was approved by the Legislature last year.

Business Building

Adjacent to the site of the future Sorenson Center is the current business building construction site. Some people have asked about the unusual design of the building with its cantilevered southern façade. Many campus building designs are driven by the University’s functional needs coupled with the space available for each building. Also taken into account are features such as glazing to allow as much natural light as possible into the building. The cantilevering on the business building is a design element that was approved by the architectural review committee, which includes faculty from the University of Utah College of Architecture + Planning. The committee reviews all campus construction projects and considers the utility as well as the aesthetics of a building. The Sorenson building and the business building complex will be designed to complement each other and provide an inviting entryway into campus from the South Campus TRAX station.

Construction Impacts and Road Closures

The public can search for “construction impacts” on the University’s Web site, www.utah.edu, or go directly to http://www.digit.utah.edu/cit/cit.html to find an interactive map of all the current construction projects and road closures under way at the U. Simply mouse over the triangles that appear on the map to see what impact or closure might be occurring at that construction area. For instance, two-way traffic is no longer allowed in the business loop because of construction on the cantilevering of the business building.

Many of the campus construction projects are at a point where roadway impacts are no longer a concern. If there are issues with impacts in the neighborhood streets, please contact Ann Floor at 801-585-3595 (floor@ucomm.utah.edu) or Michael Perez at 801-581-6510 (mike.perez@fm.utah.edu) for assistance.

COMMUTER SERVICES UPDATE

Alma Allred, Director, Commuter Services

Commuter Services has been working to change the paradigm of students, faculty, and staff from driving to campus to leaving their cars at home and taking alternative transportation. Since initiating the partnership with the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) 20 years ago, transit ridership has increased from 1,200 to more than 15,000 per day. “This is a great improvement,” said Allred, “but to reduce pollution and better manage parking demand, we still need more people to take transit instead of cars.”

In addition, Commuter Services is making a slow but steady transition of its shuttle fleet to all natural gas vehicles. In order to complete the transition of the entire fleet, the University will need to house an on-campus refueling station because the natural gas powered shuttles take all night to refuel. This past summer, the University did some testing with hydrogen fuel. A device was placed on two shuttle buses to increase the efficiency and lessen the emissions of the vehicles. The data on these vehicles will be studied, and the results will determine whether Commuter Services will purchase more of these hydrogen devices for its fleet. Commuter Services also produced an ad campaign with t-shirts and bus signs that showed pop culture icons like Chuck Norris and Mr. T. and catchy phrases to encourage transit. These proved to be very popular around campus. The U’s Commuter Services continues to work with UTA to help provide a variety of transit options for the U community.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We’re updating our Community Forum email list and have discovered that we have many email addresses, but very few names to go along with them. It would help us a great deal in our communications with you if you would confirm your name and email address with us. Just send an email with your name to pjiucomm.utah.edu and we’ll update our records. Thank you for helping us better serve you!