



TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

REGULAR CALENDAR ITEM: II.

MEETING DATE: July 28, 2022

SUBJECT: University of Tennessee, Martin Campus Master Plan

ITEM TYPE: Action

ACTION RECOMMENDATION: Approval

BACKGROUND

Campus master plans are an essential element of higher education public policy. Master plans provide an opportunity for long-range planning that incorporates the institution's needs and ambitions, while also providing the public and state government a sense for how the institution might evolve over time. Whether the acquisition of strategic property, the need for and efficient use of facilities, or an analysis of how the campus footprint meshes with the surrounding community, master plans provide a method of anticipating and preparing for the future needs of the campus and the students it serves.

THEC requires institutions to produce a master plan every ten years that addresses short-, mid-, and long-term needs of the campus with respect to building and land use, open space, vehicular circulation and parking, and land acquisition opportunities.

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN GOALS

The 2022 Master Plan is based on listening to the needs of campus stakeholders and an analysis of campus space needs and physical site conditions, while focusing on UTM's core values and goals. A major driver of the plan is the further development of a campus where students and staff feel supported and inspired to be their best.

Following the University of Tennessee, Martin's (UTM) Five-Year Strategic Plan for 2018-2023, the Master Plan focused on their core values:

- Academic Program Excellence
- Student Experience and Success
- Inclusion
- Advocacy and Service

The overarching goals of the 2022 Master Plan include the following:

- Define current and future facility needs, including renovations, expansions, and new buildings that enhance the quality of academic programs and support campus community life issues.
- Develop facilities to support UTM's mission of enhancing the educational, cultural, and economic life in the region and serving as a focal point for a range of programs and services.
- Provide an overall impression of quality in all aspects of the campus, allowing UTM to recruit and retain the highest quality students and faculty.

- Provide a variety of options for housing to attract and maintain students while supporting and promoting a sense of community interaction on campus.

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

UTM has a regional impact with enrollment that exceeds 5,100 students on its main campus in Martin, Tennessee, and centers located in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer, and Somerville. Enrollment growth over the ten-year life of the Master Plan is based primarily on strategic enrollment plan initiatives in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences such as veterinary technology, cybersecurity, cell and molecular biology, and mechanical engineering. Since the centers are leased properties, the primary focus of the Master Plan is on the main campus.

Short-term priority projects for the campus include the following:

- Fine Arts Building Addition - This project will provide a Concert Hall for music and other performing arts and events programming. It also includes a Recital Hall that can be used as a classroom or lecture hall and a lobby that can be used prior to functions, a gallery, and a lounge. This type of space is not currently available on-campus and will provide the opportunity for music students to perform in a professional setting while supporting performances for the community.
- Business Administration Building – The existing building is near the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced. It will be demolished and replaced with a new facility that includes learning labs, classrooms, offices, student services and a student success center.
- Beef Cattle Teaching and Demonstration Facility – This new facility will include 5,000 square feet of classroom/lab space and 10,000 square feet of cattle sheds located on 40 acres currently part of the UTM campus.

The campus is organized around a traditional quad area with collegiate character. The Campus Master Plan proposes improvements and additional outdoor spaces of varied scale, character, and function to expand an open space framework for enhanced connectivity and activity. New plazas and courtyard spaces between buildings facilitate activity in the outdoor environment, while the new green space corridor connects the North and South of the campus.

Planning and assessment of Student Life identified several needs including the following:

- dining expansion and additions;
- phased student housing demolitions, replacements, and renovations;
- recreation improvements including a pool addition, outdoor basketball courts, intramural and club sports fields, and indoor turf fields;
- new Student Health and Counseling Center; and
- outdoor amphitheater with seating at the current Grove Apartment site.

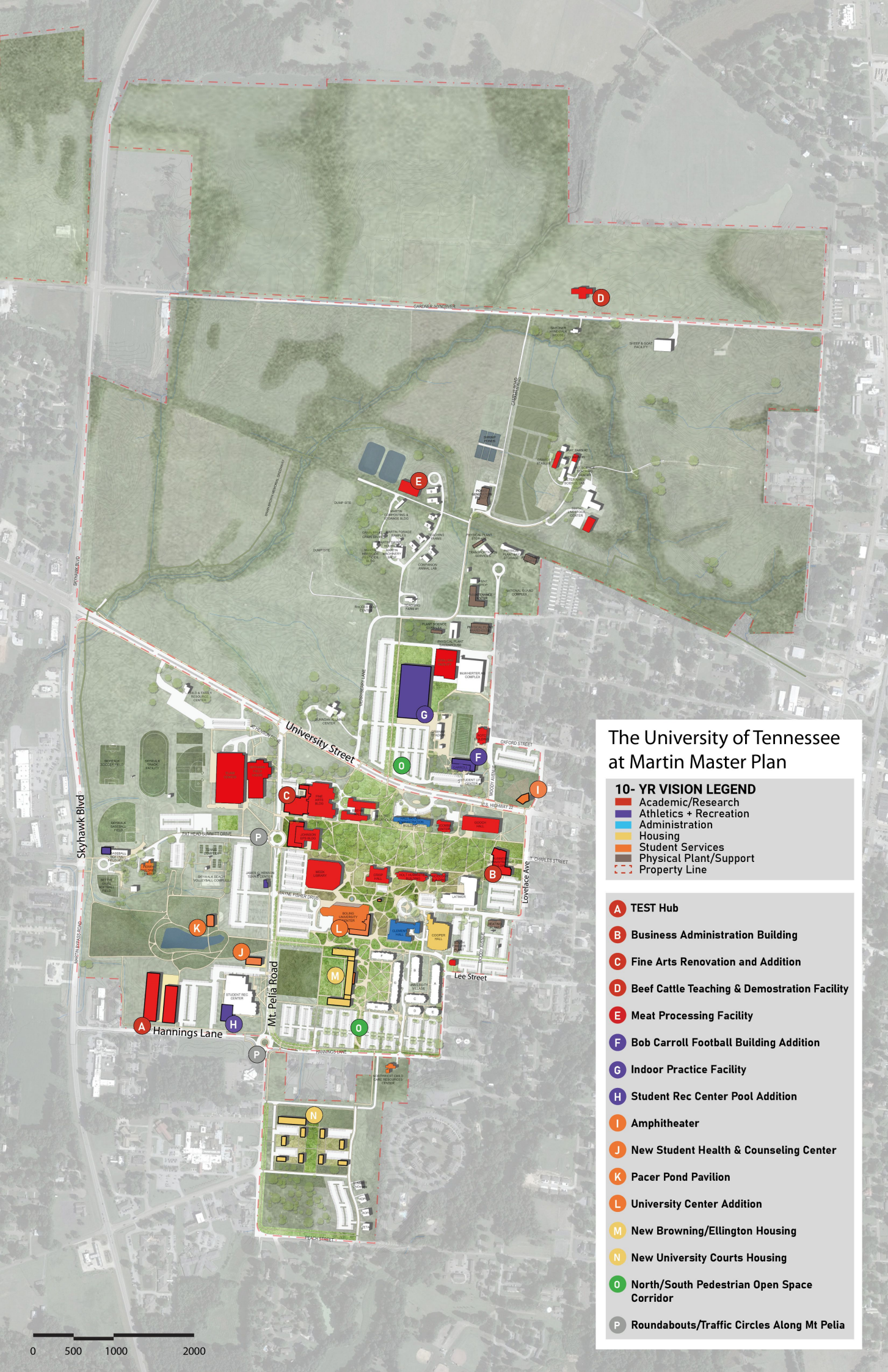
The Master Plan also includes athletic program upgrades including an indoor baseball batting facility and a renovation, an addition to the Bob Carroll Football Building, and a future indoor practice facility for a variety of athletic and recreational sports.

Unlike some urban college campuses, UTM is not land constrained, and there are several strategic land areas that are added to the acquisition plan. Large parcels to the north of campus would support the UTM's

agriculture programs for years to come. Smaller parcels to the south and east would support future building footprints, enhanced campus edges, and strategic locations for new and displaced parking.

RECOMMENDATION

The 2022 Master Plan is a comprehensive 10-year plan, with analysis of space needs, enrollment, site considerations, facility conditions and renewal plans, land acquisition, infrastructure, student life/services, and implementation and capital plan. THEC staff recommends it for approval.



The University of Tennessee at Martin Master Plan

10- YR VISION LEGEND

- Academic/Research
- Athletics + Recreation
- Administration
- Housing
- Student Services
- Physical Plant/Support
- Property Line

- A** TEST Hub
- B** Business Administration Building
- C** Fine Arts Renovation and Addition
- D** Beef Cattle Teaching & Demostration Facility
- E** Meat Processing Facility
- F** Bob Carroll Football Building Addition
- G** Indoor Practice Facility
- H** Student Rec Center Pool Addition
- I** Amphitheater
- J** New Student Health & Counseling Center
- K** Pacer Pond Pavilion
- L** University Center Addition
- M** New Browning/Ellington Housing
- N** New University Courts Housing
- O** North/South Pedestrian Open Space Corridor
- P** Roundabouts/Traffic Circles Along Mt Pelia

10-YEAR VISION PLAN

- LEGEND**
- Academic/Research
 - Athletics + Recreation
 - Housing
 - Student Services
 - Brian Brown Greenway

