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The goal of this study is to further develop planning for the east campus athletic complex as a whole, and to study potential improvements to Husky Stadium, Graves Annex, pedestrian and vehicular circulation, landscape and hardscape, signage and lighting. The final draft of the ICA Facilities Study has been completed.

Scope of the Project:

Specific study objectives for the athletic complex site are:

- Identify additional projects, and coordinate with potential soccer and baseball projects.
- Improve the project site to be consistent with the recommendations of the Architectural Commission, Campus Landscape Advisory Commission and Campus Master Plan - creating a pedestrian oriented “athletic village”, defining open spaces with plantings, and reinforcing the Walla Walla Road spine.
- Create a unified, long term vision that can be implemented over time as funding becomes available, and that will match the quality of the open spaces and landscaping in the athletic complex to the quality found on the central campus.
- Create appropriate signage and displays depicting Husky athletic tradition and fostering pride and school spirit.
- Quickly develop site planning in the area of the new Sound Transit station ensuring the best possible coordination with, and direction to, that project.

Specific study objectives for the Husky Stadium are:

- Identify any existing building deficiencies and propose options to remedy areas of deferred renewal.
- Identify options for improvements, new or renovated press boxes, additional and/or reconfigured seating, concourse, restrooms, concessions and other spectator amenities.
- Determine the best long term location for the track and if that is elsewhere, determine if the football field can and should be lowered to improve sightlines and provide additional seating.
- Develop scope, cost estimates and schedules for potential projects, including determining any needs for phasing.

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- Identify new uses, both athletic and non-athletic, which could be located at Husky Stadium to make it a year round facility.

Previous Action

At the March 2005 Regents meeting the President was delegated authority to award a design contract for the ICA Facilities Study to the architectural firm of HOK Sport + Venue + Event. The development of the study was reviewed by the Architectural Commission in December 2005 and September 2006. The Architectural Commission responded very favorably to the quality and breadth of the study. They felt that the study addressed the overall planning issues associated with further development of ICA facilities, was consistent with the University's Master Plan, and would provide a good guide for future construction.