

University Policy 5311: Capital Facilities Community Impact

Category: Facilities, Operations, IT

Subcategory: General Operations

Covered Individuals: Local Community Members

Responsible Executive: Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services

Policy Custodian: Facilities Planning, Design, and Construction, Associate Director of Facilities Planning, Design, and Construction

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5311.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Pursuant to Utah System of Higher Education policy R714, Capital Facilities Community Impact, this policy establishes a process for addressing potential impacts to traffic, parking, municipal utility systems, noise, or health and safety that may adversely affect nearby residents when planning capital facilities projects.

5311.2 POLICY

Notwithstanding institutional exemption from the planning and zoning authority of the local governmental unit in which it is located, Utah State University (University or USU) will address, at an early stage of its capital facilities planning and construction activities, those pertinent factors which would ordinarily be considered in municipal planning and zoning processes.

2.1 Community Impact

When planning and constructing capital facilities, the institution should consider ways, where appropriate, to minimize adverse impacts on adjacent neighborhoods and/or the community in a manner consistent with the attainment of its mission and goals.

2.2 Consultation with Municipalities

The University may consult with City and County authorities about proposed or impending capital facilities construction projects when issues such as traffic patterns and volume, parking, impact on utility systems and other municipal services, noise, or health and safety may affect nearby neighborhoods or the community beyond campus boundaries.

2.3 Public Meetings

The University will arrange public meetings to present the current and proposed campus facilities master plans.

2.4 Board Review of Master Plans

Upon approval by the Board of Trustees, the Utah State University Master Plan and Master Plan for Statewide Campuses (Master Plans) will be forwarded to the Commissioner's Office.

5311.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Facilities Planning, Design, and Construction

- Prepare the University's Master Plans and arrange for public meetings as described in Section 2.3.

3.2 Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services

- Present the Master Plans to the Board of Trustees and forward Master Plans to the Commissioner's Office.

5311.4 REFERENCES

- [Utah Code Section 10-9a-304, State and Federal Property](#)
 - [Utah System of Higher Education Policy R714, Capital Facilities Community Impact](#)
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RESOURCES

Contacts

[Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services](#)

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