CAMPUS MASTER PLAN FAQ

Why do we need a campus master plan?

Every ten years, the University plans for future growth and anticipates the physical needs of the campus for the next 10-20 years. Since the last plan was drafted in 2003, the University's impact on the region has grown and changed significantly. In 2010 alone, the UW's economic impact on Washington State was $9.1 Billion. With continued rapid growth in the Puget Sound region, along with changing educational and funding landscapes, it is critical that we prepare for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Planning process

Developing a new master plan is a complex, phased process that involves extensive research, input from internal and external stakeholders, and the surrounding communities. The new plan must be flexible and also focused on the University's goals and principles. During the last phase of the project, the plan will be submitted for final approval by the Seattle City Council and the Board of Regents.

Goals and Principles

- Accommodate anticipated growth to support academic, research and service missions
- Be good stewards of historic, natural, and cultural resources
- Embrace the UW identity as an urban institution
- Foster a culture of collaboration, innovation, and industry partnership
- Promote a safe, walkable, bikable, and accessible public realm
- Create a strong connection to the waterfront
- Create a welcoming environment that seamlessly integrates with the surrounding community
- Promote the integration of sustainability strategies at all levels
- Support multi-modal transportation options
When will the updated plan be completed?

The Campus Master Plan project begins in late 2015, and is estimated to be complete in the spring of 2018. The University will hold public open houses and meetings during each phase, and encourages the community to actively participate in the process.

Estimated timetable

- Kickoff of Campus Master Plan and EIS Scoping – October 14 & 15, 2015
- Draft Plan and Draft EIS Published – Spring 2016
- Final Plan and Final EIS published – Fall 2016/Winter 2017

How can I get involved?

We need the public’s participation to help us make this planning effort a success. Visit our website to learn more about the plan. Sign up for our newsletter to receive updates on public meetings and open houses, and send us your comments via our online comment form, email, or by phone at 206.543.1271.