

TOPIC: University of Maryland, College Park: 2017 - 2030 Facilities Master Plan Update

COMMITTEE: Finance

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: November 16, 2017 (presentation and information)
January 25, 2018 (action)

SUMMARY: The University of Maryland, College Park (UMD) requests Board of Regents' approval of the 2017 - 2030 Facilities Master Plan (FMP) Update.

UMD, the flagship institution of the University System of Maryland, consists of approximately 14.1 million gross square feet (GSF) in 254 buildings on 1,340 acres. With the inclusion of off-campus facilities, including leased properties, the building inventory totals approximately 15.3 million GSF in 442 buildings on 5,210 acres.

This Plan Update continues the 2011 - 2030 FMP goals and is built on four strategic priorities: excellence, connectivity, stewardship and sustainability. The commitment to excellence is the basis for planning at the university over the past two decades and remains the impetus behind the current document. Connectivity is a priority within the campus—between districts and communities, with the regional ecology, and to surrounding neighborhoods. An important commitment of this Plan is stewardship, the valuing and nourishment of the architectural, cultural, and environmental heritage that have determined the special character and sense of place of the university. Leadership in sustainability is a campus-wide goal and a significant component of every section of the Plan.

Since approval of the 2011 - 2030 FMP, 57 percent of the planned projects have been implemented. A total of 1,796,199 GSF have been added and include: Oakland Hall, Physical Sciences Complex Phase I, Prince Frederick Hall, Edward St. John Learning and Teaching Center, A. James Clark Hall, and The Hotel at the University of Maryland and Garage.

The Greater College Park initiative, which is new to this Plan, is transforming the Baltimore Avenue corridor and surrounding area into a major development zone for the region. In cooperation with local, county and state officials, UMD has made significant advances in the revitalization of the College Park community with respect to public safety, public education and transportation. The university continues working with partners to create the modern land-grant institution. Research and industry, public and private enterprise are working in close collaboration to form an academic and economic engine for our region and our nation.

The University of Maryland Discovery District is the heart of this new regional ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship, with dynamic new academic spaces, new amenities, and public-private partnerships. Encompassing over 150 acres that stretch from Baltimore Avenue to the research-rich community at the College Park metro and along River Road, the Discovery District will be the epicenter of academic, research and economic achievement. The Discovery District sits at the intersection of the Green and Purple Lines, making it a key gateway to the state's flagship university.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The 2017 FMP Update captures the vision and the strategic priorities and incorporates the physical planning principles that are intended to guide facilities development and campus placemaking at the University of Maryland. 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 recommend approval of the University of Maryland, College Park 2017 - 2030 Facilities Master Plan Update, as presented at November's Committee meeting, 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: RECOMMEND APPROVAL

DATE: 1/25/18

BOARD ACTION:

DATE:

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