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Neighborhood Summary Update #4  
March 25, 2011

Updates, Actions, Key Dates

1. Traffic Calming
USF traffic consultants are scheduled to meet with representatives from UTA in a working session on Thursday March 31 to provide the neighborhood with an opportunity to gain an in depth understanding of the Traffic Calming Study.

The results of the study and proposed traffic calming alternatives can be found online at: http://www.fehrandpeers.com/usf-traffic-calming-in-university-terrace-neighborhood/.

2. Construction Updates
Cahill Construction has taken possession of the UC parking lot and are in the converting it to part of their construction zone and headquarters. A 12 foot fence, which will serve as an acoustic barrier, is currently being constructed.

Two trailers, serving as construction offices, have been installed on the deck of the University Center.

3. USF Public Safety and SF Police
USF has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the San Francisco Police Department that governs the roles and responsibilities of USF Public Safety, in particular their police powers off campus.

The MOU, for example, specifically restricts USF Public Safety officers from intervening with individuals, whether students or not, who might be disturbing the peace or breaking the law in the UT neighborhood.

While USF is working to address student behavior concerns through its joint committee with UTA, the University is also in the process of renegotiating the MOU. USF is seeking broader powers for its public safety officers that would allow them to respond to neighbor’s calls in UT. The draft agreement has been under review by the City Attorney, who will have final determination on whether to accept the University’s proposed changes.

Until and unless that MOU is changed, if you witness any unlawful activity in your neighborhood please call the San Francisco Police. USF Public Safety is not currently empowered to act, even if the offense appears to involve USF students.

4. IMP – Process, Status, & Next Steps

In an effort to clarify for the neighbors the IMP process, following are some notes that describe that process to date. Developing the process itself in a work in progress as we
work to improve communication among all constituencies. This summary is not meant to be comprehensive and more information will follow as the process continues.

Background
The University is developing its Institutional Master Plan (IMP) in accordance with the requirements of the City and County of San Francisco and under additional requirements set forth in the University’s Settlement Agreement with the University Terrace Association. The Settlement Agreement stipulates the IMP is due to the City on June 30, 2012.

Stakeholders, roles and responsibilities
The University has retained Sasaki and Associates to develop the IMP. Additional consultants have been retained to analyze specific issues that would impact the plan such as transportation demands, environmental impacts, and energy sustainability strategies (Fehr & Peers, PBS&J, Affiliated Engineers Inc., respectively). Liz Miles was hired by the University in September 2010 to manage the planning process on campus and to serve liaison to the UTA during the process.

The City and County of San Francisco require the University to submit an IMP to the Planning Commission. The content of the plan must address a variety of specified issues such as a description of the physical plant, traffic circulation patterns, plans for physical development, anticipated impacts and mitigations to lessen adverse impacts.

The Board of Trustees of the University of San Francisco is authorized to approve the Institutional Master Plan.

The President of the University is authorized to approve the Plan for submission to the Board of Trustees.

In September 2010, the President established the IMP Working Committee, to be chaired by the University Provost. The Working Committee is charged with guiding the IMP planning process by providing assumptions around the plan parameters such as anticipated academic program changes; enrollment strategy; location of, programs for and enrollment at remote and alternative venues; goals for student life and housing; and influences of the USF brand strategy on the IMP.

The Working Committee reports periodically to the President and his Cabinet on the assumptions, positions, and analyses arising from the process. The Cabinet in turn provides feedback and/or endorsement.
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The USF UTA Settlement Agreement sets forth a series of meetings between USF and UTA to provide updates and status reports on the IMP process and the Traffic Calming Study. It also stipulates that meetings are held to address specific issues relating to noise, athletic field lights, student behavior, the UC Loading dock, construction issues and the Harney Science Building. The progress and results of the traffic study, in particular, have run parallel with the development of the IMP. Discussions on the other topics are incorporated into the periodic meetings between USF and UTA representatives.

At those junctures where the campus IMP Working Committee established assumptions and/or positions for the plan and received the approval of the President’s Cabinet, USF staff and Sasaki met with representatives of UTA to inform them of that progress and to seek their input.

A summary of key findings that have resulted from that dialogue follow, farther below. The process of developing the plan, however, is still underway. A draft IMP plan is not in place. Assumptions and test scenarios are still being examined.

Meetings
USF, Sasaki and the representatives from UTA have met to review the IMP on the following dates. At those meetings, Sasaki presented the status and results of the planning to date. For example, a scenario analysis was developed to test the assumptions and parameters of the program scenario analysis testing enrollment and programmatic assumptions against five factors (Mission, Academic Quality, Student Experience, Neighborhood Impacts, and Financial Health). USF’s market position, its mission, the strength and position of its academic programs, financial challenges, its goals for developing student life, and trends in higher education were also reviewed and incorporated in the presentations.

Key findings to date:
• Key to the discussions and in the ultimate plan is to articulate how the neighborhood impact will be reduced?
• The University recognizes that enrollment growth at the historic rate on the Hilltop Campus is not sustainable
• The plan is investigating a distributed campus model

Key Meetings to date
September 30 UTA reps, Fehr & Peers, Sasaki, USF Walk UT to ID traffic Issues
October 29 UTA reps, MTA, Fehr & Peers Traffic calming w SFMTA
November 9 UTA representatives, Chas Salter Assoc Review Sound Study findings
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November 10  UTA representatives, Fehr & Peers          Traffic Calming review
November 15  UTA Community meeting                      Traffic Calming, IMP update,
Construction Update
November 18  UTA Board & Sasaki, USF                    IMP update
December 14  UTA representatives, Provost Turpin        IMP process, issues
             Discuss IMP
January     USF Working Comm, Cabinet - vrs campus mtgs
             reviewing traffic, IMP,
             Cahill logistics
February 2  UTA reps. Fehr & Peers, Cahill              Traffic Alternatives, CSI
             logistics
February 8  UTA reps & Sasaki                           IMP update
February 28 UTA Community Meeting                       Traffic Calming, Cahill
             Logistics
March 8     UTA reps, Chas Salter                       Review sound mitigations
March 17    UTA reps, Sasaki                             IMP update
March 24    UTA reps, Sasaki, Fehr & Peers               IMP, Traffic – update, process

Next Steps:
The UTA representatives and USF will continue to meet to vet the elements of the plan
and the process (April 20, May 19)

A formal draft of the IMP is scheduled for UT community review on May 5, 2011.

5. USF Neighbor Website
Glenn Loomis has expanded the USF neighbor website. Please refer to the link below.
It remains a work in progress and we welcome your input.

http://www.usfneighbor.com/

Key Dates:
March 31, 2011  UTA/Fehr & Peers – Traffic Work Session
April 12, 2011  UTA Annual Meeting
April 20, 2011  UTA/USF Master Plan working Meeting
May, 5 6:30-8:30 UTA and neighborhood groups- IMP Presentation
May 19, 2011   UTA/USF Master Plan working meeting
May 23, 2011   Construction of CSI begins