

Sul Ross State University Campus Access – Phase I

Latest News

The walkway in front of the Fine Arts is in use and the site for the Big Bend Law Enforcement Memorial is ready for the installation of the statue by the BBLEA. Grading, concrete and rock work are being completed. The project is on schedule for completion in June.

Beams for shade structure at Outdoor Amphitheater/Classroom (4/20/16)



Demolition is well underway and next week (January 25th) the perimeter fencing will be moved back to accommodate the demolition of the areas in front of Lobo I, Lobo II and the Residential Living Office/Community Room. This will eliminate the usage of the sidewalks in these areas and some entrances will have limited access. Stay tuned to watch the progress.

Demolition continues 1/22/16 (Facing the Warnock Science Building from the Residential Living Office)



Site perimeter fencing and pedestrian routes have been established and demolition began January 4, 2016. The projected completion date is on or before May 31, 2016.

Below is a map of the affected area. Please note, through traffic is no longer available from the south to the north side of the campus. Those going to the Museum of the Big Bend, Fine Arts Building, Warnock Science Building, Industrial Technology Building and the Physical Plant must access from Avenue B (Entrance 4). Stay tuned to watch the progress.

extending to the intersection just south of the Physical Plant. At the end of each closure, cul-de-sacs will enable students to load or unload to Lobo 1 and Lobo 2 during the beginning and end of semesters.

The open area between Lobo Village and the Warnock Science Building will feature many student gathering places, an outdoor classroom/amphitheater, improved landscaping, seating areas that will enhance both the living and learning environment for our students.

Portions of the North Promenade are also included to provide designated student route between Lobo Village and the central campus. The North Quadrangle will complete the routes from nodes between, Fine Arts Building and Museum of the Big Bend. Soft materials will be utilized such as decorative pavers, crushed granite and native materials to include shade structures and improved landscaping.



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Architect rendering of student gathering areas and outdoor classroom between the Warnock Science Building and Lobo Village. (View from Fletcher Hall looking north)

Campus Access II – III

A) North Quadrangle & North Promenade Improvements Partial, not completed in Phase I

The North Quadrangle is one of the higher quality existing outdoor spaces on campus. While much of the structure of the quadrangle will remain intact, including the central fountain and tree canopy, wider walks, nodes at walkway intersections and improved quality surfacing should help raise the level of this outdoor space.

New plantings in front of the Francois Fine Arts Building will replace deteriorated old plantings and turf. A new native garden is included in front of the Museum of the Big Bend.



North Quadrangle/Promenade (rendering from 2011 Master Plan)

B) South Quadrangle/South Promenade

The renewed South Quadrangle is conceived as a multi-purpose open space with a traditional perimeter of academic buildings. Surrounded by Lawrence, ACRC, Morelock, Warnock Science, Ferguson, and the

proposed new academic classroom building, the South Quadrangle should become coequal with the North Quadrangle in open space quality, landscape treatment, pedestrian use and connection to the balance of campus.

At the northeast corner of the quad, a major intersection of the South Promenade and the main walkway occurs. This node should be an important landscape space, which serves as a seating space as well as symbolic outdoor meeting room. Landscape plantings emphasize the circular form.

At the southwest corner of the quadrangle, a large outdoor classroom/amphitheater is depicted at the same elevation as the new Visitor Center west of Lawrence Hall, with successive layers terracing up to the quadrangle elevation. This space can serve as a sunny alternative to the shady outdoor classroom located in the North Quadrangle as well as a performance space and an orientation point for prospective students and their families to start campus visits.



South Quadrangle/Promenade (rendering from 2011 Master Plan)

A) Landscape Frontage and Jogging Trail

The landscape frontage presents an opportunity to dramatically reduce the use of water and maintenance resources. This project will modify the perimeter campus lawn, removing considerable irrigated Bermuda grass and replacing it with native grassland and desert shrubs. Where water flows most heavily off the parking lot, stone terraces should be constructed to slow and disperse storm water as it exits the site. This project also includes a campus perimeter exercise trail that would pass through the frontage, allowing students, as well as local residents, to exercise while interacting with and experiencing the new landscape zones. The trail should be extended around the entire campus perimeter, sharing space with multi-use sidewalks where there is not sufficient space for a dedicated exercise trail.



Campus Front (rendering from 2011 Master Plan)

B) Southwest Campus Landscape Improvements

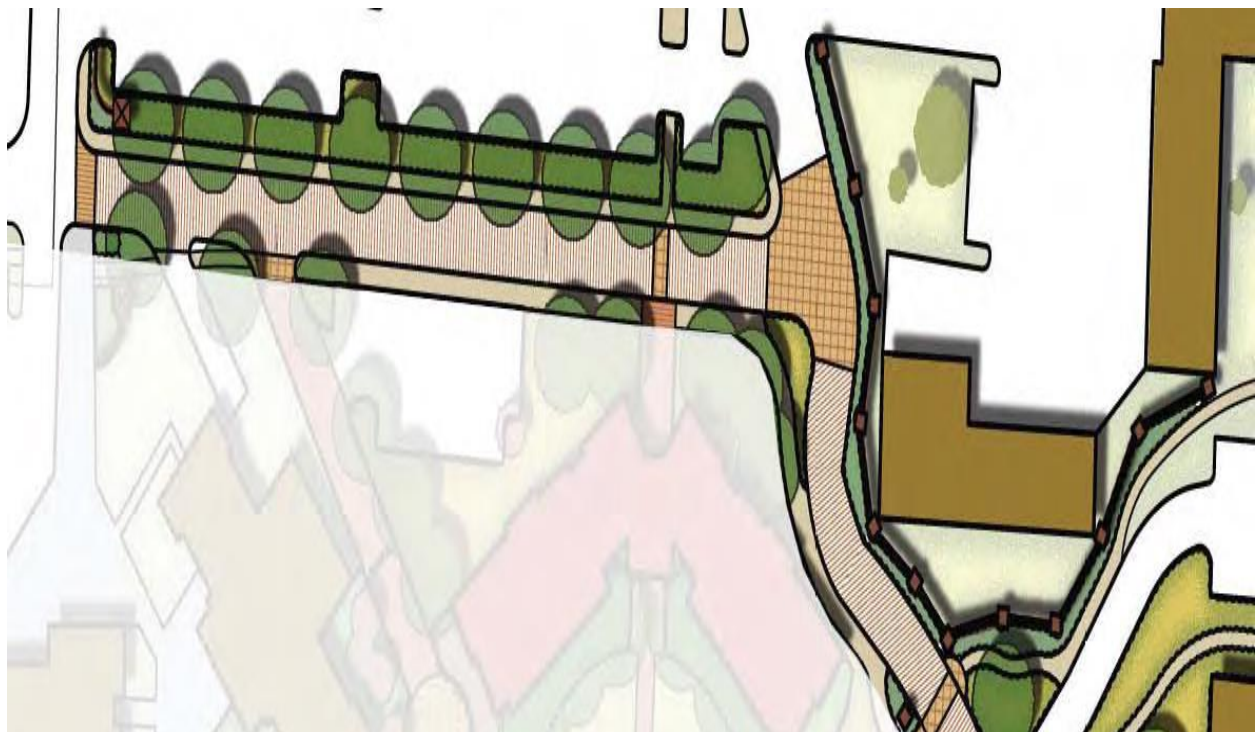
The Southwest façade of the campus is the most visible and iconic view of SRSU. Landscape islands are proposed at either end of the large and heavily used parking lot on this side of the campus to soften the parking field. New plantings in front of the Morelock and ACRC buildings should improve the image of this edge of campus. A small plaza is proposed in front of Morelock as a gathering space before and after events in the Marshall Auditorium. The median in the middle of the roundabout in front of the Briscoe Building should be planted as a landscape garden with a sculptural element in the middle.



BAB/MAB/ACRC Parking (rendering from 2011 Master Plan)

C) Loop Road Modifications

The campus loop road provides important access to most campus facilities including residence halls, the academic core and the physical plant. As such, it carries a significant daily traffic load and can present frequent pedestrian/vehicular conflicts during the day. The master plan provides for calming this drive through several means: 1) Creating portals or gateways at two ends of the inner section of the drive – these portals will signal arrival in the heart of the campus and serve to alert visitors, delivery vehicles, and all traffic to be aware of campus pedestrians. 2) Changing the pavement surface – the plan recommends changing the asphalt paved surface to concrete pavers or some type of concrete overlay, which can be ribbed or roughened to create a sound. This audible driving surface should help to slow traffic. 3) Signage – the plan recommends adding appropriate signage, which can be designed to slow vehicles and alert drivers to the slower speeds required. 4) Articulated crosswalks – at specific locations shown on the plan, crosswalks will be relocated to connect with sidewalks and promenades. The crosswalks should be signaled by a paving change contrasting with the roadway color/surface. The new roadway should also be tree-lined, where possible. The new roadway surfacing/traffic calming devices should slow traffic and discourage casual inner campus car use, while still allowing access for emergency vehicles, drop-offs and maintenance purposes. Concept to be modified in accordance with Phase I.



Avenue B (rendering from 2011 Master Plan)