

TOPIC: University of Maryland, Baltimore: 2016 Facilities Master Plan

COMMITTEE: Finance

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: March 30, 2017 (presentation and Information)

SUMMARY: The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) requests Board of Regents approval of the 2016 Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

Founded in 1807, UMB is a seventy-one acre, 4.4 million gross square foot urban research university located in the western section of downtown Baltimore. The Schools of Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work and a Graduate School confer the majority of health care, human services and law professional degrees in Maryland each year.

The University has followed its 2010 FMP. Since the Plan's approval in 2011, the University has:

- completed the Addition to Pharmacy Hall;
- started construction of the 429,000 GSF Health Sciences Research Facility III;
- undertaken numerous deferred maintenance/facilities renewal projects to keep buildings relevant and useful;
- extended the UMB streetscaping (plantings, sidewalks, wayfinding signage, building identification signs) to enhance the campus environment and support the University's identity in downtown Baltimore;
- converted the Pine Street Annex for use by the Office of Public Safety;
- renovated or converted spaces in the School of Social Work building, Bressler Research Building, Medical School Teaching Facility, Pharmacy Hall, Health Sciences and Human Services Library, and the School of Nursing Building;
- upgraded every campus parking garage;
- installed numerous bike racks across campus and installed a bike share station on campus;
- completed ADA improvements; and,
- started a multi-phase upgrade of the electrical infrastructure serving UMB.

Further, UMB has assumed a prominent role as an anchor institution in Baltimore City by opening the Community Engagement Center in West Baltimore and working with the Mayor of Baltimore City to bring about the revitalization of the section of the City that extends along the north and east of the campus including the Lexington Market. Working with its partner institution, the University of Maryland Medical Center, the demolition of the former Walter P. Carter Center is underway and once completed, will add more than 300 parking spaces and improve campus safety and appearance.

The 2016 FMP establishes a framework for future development that aligns with and supports the UMB Strategic Plan and mission. It builds upon principals documented in previous facilities master planning efforts. It is the culmination of many ideas generated through a rigorous planning process that involved

a diverse range of stakeholders, both on campus and the broader community. The Plan is intended to be a framework for the development of the campus over the next ten years and beyond. It grows from a comprehensive and inclusive analysis of the existing campus and its ability to support the University's mission and strategic plan. The Plan expresses a vision that encourages innovation and collaboration while responding to the increased needs of UMB's educational, research and service missions through renovation, redevelopment, and new construction of facilities. It seeks to create a vibrant, urban environment that attracts the best students, faculty and staff and supports the University's ongoing role as an anchor for the community and leader in sustainable practices. Finally, the Plan underscores the need for significant investment in the existing physical plant to ensure that it continues to support the University's record of excellence.

The 2016 FMP identifies current and projected physical space needs for the University and provides a general strategy and recommendations for future development of the campus. The recommendations suggest building footprints, program locations, landscape and open space networks, circulation, transportation, parking and service access, utilities and development phasing.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The 2016 FMP documents UMB's institutional long term planning objectives and is consistent with the 2010 FMP Update, University's mission, strategic plan, academic plan and current enrollment growth projections. There are no alternatives for implementation.

FISCAL IMPACT: The FMP will present challenges to the capital and operating budgets to fully implement. Approval of the FMP 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 consider the University of Maryland, Baltimore Facilities Master Plan and materials as presented today for formal action at the Committee's next meeting; subsequently recommending approval to the full Board of Regents, in accordance with the Board's two-step approval process. 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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