

AMERICAN UNIVERISTY
2011 Campus Plan
Summary of 2000 Campus Plan Issues

Population-The planned number of students and employees was a concern. Specific concerns were expressed about the adequacy of university parking and capacity of nearby streets to meet the needs of people driving to the university. The university did not plan population increases beyond those anticipated in the previous (1989) Campus Plan.

Off-Campus Facilities-Questions arose about why university facilities in non-residential zones were not covered by the Plan. Zoning regulations only contemplated residentially zoned property for inclusion in Campus Plans. Commercially zoned property is anticipated to accommodate more intensive activity levels, so additional zoning permissions are not required.

Need for Facilities-The need for the additional planned facilities was questioned. The university provided information about the competitive nature of higher education and the need to provide facilities that meet contemporary student expectations.

Landscaping-Requests were received for improved landscaping were received, specifically for the gates, south and east perimeters and the Nebraska Avenue Parking Lot. The university makes landscaping improvements on an ongoing basis.

Total Proposed Area-Some concern was expressed about the total building area proposed. The university provided information that showed that the proposed area was consistent with the density of residences and agreed to limit total growth.

Project Specific Issues-Specific building proposals caused concerns about height, views of/from the buildings, the adequacy of setbacks, potential noise, and adequacy of specific parking facilities. Each of these factors was addressed in specific building proposals.

Western Perimeter Noise-Concerns were expressed about university activities (athletic contests, special events, traffic) causing noise at the western perimeter of the campus.

Traffic-The heavy volume of commuter traffic and the impact of the university's planned changes on traffic flow was a concern. The university's new facilities' were planned to minimize impact on traffic. Continued support of public transportation was intended to reduce the volume of university-related traffic.

Parking-The need to keep parking demand and supply in balance was expressed. The university's plans included maintenance of a demand/supply balance.

Rerouting of Main Campus Road-The plan to reroute the main campus roadway toward the west to reduce pedestrian/vehicle conflicts caused concern about noise, lights and views. Landscape screening was included in the plan.

Parking on Residential Streets-Concern was expressed about university-related parking on residential streets. The university required all students, faculty and staff to park on campus and implemented an enforcement program.