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ANNUAL MASTER PLAN UPDATE
FOR
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-DOWNTOWN**

November 16, 2023

Current Master Plan Goals

The updated Campus Master Plan serves as a tool to align the development of the university's physical campus and facilities with its mission to advance the goals of the strategic plan, "*A New Paradigm*".

- ✓ Clear sense of identity and improve visibility.
- ✓ Attractive and functional spaces that enhance the student experience.
- ✓ Flexible learning spaces that promote academic excellence.
- ✓ Increase multimodal access to and through the campus.
- ✓ Integrate the campus with downtown Houston.

Future Initiatives

- *The Gator Expansion Project:*
4th Floor Addition to the Girard Street Building.
One Main Building renovation.
- *Wayfinding Project (Phase II)*
One Main Building Roof Top Signage



One Main Building

Building Updates:

- ✓ Student Wellness & Success Center opened Spring 2023.
- ✓ Final phase of waterproofing, painting and repairing the exterior of the historic One Main Building.
- ✓ Major progress on the One Main Building elevator modernization project.
- ✓ Continue to address planned/deferred maintenance as per the Life Cycle Index.

Land Purchases /Real Estate Update:

- ✓ UHD/UHS remain engaged in discussion with TXDoT regarding the UHS land required for the highway improvement project.
- ✓ UHD/UHS are in discussions with the City of Houston and Harris County regarding UHS land required for the North Canal project.
- ✓ UHD/UHS continues to assess and evaluate available property adjacent to the campus with the intention of acquiring.
- ✓ UHD is actively exploring land development options for UHD/UHS underutilized land to improve parking and resolve other space issues.

Plan Scenarios for Campus Improvements & Expansion:

- **Two plan scenarios were required to address the uncertain time horizon of the Highway Improvement Project and the North Canal Project.**
- **The plans design drivers were based on analysis of future space needs and stakeholders interview takeaways:**
 - ✓ **Establish defined and recognized campus borders.**
 - ✓ **Create spaces that foster a strong sense of community and pride.**
 - ✓ **Simplify the campus circulation and improve wayfinding.**
 - ✓ **“Gator Green”, an active green space along the banks of the bayous to tie the campus together.**
 - ✓ **Recreational spaces and fields to support student life & wellness.**
 - ✓ **Improve student parking.**
 - ✓ **Student housing to create a rich student life experience and a strong sense of community.**

Plan 1: Existing Landscape

No major construction on the Highway Improvement Project and the North Canal Project.

- **Continue campus expansion into the near northside neighborhood.**
- **Developed underutilized university owned property.**
 - **Washington Street Parking Lot**
 - **Vacant Student Life Center (former recreation center)**
 - **Wood Street Parking Lot**
 - **Daly Street Parking Lot**
- **Acquisition or development partnership with adjacent property owners.**
- **Continue partnering with the Downtown District and Buffalo Bayou Partnership to create welcoming green gathering spaces.**

PLAN 1

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Existing

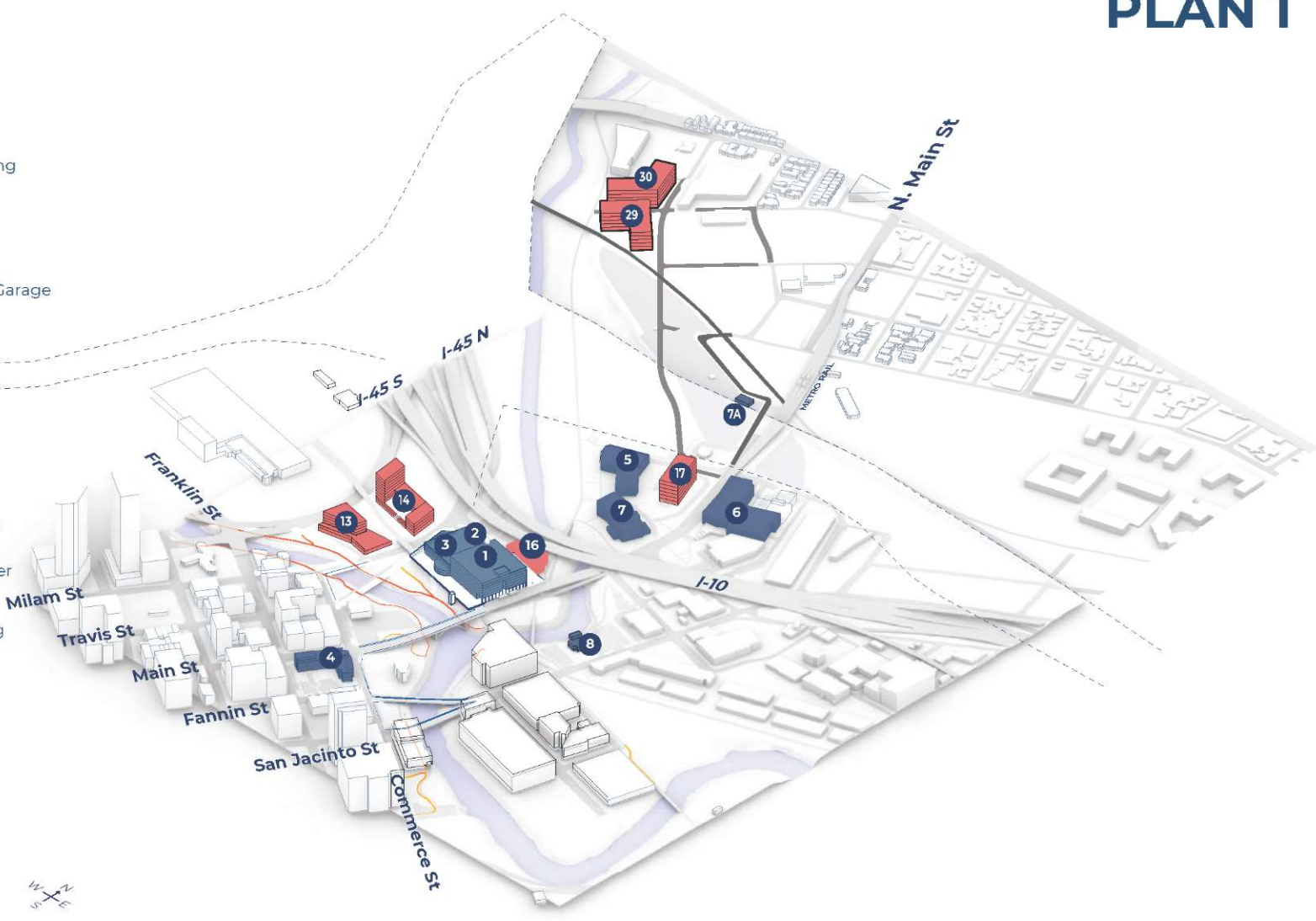
- 1 One Main Building
- 2 Girard Street Building
- 3 Academic & Student Service Building
- 4 Commerce Street Building
- 5 Wellness & Success Building
- 6 Shea Street Building & Vine Street Garage
- 7 Science & Technology Building
- 7A North Utility Plant
- 8 Willow Street Pump Station

New/Partnership

- 13 Performing Arts Building & Parking
- 14 Student Union & Convocation Center
- 16 Former Student Life Center to Student Parking & Student Housing
- 17 Innovation & Entrepreneur Center
- 29 Academic
- 30 Academic

Legend

- Existing Building
- New Building - Plan 1



Plan 2: Cohesive Campus

- ***The Highway Improvement Project and the North Canal Project moves forward.***
- **Campus expansion east into the Warehouse District.**
- **Acquire TXDoT surplus land to connect the south and north campus and provide green gathering spaces.**
- **Develop underutilized university owned property.**
 - **Washington Street Parking Lot**
 - **Vacant Student Life Center (former recreation center)**
 - **Wood Street Parking Lot**
 - **Daly Street Parking Lot**
- **Acquisition or development partnership with adjacent property owners.**

PLAN 2

PLAN 2

Existing

- 1 One Main Building
- 2 Girard Street Building
- 3 Academic & Student Service Building
- 4 Commerce Street Building
- 5 Wellness & Success Building
- 6 Shea Street Building
- 7 Science & Technology Building
- 7A North Utility Plant
- 8 Willow Street Pump Station
- 16 Student Life Center

New / Partnership

- 9 Student Union
- 10 Innovation & Entrepreneur Center
- 11 Academic
- 18 Academic
- 19 Academic
- 20 Academic
- 21 Performing Arts Building
- 22 Parking
- 23 Student Housing
- 24 Academic
- 25 Parking
- 26 Student Housing
- 27 Convocation Center

Legend

- Existing Building
- New Building

