

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents  
**From:** Board Office  
**Subject:** Proposed Multimodal Facility  
**Date:** March 12, 2001

**Recommended Action:**

Receive the report on the proposed multimodal facility at the University of Northern Iowa.

**Executive Summary:**

The University of Northern Iowa, the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MET) and the City of Cedar Falls are partnering to develop a major multimodal parking/transit facility, which would be located on University property. The facility is intended, in part, to alleviate parking congestion at the University and on City of Cedar Falls streets. The proposed facility is also intended to be a link in the Waterloo Downtown Redevelopment Plan and its Riverfront Renaissance Project. The initial cost estimate for the facility is approximately \$14.5 million in federal assistance with an 80-20 federal / local cost share. (If the project were to receive \$14.5 million in federal assistance, the local share would be approximately \$3.6 million.) University officials will provide an oral report on the proposed project at the March Board meeting.

**Background and Analysis:**

Previous studies commissioned by the University of Northern Iowa and the City of Cedar Falls have evaluated a parking facility and other means to mitigate parking congestion in the areas surrounding campus. The University's Campus Master Plan Report, presented to the Board of Regents in May 2000, mentioned a long-range parking plan and indicated that a parking ramp feasibility study had recently (since 1995) been completed. The proposed multimodal facility has not previously been included on the University's Five-Year All-Funds Capital Plan, but the University reports that the project will be included in future plans (next plan to be presented in July 2001).

In December 2000, the MET received a federal line item FY 2001 appropriation of \$537,000 to begin the planning process for the multimodal facility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and automobiles, with a transit component. According to the University, the project is now in the queue to receive federal funds for construction although no tentative timetable has yet been developed.

The request for proposals for a feasibility study for this project was administered by the MET. Proposals were evaluated by a task force of University, City, and MET personnel, who recommended award of the study to KA Associates, Kansas City, Missouri. The City and the University will share the \$58,225 cost of the feasibility study, with the City paying \$12,000 and the University paying the remainder of the cost from Parking Revenue Funds. A first draft of the study is scheduled to be completed by April 15, 2001, with the final report due June 30, 2001.

The study will evaluate all campus parking issues, with the primary recommendations focusing on how to accommodate best the parking needs of the University and City buffer area. These recommendations will address the parking needs of students, faculty, staff, and non-University visitors and guests; evaluate the options developed by University staff for the location of the facility; and examine access from the proposed facility to all areas of campus.

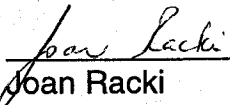
The University has suggested four locations for the proposed facility, which are shown on Attachment A. However, the University reports that KA Associates has been informed that it need not be bound by the suggested locations. The consultant has been asked to offer other suggestions based on the input which will be received from stakeholder and focus groups.

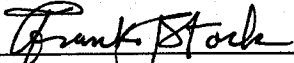
The study will also examine future operations and maintenance and renewal costs associated with the proposed facility, and evaluate the feasibility of incorporating ancillary public and/or University functions into the facility. These ancillaries could include offices for parking operations and public safety, an intercity carrier terminal, daycare facility, convenience store, or bicycle lockers.

The University reports that ownership of the proposed multimodal facility and the need for any written agreements, which would require review by the Attorney General's office, are under investigation. The University states that indications are that it would "own" the facility for its expected life.

The University does not believe that the proposed multimodal facility would impact in any way the proposed South Campus Development, which was presented to the Board in December 2000. The University did, however, note that the transit operation could be beneficial for residents of the proposed Development.

Initial project estimates for the facility are approximately \$14.5 million in federal assistance with an 80-20 federal/local cost share. The University can provide an in-kind match, including the value of the land on which the facility would be sited, as part of the local match. Better cost estimates for the facility will be developed following completion of the feasibility study.

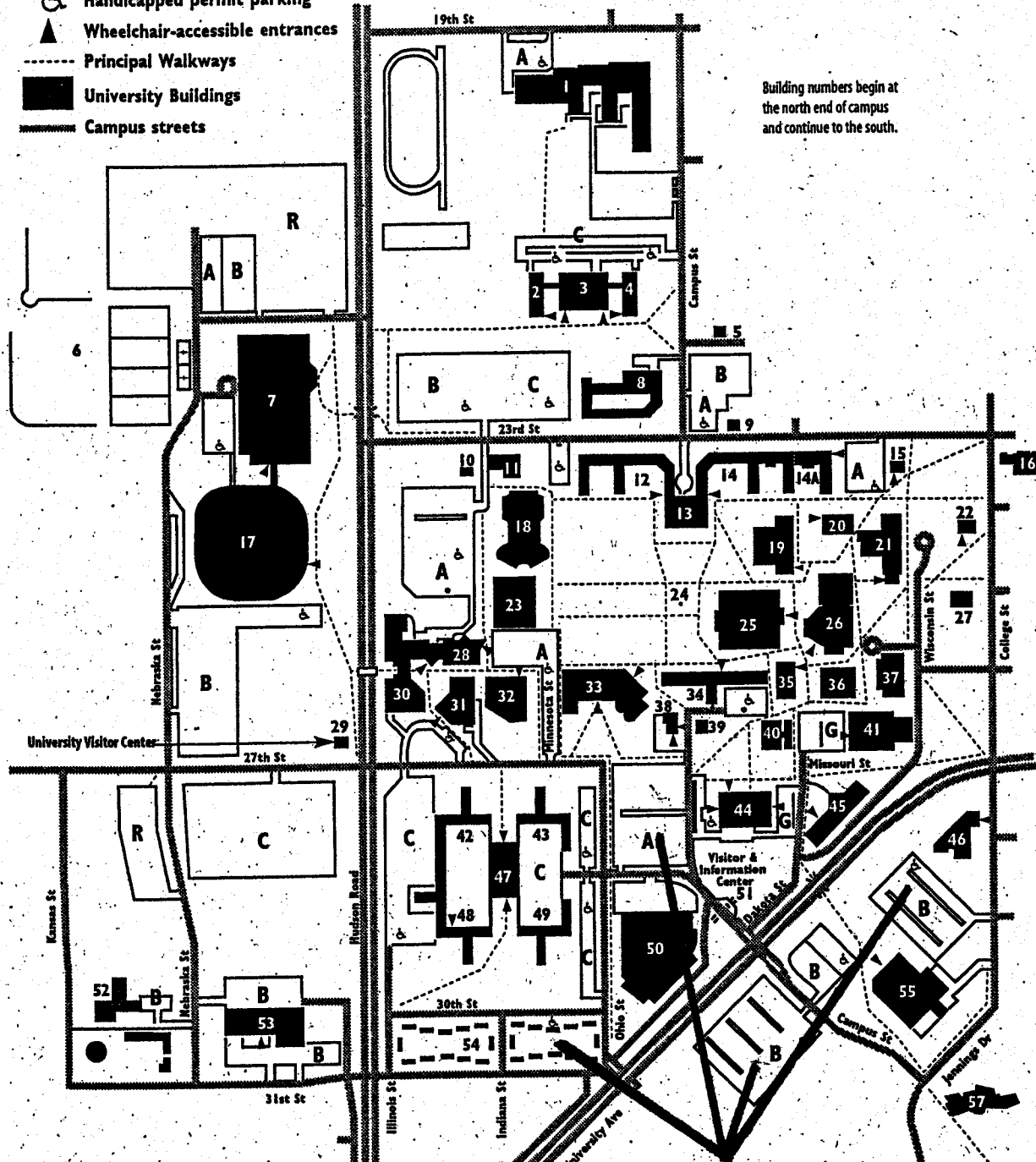
  
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- A, B, C, G, H, R Parking lots
- Metered parking
- Handicapped permit parking
- Wheelchair-accessible entrances
- Principal Walkways
- University Buildings
- Campus streets

Building numbers begin at the north end of campus and continue to the south.



- ### Residence and Dining Areas
- 14 Bartlett Hall
  - 2 Bender Hall
  - 8 Campbell Hall
  - 54 College Courts
  - 13 Commons Dining Center
  - 4 Dancer Hall
  - 42 Hagemann Hall
  - 58 Hillside Courts
  - 59 Jennings Courts
  - 12 Lawther Hall
  - 48 Noehren Hall
  - 47 Redeker Center
  - 61 Residence on the Hill (ROTH)
  - 43 Rider Hall
  - 49 Shull Hall
  - 3 Towers Dining Center
  - 60 University Apartments Office

- ### Academic and Activity Areas
- 6 Athletic Fields
  - 34 Baker Hall
  - 46 Biology Research Complex
  - 5 Camp Adventure™ Headquarters
  - 57 Center for Energy and Environmental Education
  - 28 Communication Arts Center
  - 9 Continuing Education Non-Credit Programs
  - 33 Curris Business Building
  - 19 East Gymnasium and Pool
  - 55 Industrial Technology Center
  - 30 Kamerick Art Building
  - 21 Lang Hall (University Auditorium) (closed for renovation 1998-2000)
  - 45 Latham Hall
  - 41 McCollum Science Hall
  - 20 Physics Building
  - 1 Price Laboratory School
  - 39 Psychology No. 1
  - 25 Rod Library
  - 32 Russell Hall
  - 36 Sabin Hall
  - 18 Schindler Education Center
  - 37 Seerley Hall
  - 31 Strayer-Wood Theatre
  - 7 Wellness/Recreation Center
  - 23 West Gymnasium
  - 35 Wright Hall

Campus Information:  
 (319) 273-2311  
 UNI-Dome Ticket Information:  
 (319) 273-6131  
 Visitor and Information Center:  
 (319) 273-6864

### Proposed Locations

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- 38 Art II
  - 24 Campanile
  - 16 Center for Educational Technology
  - 12 Commons
  - 29 Conferences & Visitor Services/ University Visitor Center
  - 22 Center for Multicultural Education
  - 50 Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center
  - 44 Gilchrist Hall
  - 40 Greenhouse
  - 15 International Services/ Individual Studies
  - 10 Marshall Center School
  - 26 Maucker University Union
  - 56 Museum
  - 53 Physical Plant
  - 52 Power Plant
  - 27 President's Home
  - 14A Student Services Center
  - 17 UNI-Dome
  - 11 University Health Services
  - 51 Visitor & Information Center

