



TOPIC: University of Maryland, Baltimore: Facilities Master Plan Update

COMMITTEE: Finance

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: June 14, 2011 (presentation and information)
September 1, 2011 (action)

SUMMARY: University of Maryland, Baltimore requests Board of Regents approval of this update to its 2002 Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

The University of Maryland, Baltimore is located in Baltimore City along the western edge of the downtown. The university is the state's academic health and law center with more than 6,300 students, most of whom are graduate and/or first professional students. The university awards more than 61 percent of all professional practice degrees in Maryland in dentistry, law, medicine and pharmacy. In FY 2010, the campus was awarded \$567.1 million in research grants and contracts. The campus is comprised of 61 acres with 65 buildings having almost 6 million gross square feet (GSF) of space. As per the FY 2009 SGAP report, the university has an existing space deficit of almost 1.6 million net assignable square feet or about 2.6 million GSF, most of which is attributable to the shortage of research laboratories and offices.

The university has used the 2002 FMP to guide its development. Several recommendations included in the approved plan have been implemented including: Nathan Patz Law Center and School of Social Work's Hilda Katz Blaustein Research Center, Health Sciences Facility II, Pine Street Annex Conversion, Saratoga Building and Garage, University Suites, Dental School Building, Lexington Building, Southern Management Corporation Campus Center, Addition to Pharmacy Hall, BioPark Building 1, BioPark Building 2, and BioPark Garage. Additionally, the university has acquired several properties included in its acquisition zone.

The FMP Update builds upon the 2002 plan and is based on the university's mission and Strategic Plan. The plan update is based on a conviction that the physical environment must be equal to the excellence of the university's academic, research and service programs. Key features of the Plan Update include: a set of new construction and renovation projects necessary for the schools to fulfill their missions, especially additional research space to enable the research enterprise to grow as proposed in the USM strategic plan; creation of a vibrant campus community through enhanced, consistent design guidelines that make recommendations for improvements to the public streets running through the campus, extension of the open space and landscaping network, transformation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard into a green corridor, creation of gateways at campus entry points and redevelopment of Plaza Park; commitment to sustainable practices; greater inter-professional activities; commitment to addressing the backlog of facilities renewal and deferred maintenance; consideration of the University of Maryland Medical Center facility needs and plans; and, recognition of the university's role in revitalizing neighborhoods surrounding the campus. The Plan Update, like the 2002 FMP, is opportunity based. Planned projects are assigned to multiple locations across campus rather than one site to allow for flexibility and responsiveness to conditions that exist at the time of project development.

The Plan Update builds upon the university's commitment to evolve into a more sustainable campus. Through its companion document, the UMB Design Guidelines, all aspects of the built environment have sustainability recommendations and requirements, including incorporation of LEED standards for new and major renovation projects, "greening" of the campus and continual improvements to energy efficiency.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The FMP Update documents UMB's long term planning objectives and is consistent with the university's mission, strategic plan and the current enrollment growth projections.

FISCAL IMPACT: The FMP Update will present a challenge to the capital and operating budgets to implement. Approval of the Plan Update does not imply approval of capital projects or funding. These items will be reviewed through the normal procedures of the capital and operating budget processes.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance Committee recommend that the Board of Regents approve the University of Maryland, Baltimore University Facilities Master Plan Update and materials as presented in June. Approval of the Plan does not imply approval of capital projects or funding. These items will be reviewed through the normal procedures of the capital and operating budget processes.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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