

**Agenda Item:** I.E.

**DATE:** July 28, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Presentation of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville Master Plan Update

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Approval

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The University of Tennessee at Knoxville (UTK) Master Plan Update will be presented to the Commission by Nell Campbell of Bullock, Smith & Partners. The plan provides a comprehensive guide for the future growth and development of the UTK and Institute of Agriculture (UTIA) campuses with short, medium and long range visions focusing on development areas for classroom and lab space, an improved pedestrian environment and transit system, and land acquisition.

The Master Plan Update provides a 50-year vision for both the UTK and UTIA campuses. The plan seeks to optimize current land space while encouraging the preservation of historic and cultural resources. New academic and class lab buildings, as well as renovations and expansions of existing buildings will help the campuses meet growing space needs. In total, over two million gross square feet will be renovated and nearly five million gross square feet will be added to the campuses.

The Master Plan Update envisions multiple transportation projects that will shift automobile traffic and parking to the perimeter of the UTK campus. The closures of portions of Volunteer Boulevard East and Andy Holt Avenue as well as the downsizing of Volunteer Boulevard will help create a more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly campus. Most on-street parking will be eliminated and replaced with green space or bicycle lanes.

Further details will be included in the presentation. The UTK Campus Master Plan Update has been thoroughly reviewed and THEC staff recommends it for approval.