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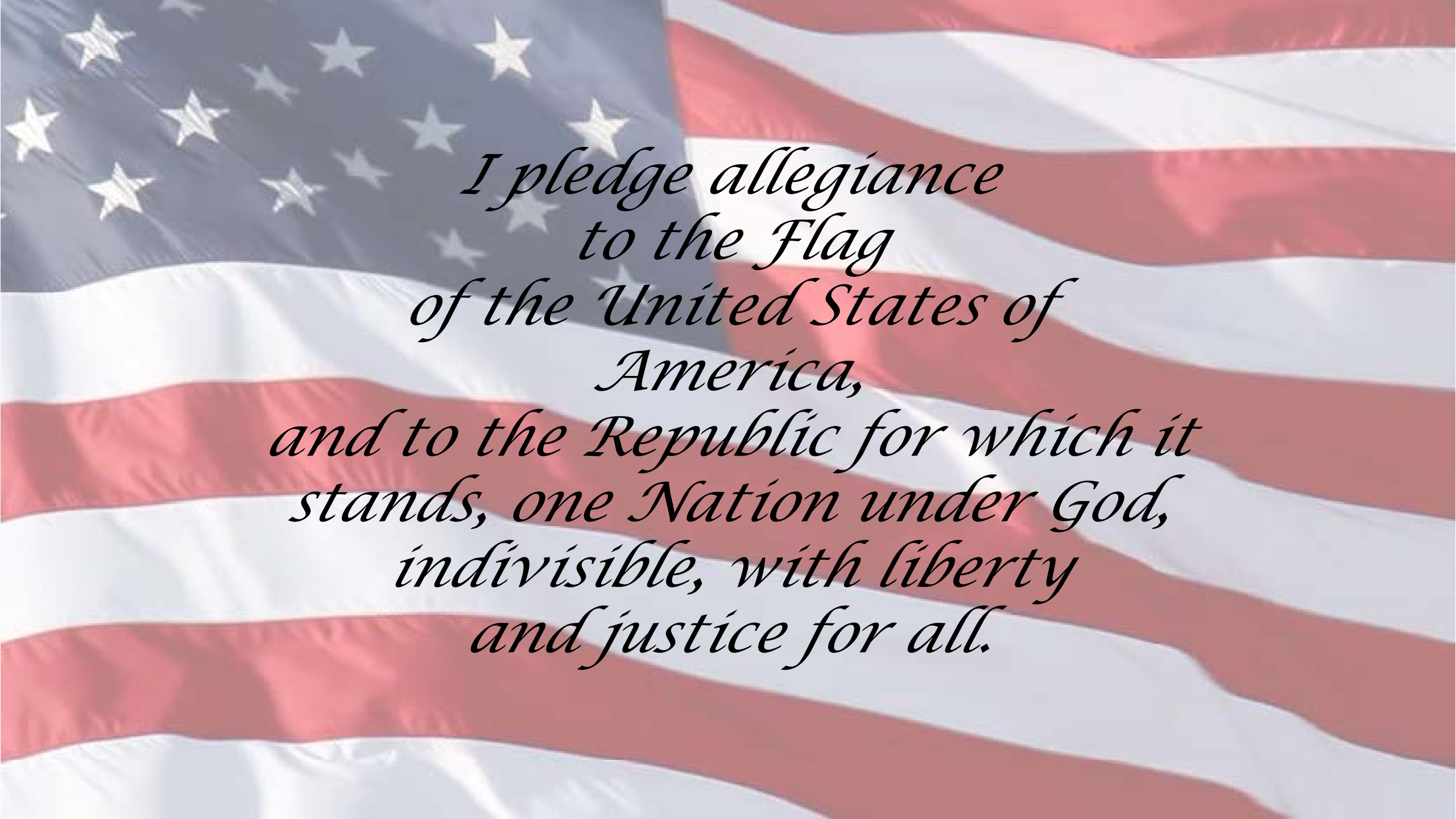
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- ▶ **Note: this session is being recorded**

AGENDA

3:00 pm – 3:05 pm	Call to Order, Attendance, Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Opening Remarks	LTG (R) John D. Hopper, Chair, Eugene W. Skinner Jr, Designated Federal Officer
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*I pledge allegiance
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America,
and to the Republic for which it
stands, one Nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty
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VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System



December 2, 2021



U.S. Department
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Agenda

1. Master Plan 2022 Presentation

- Master Plan Engagement Status
- FY21 Current Project Status with Timeline
- FY22 Funding Request and Project Status with Timeline
- Future Infrastructure Projects

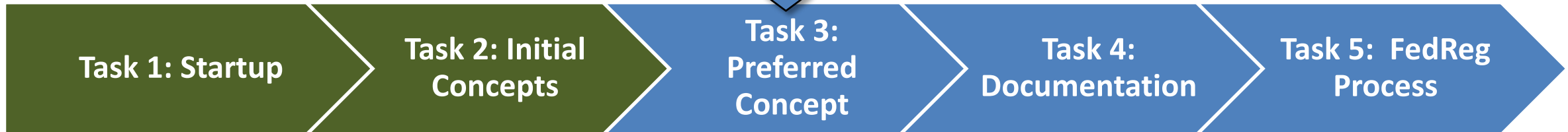
2. Master Plan 2016 Side-by-Side Comparison Master Plan 2022

- What requirements have been, added, modified, or deleted

3. Housing delivery timeline by type, quantity, location, and date of delivery

Master Plan 2022 Update: Progress to Date

Current Master Plan
Process Phase



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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| ✓ Review Documentations | ✓ Initial Concept | • Refine Concept | • Monthly Check Point Mtgs | ✓ Prepare FedReg Docs |
| ✓ Base Drawings Update | ✓ Stakeholder Engagement | • Stakeholder | • Final Master Plan – GLA | ✓ Publish FedReg |
| ✓ Opportunities & Constraints | ✓ Evaluate Feedback | • Engagement | • Final Master Plan – SECVA | • Collect Feedback |
| ✓ Initial Stakeholder Engagement | ✓ COSVA and IPT Brief | • Evaluate Feedback | | • Review Comments |
| ✓ Comms Plan | | | | |
| ✓ Eval of Stakeholder Input | | | | |

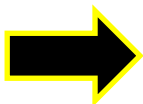
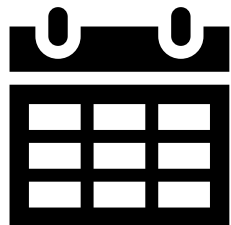
Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	% Complete	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021	November 2021	December 2021	January 2022
▼ VAGLAHS Master Plan 2022	119 days	Mon 7/26/21	Fri 1/7/22	71%						
Task 1: Start-up, Analysis, and Initial Stakeholder Engagement	25 days	Mon 7/26/21	Fri 8/27/21	100%						
Task 2: Master Plan Update – Initial Concepts	21 days	Mon 8/30/21	Mon 9/27/21	100%						
Task 3: Master Plan Update – Refine Preferred Concept	43 days	Tue 9/28/21	Thu 11/25/21	80%						
Task 4: Master Plan Update Documentation	96 days	Thu 8/26/21	Fri 1/7/22	21%						
Task 5: Federal Register - Team Process	104 days	Tue 7/27/21	Fri 12/17/21	72%						

- 60-day Federal Register comment period runs through **December 17, 2021**
- Target to begin Master Plan 2022 Final Draft concurrence process with SECVA is January 7, 2022

Master Plan Engagement Status

Master Plan 2022 Scheduled Activities and Milestones:

- ✓ GLA provided Master Plan briefing at VCOEB Meeting: **9/29/2021**
- ✓ Master Plan Town Hall Engagement #3: **9/30/2021**
- ✓ Federal Register 60-Day Posting of working draft of Master Plan 2022: **10/18/2021**
- ✓ Master Plan Town Hall Engagement #4: **10/28/2021**
- ✓ Master Plan Town Hall Engagement #5: **11/18/2021**
- Master Plan Forum, presentation with question & answer session available:
 - ✓ **October 18-22, 2021**
 - ✓ **October 25-29, 2021**
 - ✓ **November 15-19, 2021**
 - **November 29-December 3, 2021**
 - **December 6-8, 2021**
- Sixty (60) Forum sessions offered; 2 sessions conducted; 2 pending to be scheduled
- Master Plan 2022 Final Draft Target to begin VA Concurrence Process to SECVA: **1/7/2022**



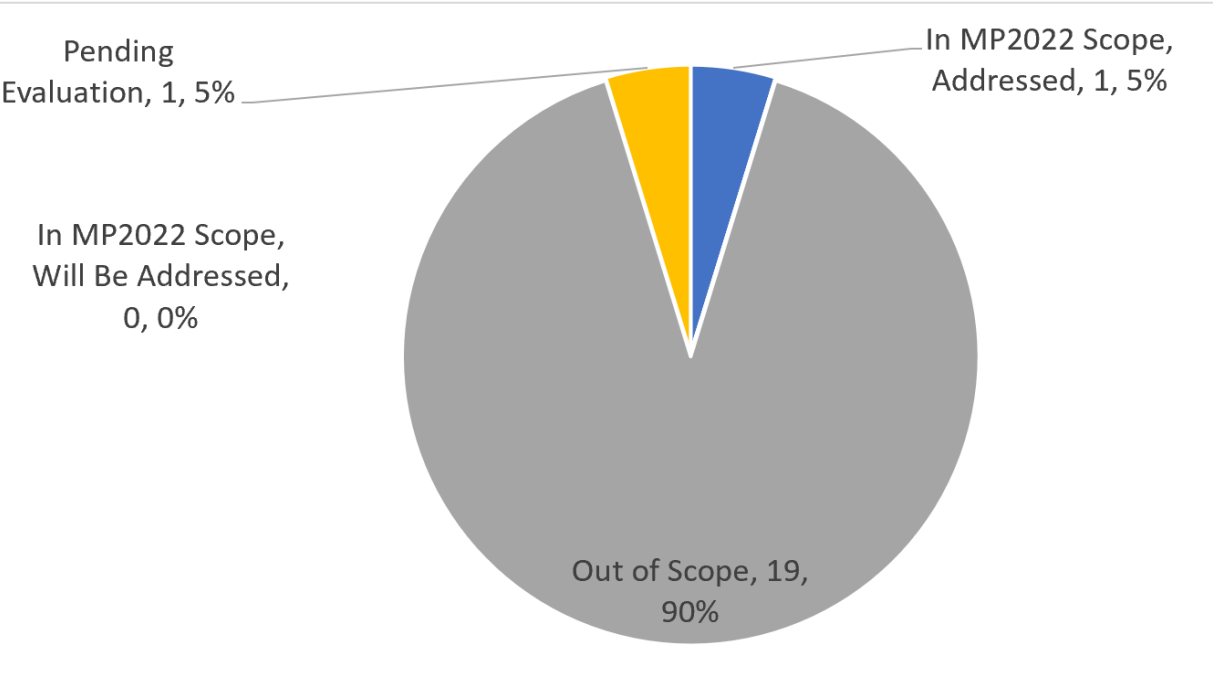
Master Plan 2022 Feedback Received: Federal Register Summary

Federal Register (Current Method for Feedback):

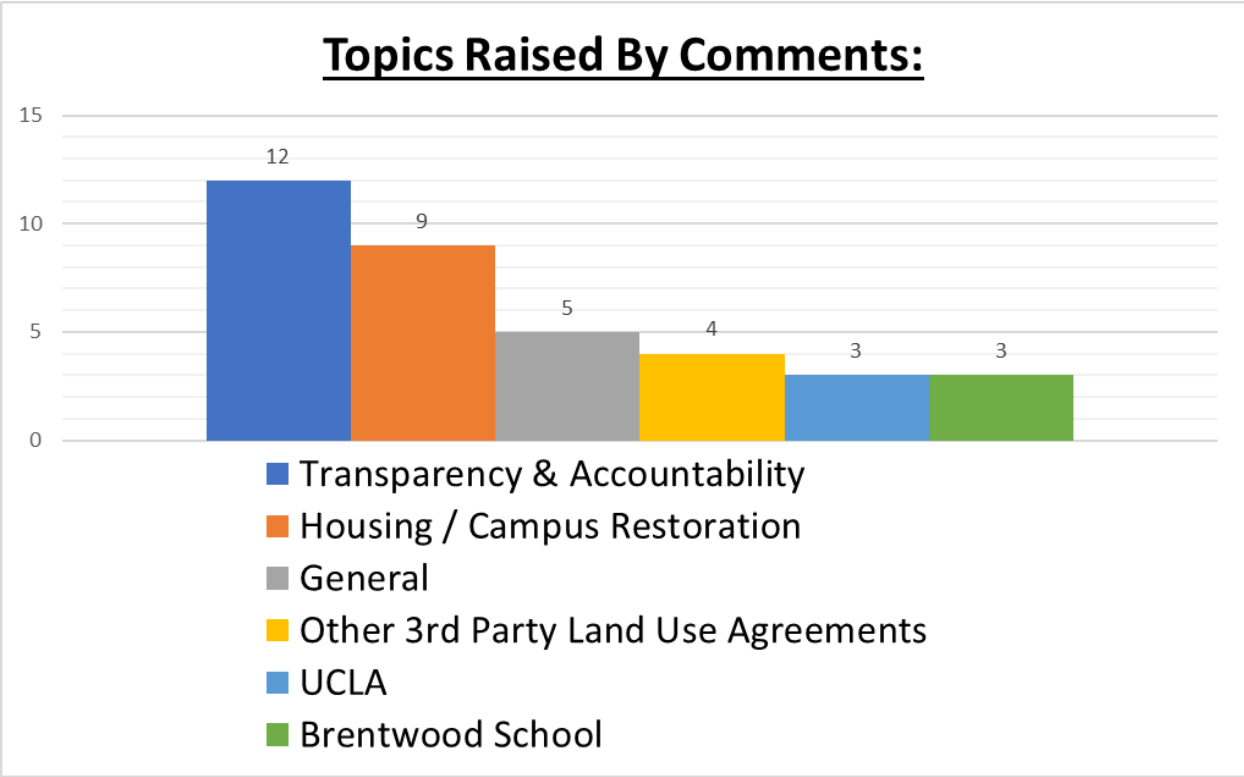
- Active from 10/18 through to 12/17/2021
- 21 Responses received as of 11/24/2021, detailed below:

Federal Register: www.FederalRegister.gov

Comments Received Summary:



Topics Raised By Comments:



A comment that covers multiple topics will be counted individually under each topic in this chart.

Master Plan 2022 Feedback Received: Website Questionnaire Summary

Website Questionnaire (Prior Method for Feedback):

- Includes response from onsite VA WLA Campus residents
- 87 responses from online questionnaire starting 8/19/2021

Most Significant Priorities:

(According to Public Questionnaire)

Topic	Top	Top 3	Top 5
Housing services	18	37	39
Special housing	15	25	27
Health and wellness	6	23	25
Food options on campus	5	12	18
Job training	5	22	26
Sports and recreation	5	18	27
Walking, jogging, bicycling connections and facilities	5	20	21

Master Plan 2022 Feedback Questionnaire:

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Topics also in Focus with Public:

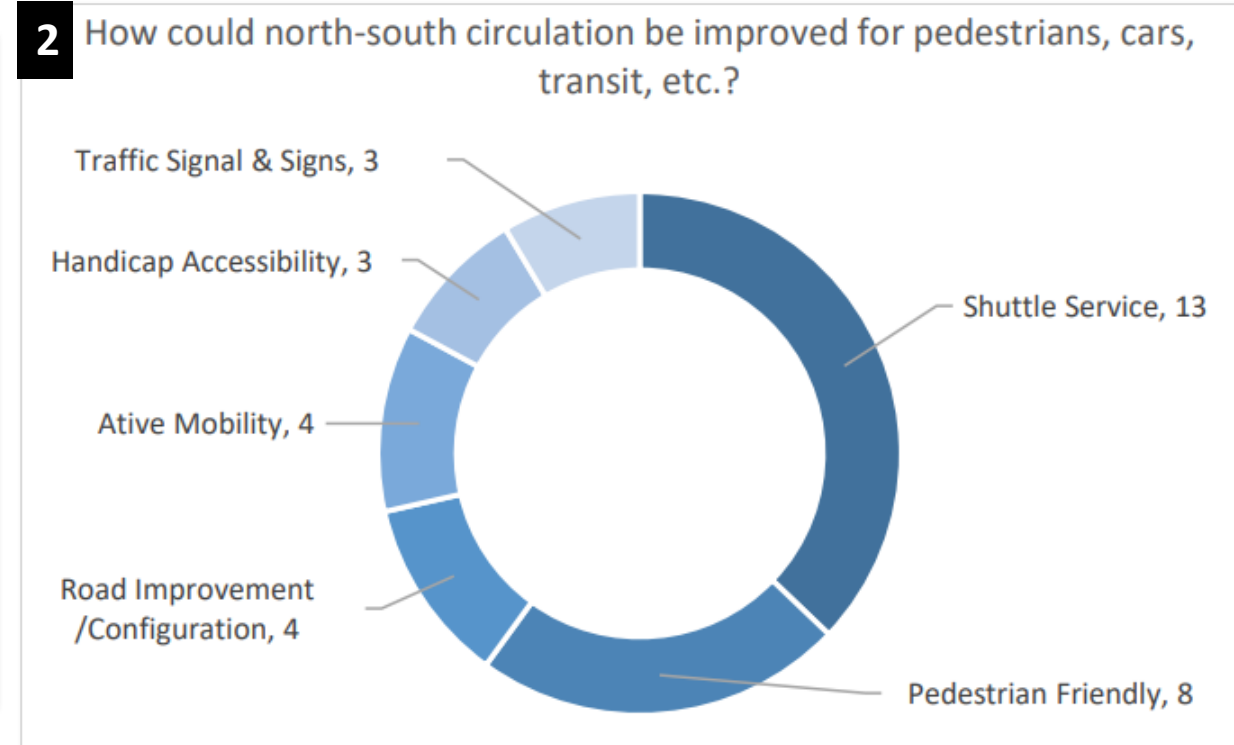
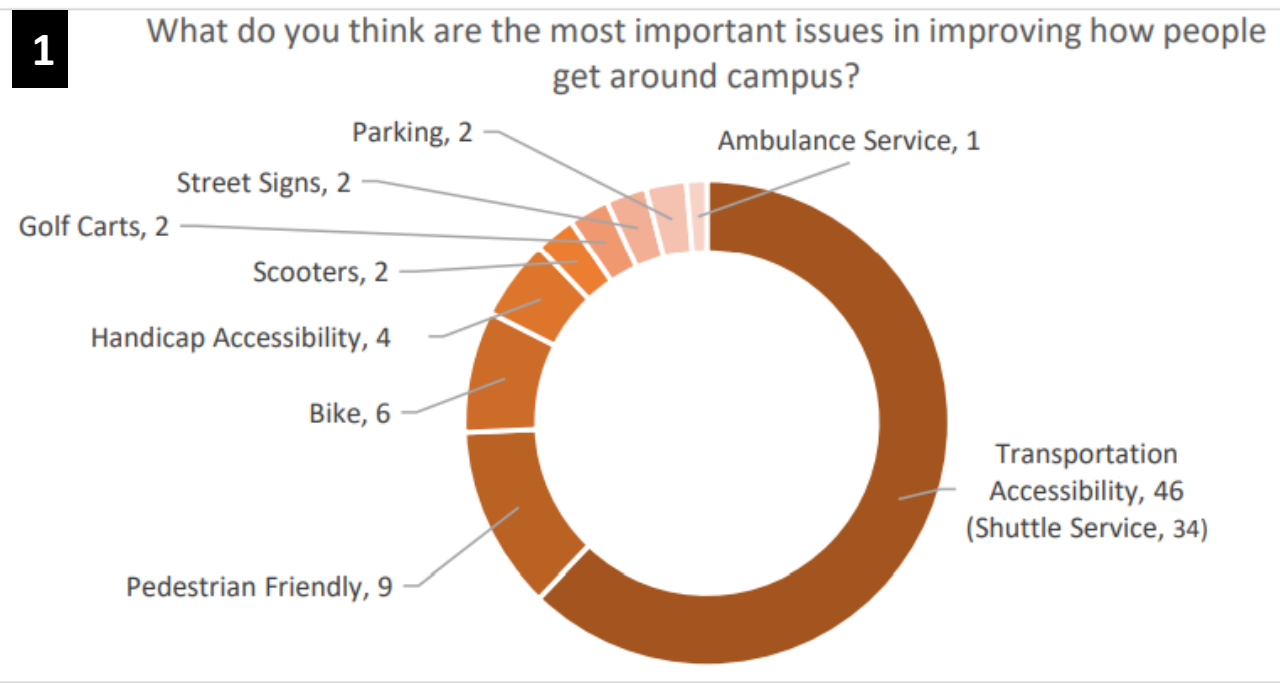
(According to Questionnaire)

Legal services	4	13	19
Transportation to and from campus	3	18	20
Religious services	2	9	12
Entertainment	1	9	18
Playground for children	1	2	4
Open space	0	4	6

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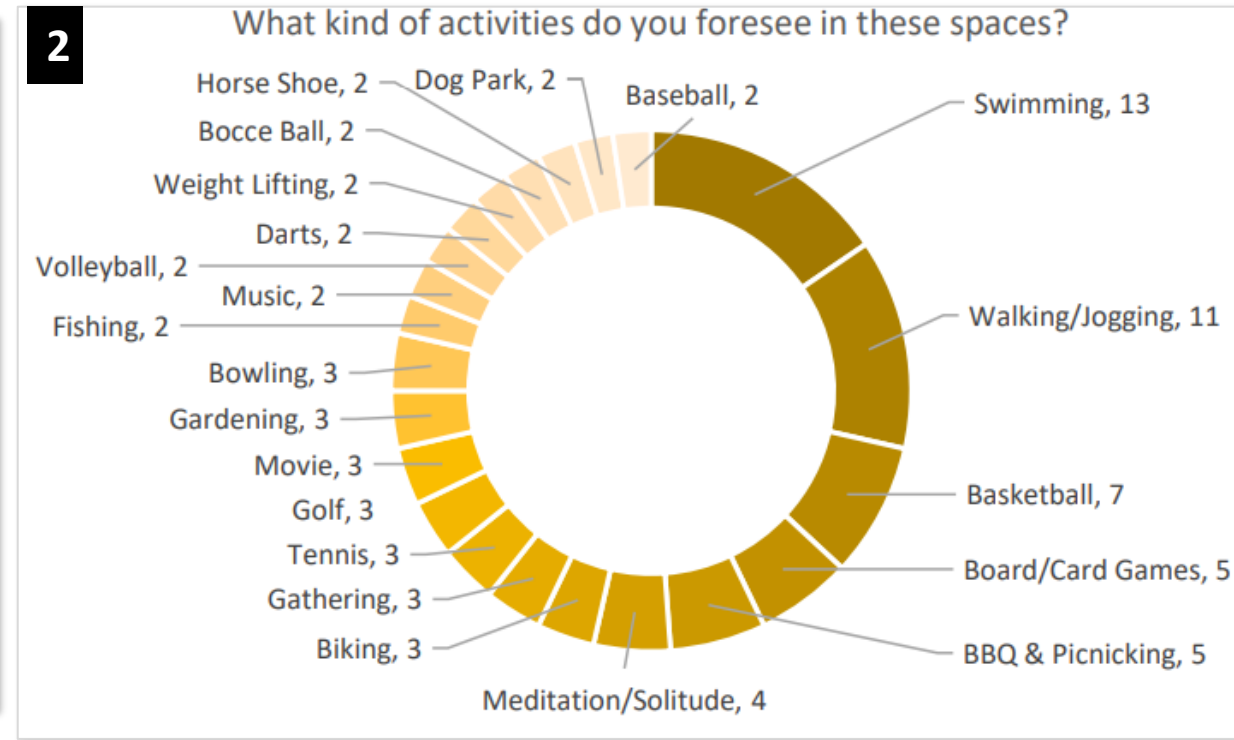
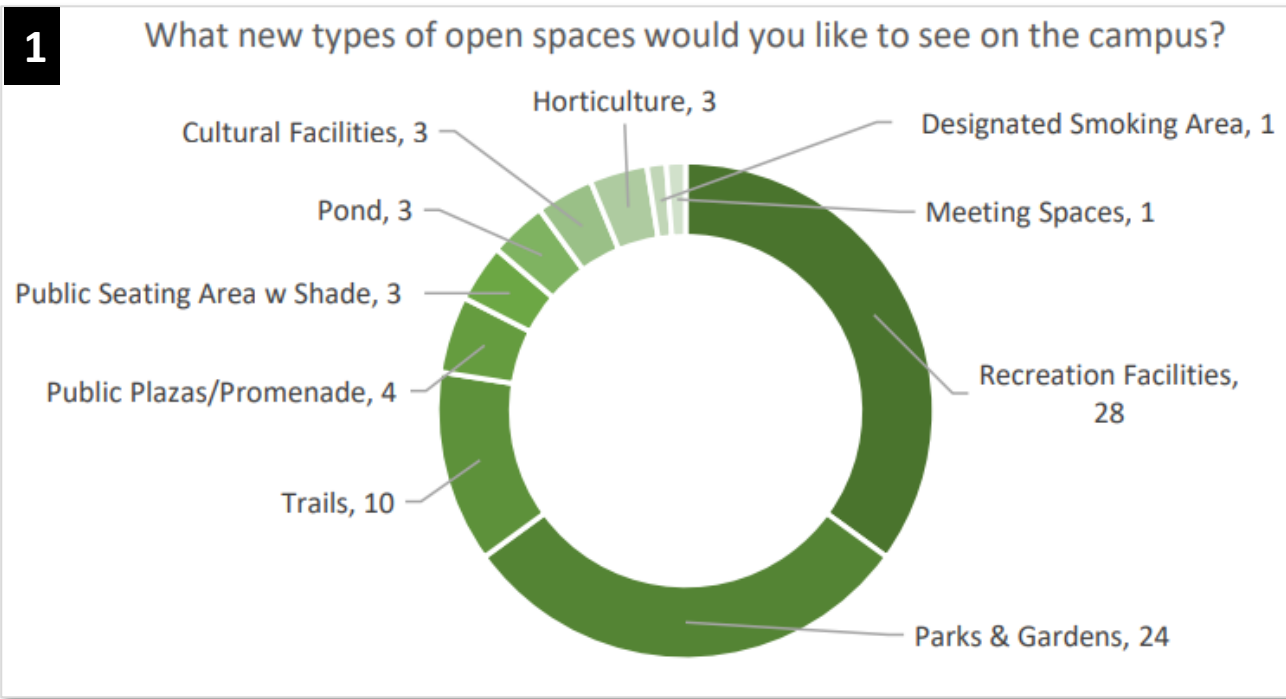


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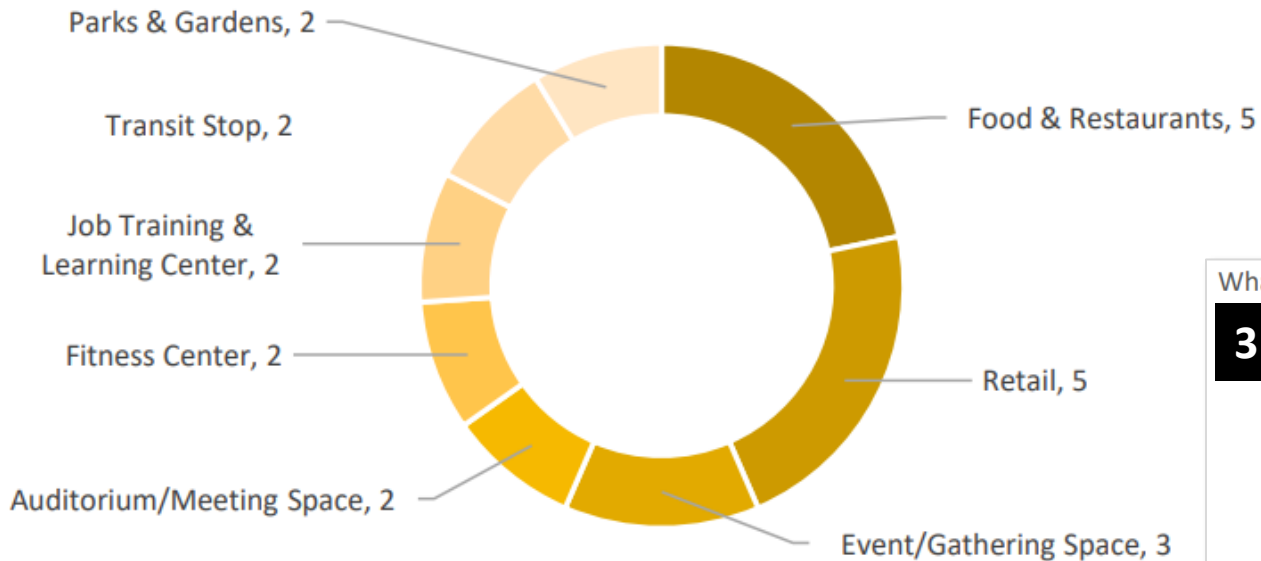
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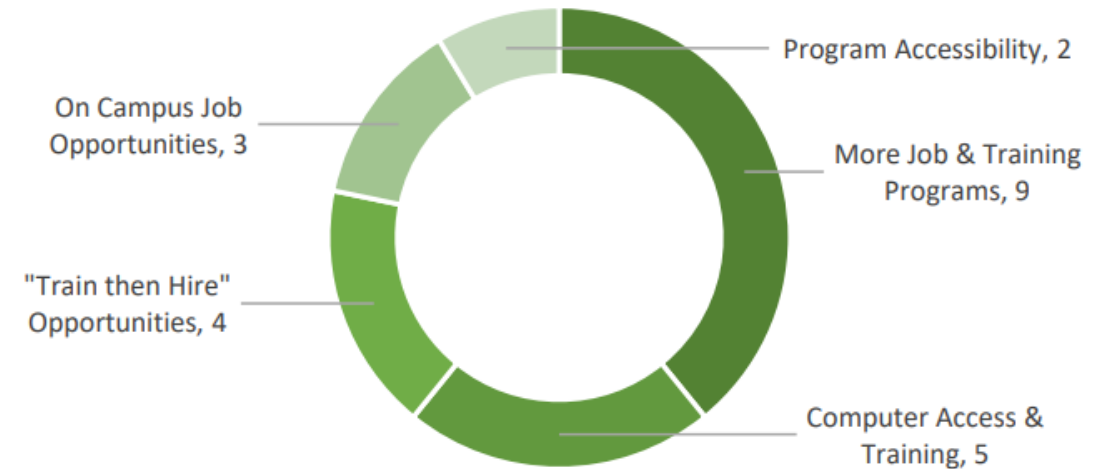
Opportunities & Constraints

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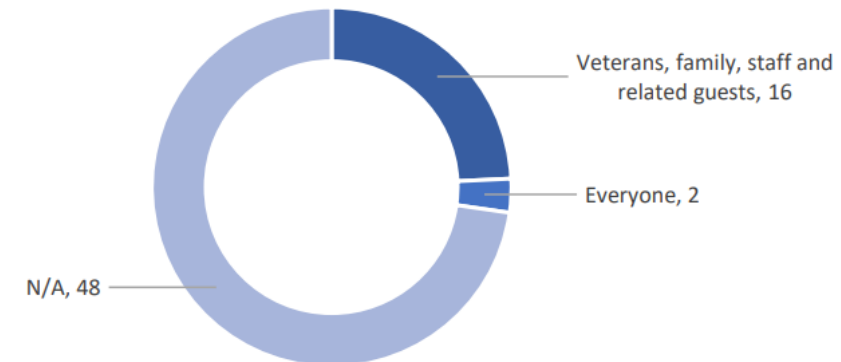


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2 How do you see job training being conducted on campus and how should it be integrated into the plan?



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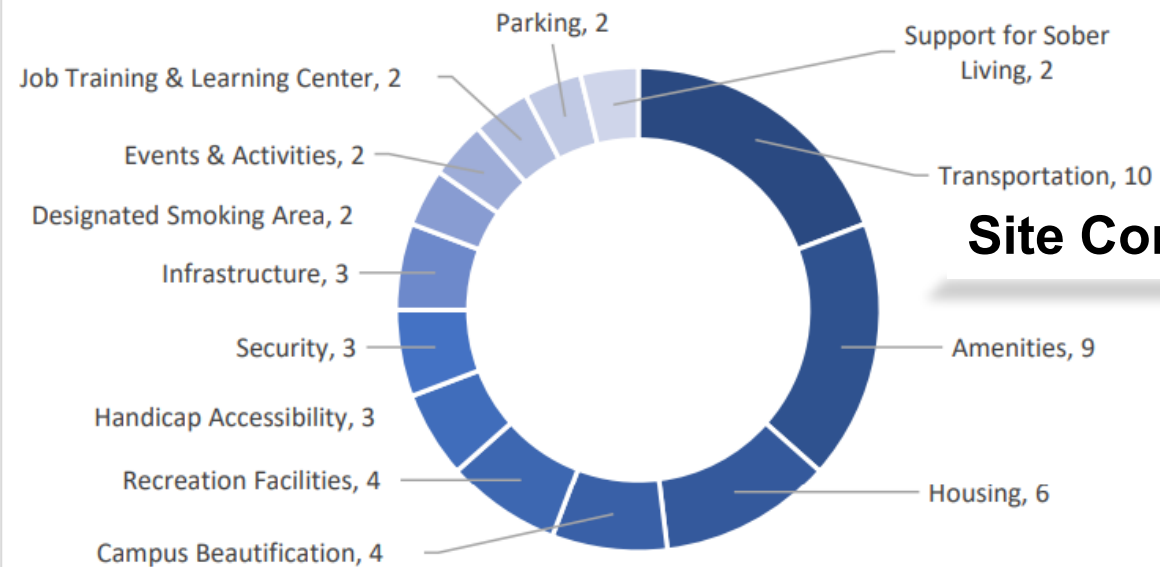
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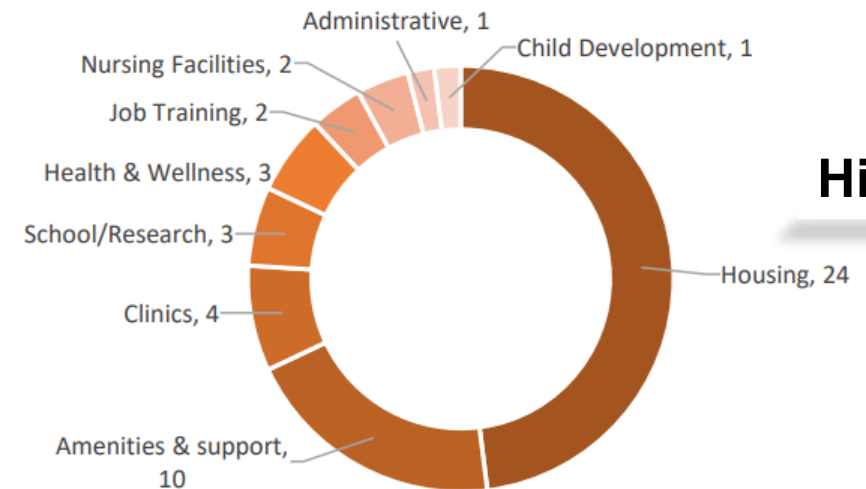
What other opportunities and constraints related to the general campus context do you think should be considered?



Site Context

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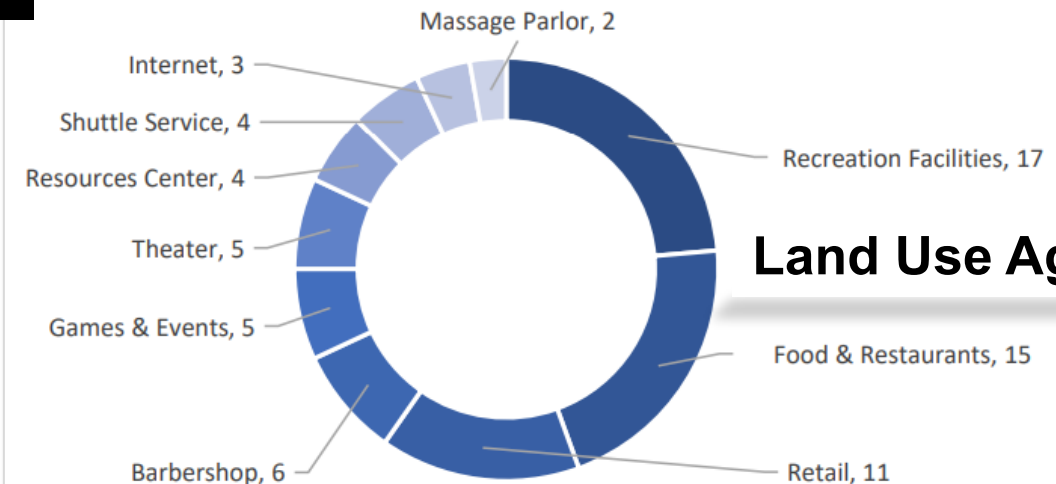
How do you see some of these historic buildings being reused?



History

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What new services & amenities would you like to see on the campus?



Land Use Agreements

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How to Leave Feedback



Current Method to Provide Feedback is through the Federal Register notice or via Regulations.gov website.

The screenshot shows the Federal Register homepage. At the top, it says "FEDERAL REGISTER" and "The Daily Journal of the United States Government". Below this, there are sections for "Current Issue" and "Public Inspection". A search bar is visible with the text "Search Federal Register Documents Since 1994". Below the search bar, there is a "Find" button and a search term input field. The search results show "1" document found, with the first result being "West Los Angeles VA Medical Center Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998; Master Plan 2022 Draft" by the Veterans Affairs Department on 10/18/2021. Arrows from the steps on the right point to the search bar, the search button, and the first search result.

Step 1.) Visit

www.FederalRegister.gov

Step 2.) Type "**2021-22642**" in the search box

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Step 4.) Click on first choice to open Federal Register Notice

Master Plan 2022 Draft notice is document **2021-22642**

About Federal Register Notice

West Los Angeles VA Medical Center Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998; Master Plan 2022 Draft

A Notice by the [Veterans Affairs Department](#) on 10/18/2021

This document has a comment period that ends in 60 days. (12/17/2021)

SUBMIT A FORMAL COMMENT

PUBLISHED DOCUMENT

AGENCY:
Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION:
Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY:
This **Federal Register** Notice announces the availability of the Master Plan 2022 draft for public comment. The Master Plan 2022 draft is an update to the Draft Master Plan (DMP) which contemplated that West Los Angeles (WLA) Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) would periodically review, reevaluate, and update the DMP every three to five years. As various elements of the DMP are implemented and the needs of the WLA Campus and the Veterans population it serves change, the plan will evolve and be revised accordingly. This iteration is Master Plan 2022, the first update to the DMP. The DMP and the Master Plan 2022 are created in accordance with the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016.

DATES:
Comments must be received on or before December 17, 2021.

DOCUMENT DETAILS

Printed version:
[PDF](#)

Publication Date:
10/18/2021

Agency:
[Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

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DOCUMENT DETAILS

- Review Federal Register Notice document with included instructions on...
 - Where to locate Master Plan 2022 Draft document for review
 - How to leave comment on Regulations.gov website
- Submit comments directly by clicking on “SUBMIT A FORMAL COMMENT” button**

60-Day Window for Public
10/18/2021 – 12/17/2021

FY21 EUL Projects Updates

FY21 PROJECT NAME	TYPE	AWARD DATE	Award Amount	PROJECTED COMPLETION*
Install Fire Suppression Water Distribution System, North Campus	Design	9-27-21	\$1.90M	September 2022
Install Water Pressure Boosting Measures, North Campus	D/B	9-27-21	\$4.80M	August 2022
Physical Verification Site Utilities Mapping	Design	9-16-21	\$1.30M	May 2022
Solar System Relocation and Reinstallation	D/B	9-24-21	\$3.79M	February 2022
B. 404 Parking Lot 48 Utilities Infrastructure Relocation, North Campus	D/B	9-29-21	\$2.59M	August 2022
B. 402 Parking Lot 38 Utilities Infrastructure Relocation, North Campus	D/B	9-29-21	\$3.65M	March 2022
EUL Emergency Abatement B156/B157	D/B	6-24-21	\$3.21M	August 2021 - Completed -

*As of December 2, 2021

Water Boosting Measures

- 35% submittal tracked for completion on Beginning December 2021
- Fire hydrants serving B205/207/208 under phase 1 tracked for completion end of March 2022

Wet Utilities – Install Fire Suppression and Water Distribution System

- Design commenced 10/6/2021
- 35% design submittal tracked for completion January 2022

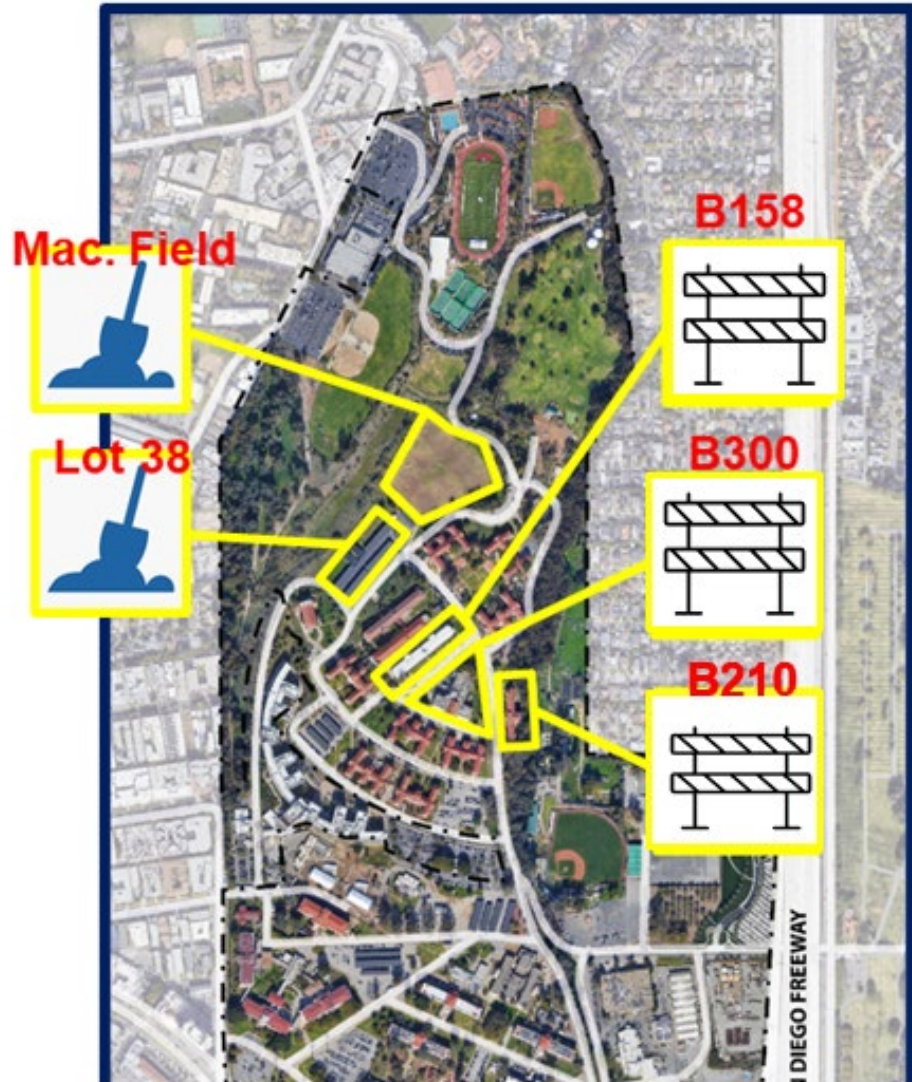
FY22 EUL Projects Funding Request

IDENTIFIED FY22 TURNOVER PROJECTS	EUL PARCEL SUPPORTED	TIMELINE
Wet Utilities Construction (fire & domestic water)	Buildings 205, 207, 208 (and entire North Campus)	Funding request in the amount of \$50.9M has been advanced to Senior VA Leadership for Concurrence on November 4, 2021
Parking Lot 38 Fill Project	Parking Lot 38	
B233 Demolition Assessment, Demolition, and Replacement (hazmat)	Parking Lot 48	
MacArthur Field Fill Project	MacArthur Field	
B527 Physical Security Design Manual Renovation (relocate OI&T)	Buildings 300 & 158	
B300 Remediation	Building 300	
B206 (or B113) Renovation	Building 210	
B210 Remediation	Building 210	
B220 Renovation	Buildings 158 & 256	
B158 Remediation	Building 158	
Maps, Wayfinding & Signage	Entire Campus	

EUL Turnover Strategies

- VA is in the process of requesting funding and planning for multiple projects required to prepare the future EUL assets for turnover
- Prior to turnover, VA must fund and relocate staff and any equipment, furniture, existing VA utilities and/or improvements necessary for ongoing VA operations

FY22 EUL Projects Funding Request



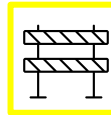
Parking Lot 38 Fill Project

- Soil removal and replacement



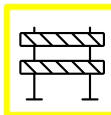
MacArthur Field Fill Project

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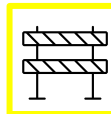
Building 300 remediation

- Underground storage tank
- Hazardous materials in basement (refrigerator coolant)
- Aboveground storage tank
- Emergency generator



Building 210 remediation

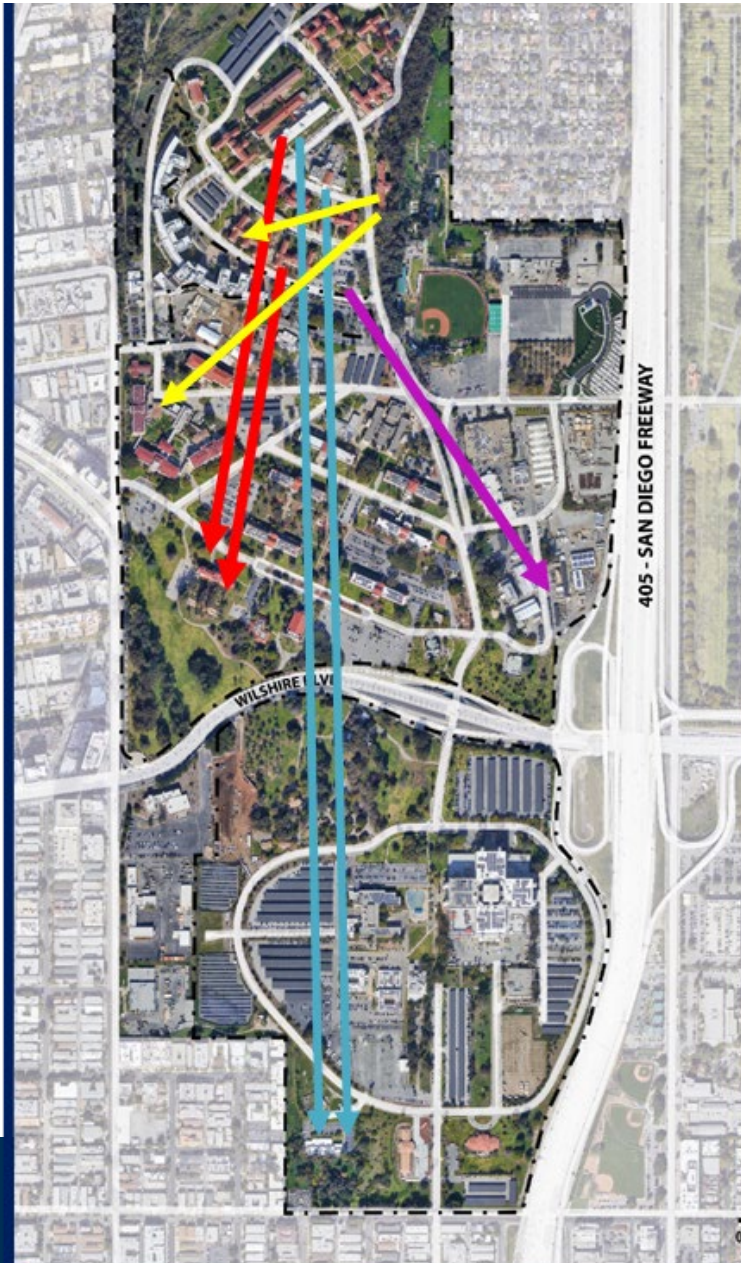
- Aboveground storage tank



Building 158 remediation

- Asbestos abatement

FY22 EUL Projects Funding Request



- **B233** Demolition Assessment, Demolition, & Replacement
 - Hazardous storage and processing building
 - Approximately 16,000 square foot requirement
- **B527** Requirement to support staff relocation and equipment clean out from **B300** & **B158**
 - OIT storage and office space
- **B206** or **B113** renovation for research swing space to support staff and equipment relocation from **B210**
 - Bathroom renovation/plumbing
 - Cosmetic upgrades to 75%+ of building
- **B220** renovation for CERS permanent space to support staff and equipment relocation from **B158** & **B256**
 - Full renovation including elevator
 - Project book re: infrastructure requirements (~16M)

Future Infrastructure Projects

FY23 PROJECT NAME	TYPE	Parcel	Tie-in to MP	Description
B220 Renovation & Seismic Retrofit & Elevator Addition	NRM	Buildings 158 & 256	VA staff relocation. Permanent GLA asset	Complete renovation, replace elevators to meet SHPO compliance
B210 Remediation	NRM	Building 210	Prep for B210 EUL turnover August 2023	Abatement
B158 Remediation	NRM	Building 158	Prep for B158 turnover for December 2024	Abatement

2016 Draft Master Plan Comparison to Master Plan 2022 Draft

VA's commitment to co-locating a Home for Veterans with world-class clinical care by delivering at least 1,200 units of permanent supportive housing on the West LA Campus for Veterans experiencing homelessness remains unchanged from the 2016 Draft Master Plan to the Master Plan 2022.

2016 Draft Master Plan Section	Page #	Master Plan 2022 Draft Section	Page #
Executive Summary	1 - 18	Introduction to the Plan	1 – 17
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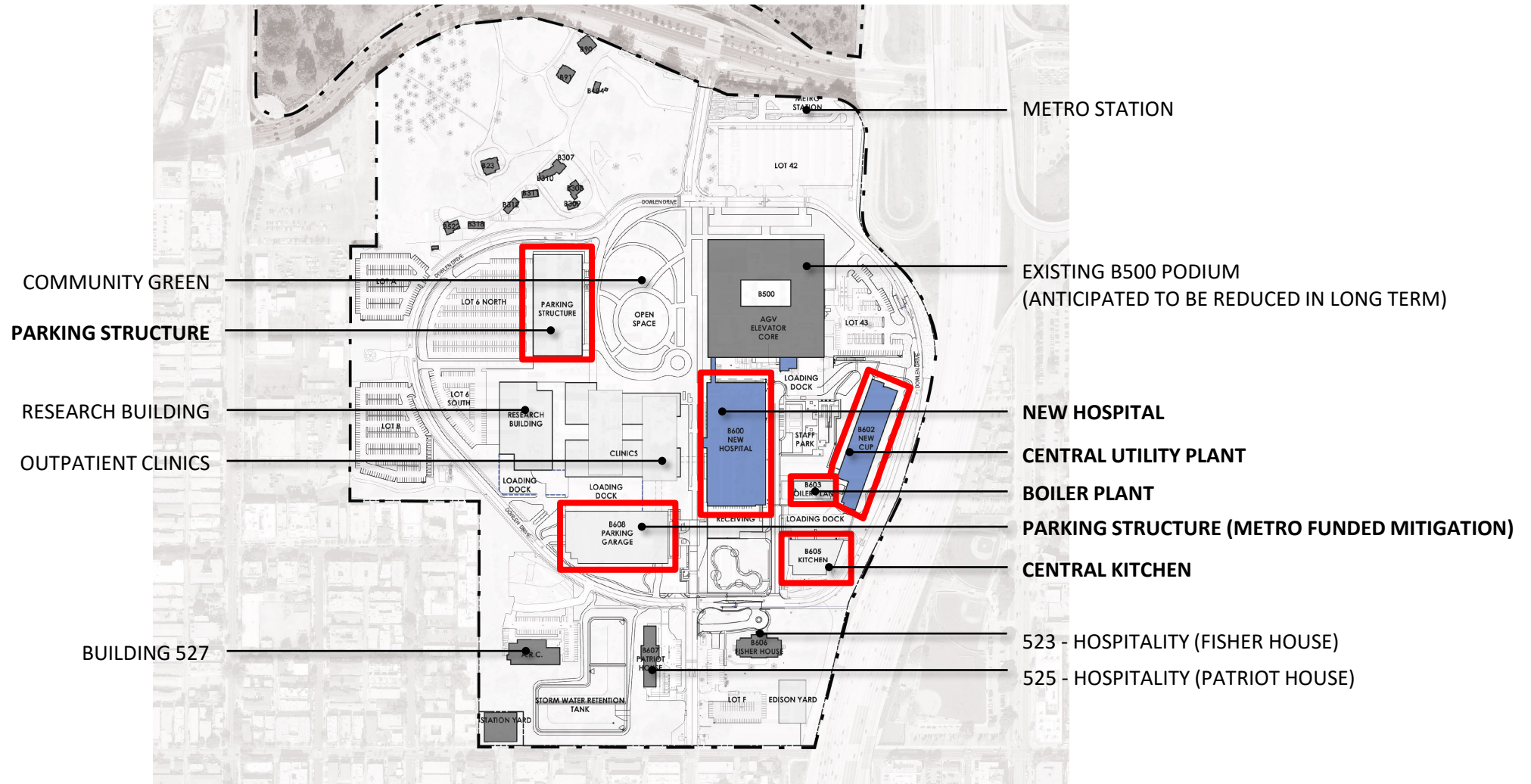
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Near Term Project

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Zone 2 : Long-Term Care + Auxiliary Services



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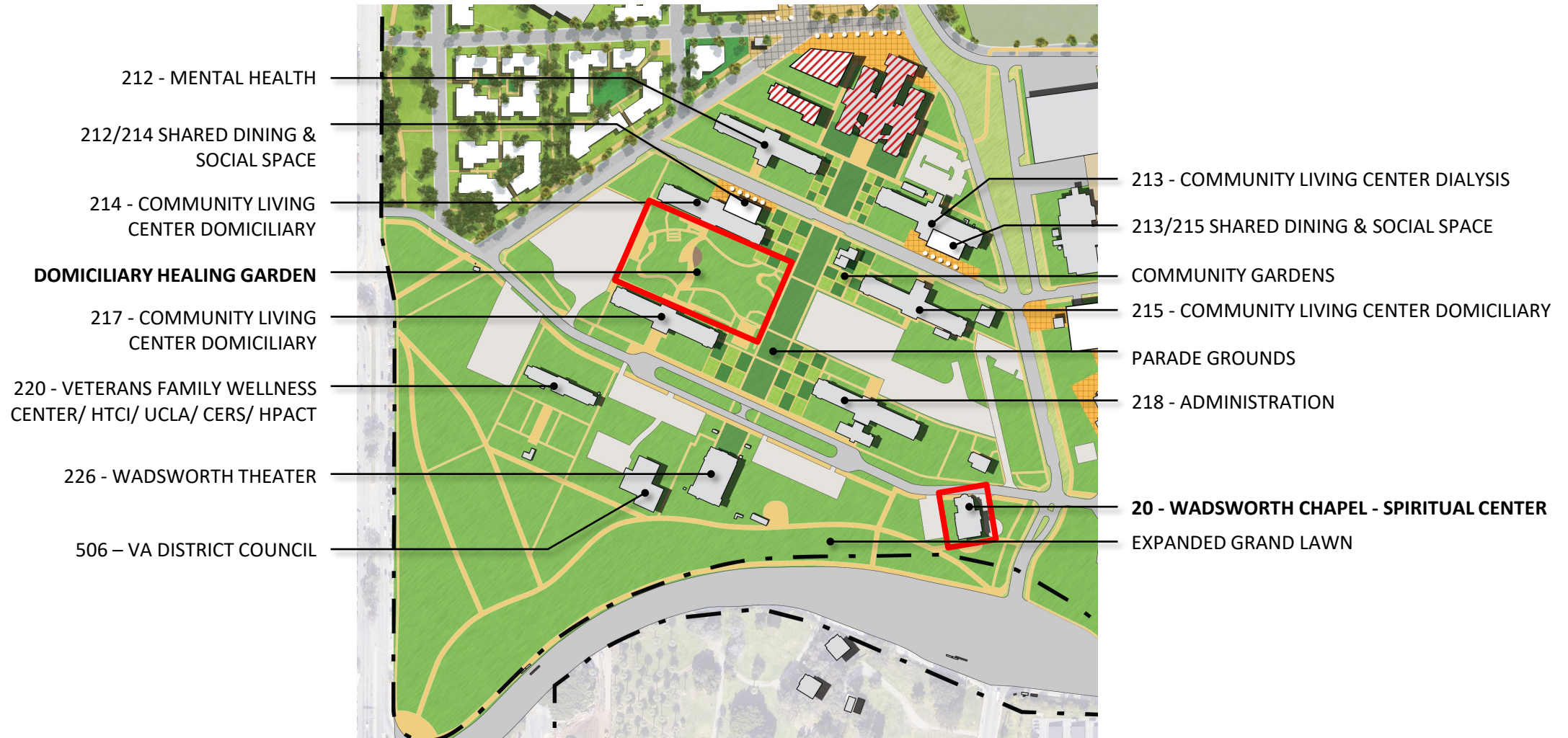
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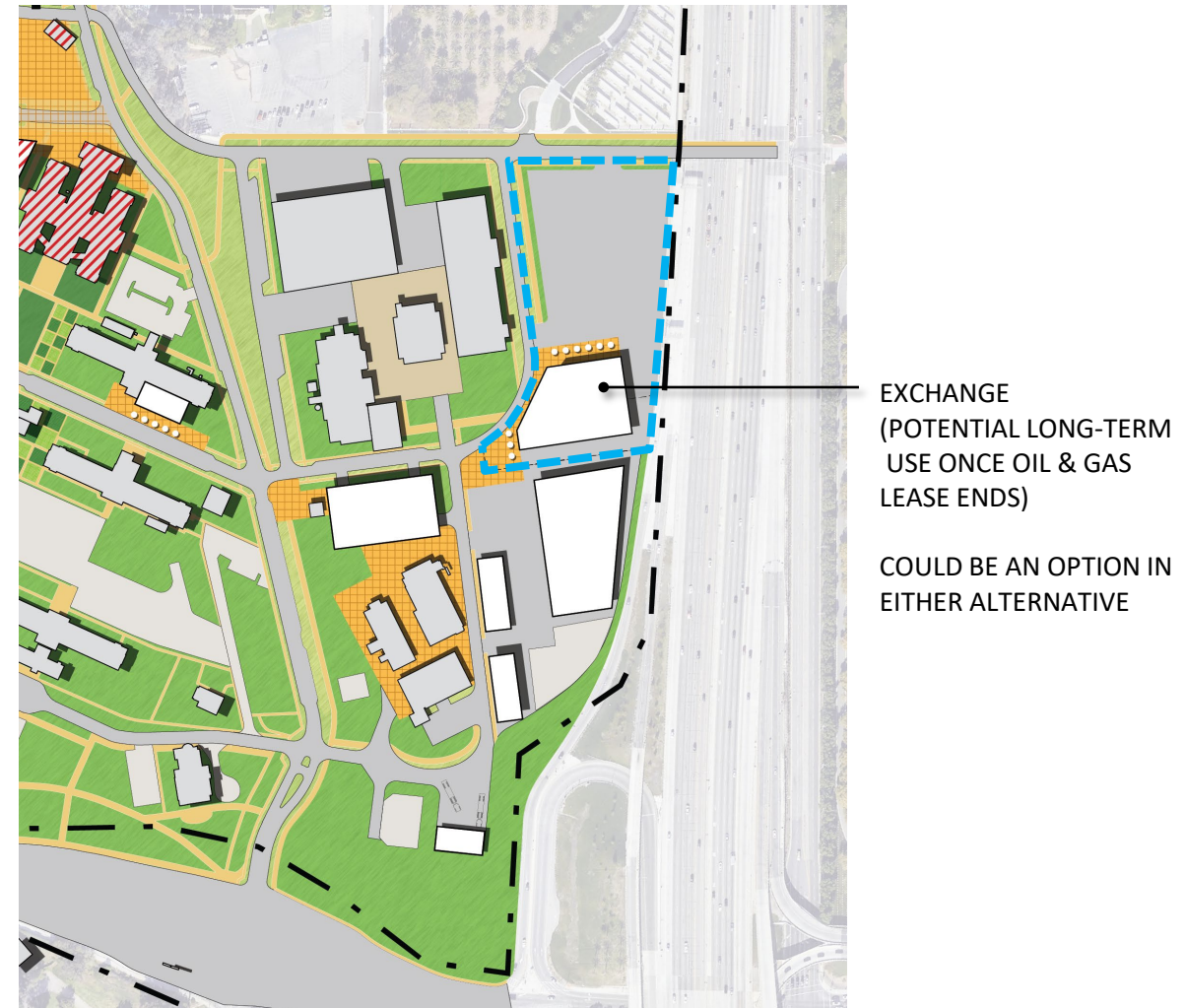
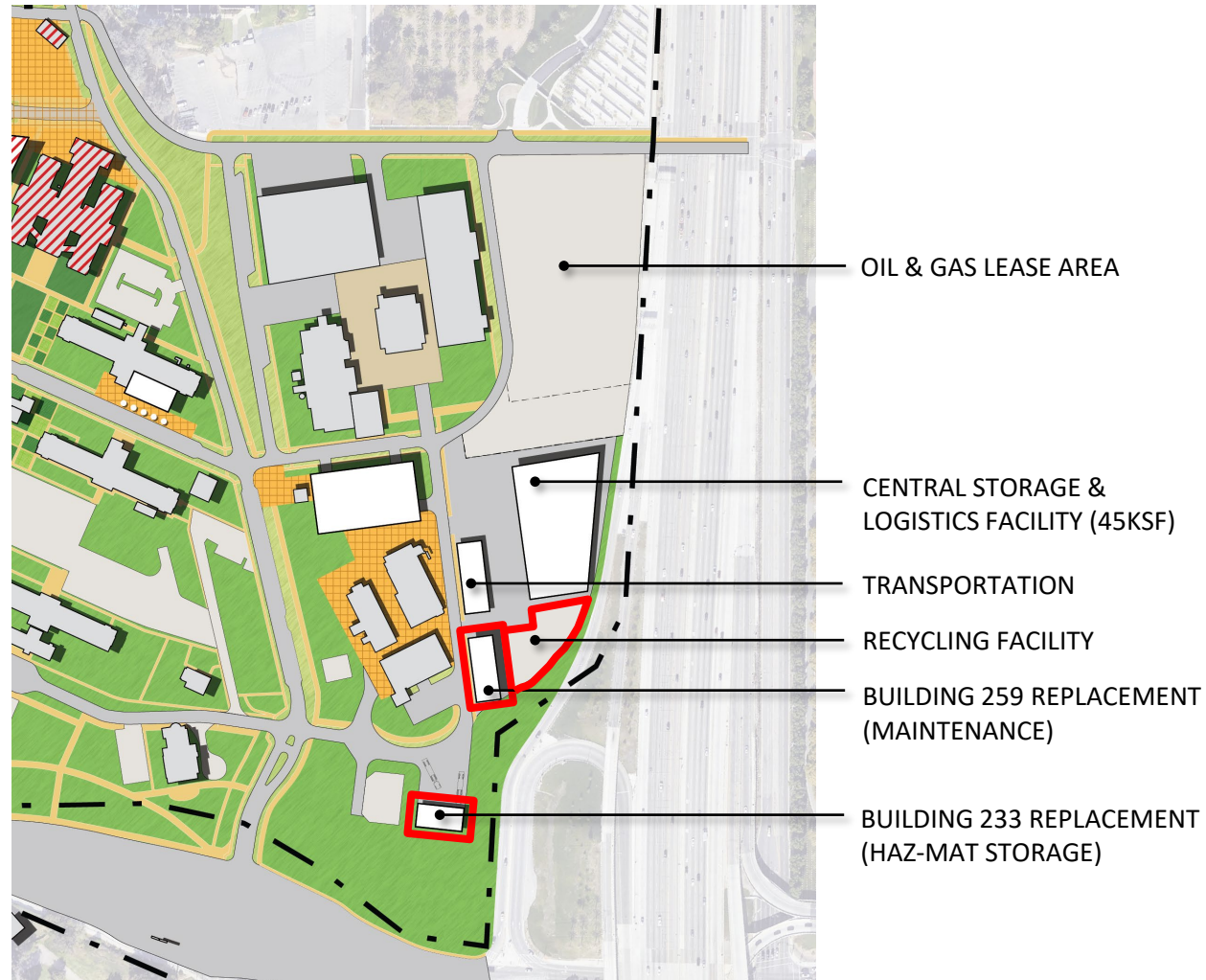
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MASTER PLAN 2022 DRAFT - ALTERNATIVE

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Zone 3 : Veteran Housing + Community Services



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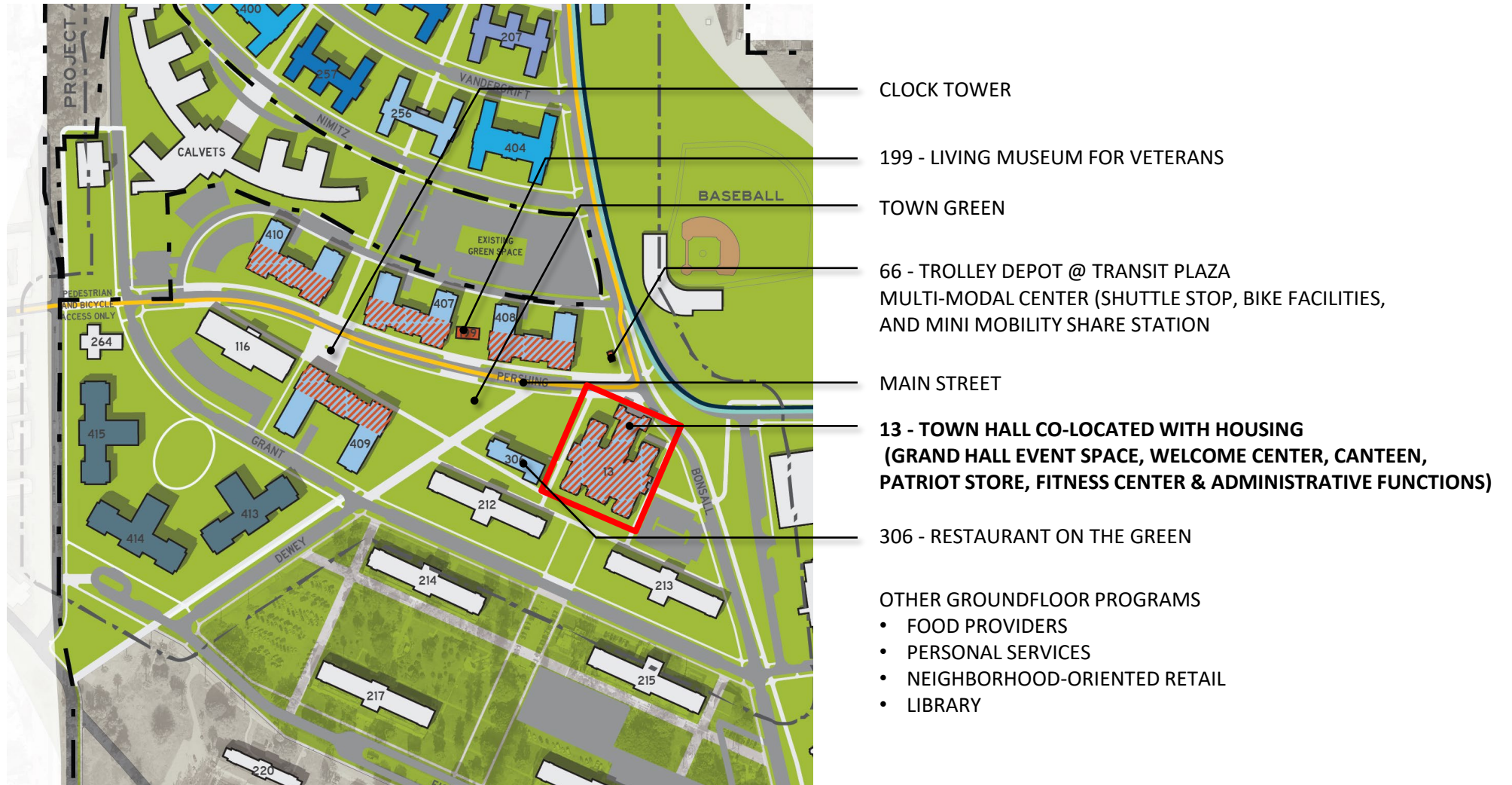
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Zone 3 : Veteran Housing + Community Services



 Near Term Project

PRINCIPAL DEVELOPER PROPOSED COMMUNITY PLAN TOWN CENTER

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Zone 4 : Veteran Community Interaction + Engagement



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Zone 4 : Veteran Community Interaction + Engagement



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Housing Delivery

Location on North Campus

- Building/Parcels identified

Housing Type

- Rehabilitation of existing buildings
- New construction
- Demolition

Release Date*

- Subject to financing availability completion of turnover activities, staff relocation, compliance with EUL statutory requirements, etc.

Construction Start

- ~30-90 days after financial closing

Construction Completion/Delivery

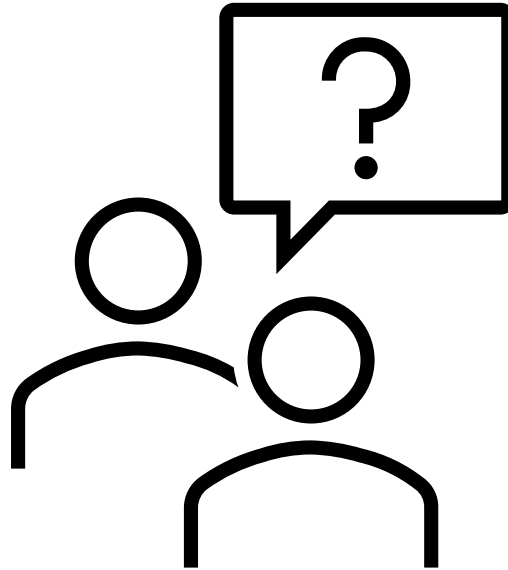
- ~18-24 months
- Lease-up takes ~30-90 days

Quantity

- Units, including manager units

Building/Parcel Number	Housing Type	Developer	Estimated Release Date* (Calendar Year)	Estimated Construction Start (Calendar Year)	Estimated Construction Completion (Calendar Year)	Total Housing Units (includes Manager Units)
209	Existing	Shangri-La	Q2-2017	NA	NA	55
205	Existing	Shangri-La	Q4-2019	Q4-2020	Q3-2022	68
208	Existing	Shangri-La	Q4-2019	Q4-2020	Q3-2022	54
207	Existing	TSA	Q4-2020	Q1-2021	Q3-2022	60
402 (Lot 38) & 231	New/Demo	TSA	Q3-2022	Q4-2022	Q3-2024	120
404 (Lot 48) & 233	New/Demo	Century	Q3-2022	Q4-2022	Q3-2024	73
156 & 157	Existing	Century	Q3-2022	Q4-2022	Q3-2024	112
401 (MacArthur Field 1)	New	Core	Q3-2022	Q4-2022	Q1-2024	75
300	New/Demo	U.S.VETS	Q1-2023	Q2-2023	Q4-2024	44
210	Existing	U.S.VETS	Q3-2023	Q4-2023	Q3-2025	41
258	Existing	Century	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	Q2-2026	46
401 (MacArthur Field 2)	New	Core	Q2-2024	Q2-2024	Q4-2025	75
400 (Lot 49)	New	TSA	Q2-2024	Q3-2024	Q3-2026	66
158	Existing	Century	Q4-2024	Q1-2025	Q1-2027	71
256	Existing/ Demo	U.S.VETS	Q2-2025	Q2-2025	Q2-2027	41
409 (Lot 18)	New	TSA	Q3-2025	Q4-2025	Q4-2027	96
13 & 306	Existing/ Demo	U.S.VETS	Q3-2026	Q4-2026	Q4-2028	25
408 (Lot 20)	New	Century	Q3-2027	Q4-2027	Q3-2029	69
407 (Lot 21) & 236	New	TSA	Q2-2028	Q2-2028	Q2-2030	69
410 & 337	New	Century	Q3-2029	Q4-2029	Q3-2031	82
413 & 340	New/Demo	TSA	Q3-2031	Q4-2031	Q4-2033	75
415 & 342	New/Demo	Century	Q3-2032	Q4-2032	Q3-2034	85
414, 117 & 346	New/Demo	U.S.VETS	Q3-2034	Q4-2034	Q4-2036	94
206	Existing	TSA	Q2-2036	Q3-2036	Q3-2038	49
257	Existing	U.S.VETS	Q2-2036	Q3-2036	Q3-2038	49

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Registered Public Comment

- ▶ In the interest of time management, speakers will be held to a 5-minute time limit and have been selected in the order of event registration.
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VCOEB RECOMMENDATION 15-1

WHEREAS, Permanent supportive housing is the best solution to end homelessness for the approximately 3902¹ veterans experiencing homelessness in LA county;

WHEREAS, As of January 2021, Housing Authorities in Los Angeles County have been issued 2547 HUD-VASH vouchers that had yet to be used to support the rent for homeless veterans;

WHEREAS, As of January 2021, there were approximately 92 vacant staff positions at VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (VAGLAHS) to serve veterans experiencing homelessness in the HUD-VASH;

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the VA, Denis McDonough conducted a press briefing on October 20 2021 where he pledged to house 500 veterans experiencing homelessness by December 31, 2021,

WHEREAS, More recent data than January 2021 has not been reported to the VCOEB concerning number of veterans experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles, number of unassigned HUD VASH vouchers, number of vacant HUD VASH staff positions, specific housing needs of veterans experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles and progress towards establishing a By-Name-List²;

WHEREAS, Over 80 communities around the country have achieve “functional zero” for homeless veterans thereby ending homelessness for veterans in these communities.

WHEREAS, A key component of systems change to achieve the goal of ending homelessness for veterans is the establishment of a publicly accessible dashboard that reports, in real time, the number of veterans on the streets or in shelters, the number of unassigned HUD VASH vouchers, the number of vacant HUD VASH staff positions (both VA and contract staff) and the progress towards establishing a By-Name List.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE:

RECOMMENDED, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs instruct the leadership of the Greater LA VA to create a dashboard for the Greater Los Angeles Area (broken down by Service Planning Areas) that provides a *monthly* report on progress towards ending homelessness for veterans in the greater Los Angeles area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Veterans and Community Oversight and Engagement Board adopts this recommendation as of December 2, 2021.

¹ [Source: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count](#)

² <https://community.solutions/what-is-a-by-name-list/>

VCOEB RECOMMENDATION 15-2

WHEREAS, The Veterans Community Engagement and Oversight Board is charged to provide oversight of service for veterans experiencing homelessness served by the Greater Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center and provide oversight for development of the 388 acre parcel where the VA Medical Center resides through formal Recommendations to the Secretary of the Veterans Affairs;

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the VA took over 8 months to respond to the recommendations passed by majority vote by the VCOEB from the March 2021 meeting;

WHEREAS, Without timely response to the recommendations of the VCOEB from the Secretary of the VA, we have no evidence that the members of the committee are able to fulfill its charter.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE:

RECOMMENDED, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs provide specific responses to the recommendations passed by majority vote in public meetings by the VCOEB within a minimum of 120 days following their passage.

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VCOEB RECOMMENDATION 15-03

WHEREAS, the Draft Master Plan was adopted by the VA on January 28, 2016.

WHEREAS, the Draft Master Plan called for development an independent “Zone 4: Town Center” with the following elements: “an area of focus for resident and non-resident Veterans from across the campus and the region”; “[it connects with each of the principal neighborhoods and functions as a ‘downtown’ for the site, where Veterans can socialize at a fitness center or café, participate in events in a public square, attend outdoor concerts, coordinate a volunteer effort, develop employment opportunities, visit a library, grab a bike to ride around the property or make plans for going to a movie at one of the campus theaters.”

WHEREAS, the Draft Master Plan also called for development of a Veterans Vocational Enterprise and Cultural Center in “Zone 5: Outer Ring”: “Surrounding most of the site, this zone is the most permeable area of the campus, where Veterans have direct access to the surrounding community, and where re-integration becomes manifest in Veteran employment opportunities. A Veterans Vocational Enterprise and Cultural Center occupies the lower-lying land at the southeast corner of the north campus, accessed from Sepulveda Boulevard.”

WHEREAS, the Draft Master Plan noted at the time, that “A key authority that will be pertinent to VA providing the supportive housing on the campus will be VA’s Enhanced-Use Lease Authority, contained at 38 U.S.C. 8161-8169. Established in 1991, the authority allows VA to outlease selected sites under VA’s jurisdiction and control to selected Developers, to finance, develop, operate, and maintain ‘supportive housing’ as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 8161(3).”

WHEREAS, 38 U.S.C. § 8161(3) states, “The term ‘supportive housing’ means housing that engages tenants in on-site and community-based support services for veterans or their families that are at risk of homelessness or are homeless.”

WHEREAS, President Obama signed the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 (P.L. 114-226) approximately nine months after the Draft Master Plan’s adoption, on September 29, 2016.

WHEREAS, the Section 2(b)(2) of the West Los Angeles Leasing Act expressly empowers VA to lease real property on campus for up to 50 years for purposes beyond supportive housing, including nutrition, recreation, vocational training, and socialization.

WHEREAS, on the five-year anniversary of the passage of the West Los Angeles Leasing Act (September 29, 2021), the VA’s Inspector General released a report surveying the VA’s uses of its leasing authorities, including those conferred by Congress with the West Los Angeles Leasing Act.

WHEREAS, the September 2021 OIG Report stated that “After reviewing the healthcare system’s strategic plan, the OIG was unable to identify any projects planned for zone 4 (town center) or zone 5 (outer ring) to improve veteran socialization and recreation as envisioned in the draft master plan.”

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2021, VA posted a preliminary update to the Draft Master Plan document titled Master Plan 2022;

WHEREAS, Master Plan 2022 documents do not indicate any notable progress using Section 2(b)(2) of the West Los Angeles Leasing Act in (2016) Zone 4: Town Center and (2016) Zone 5: Outer Ring since publication of the OIG Five-Year report;

WHEREAS, Master Plan 2022 abandons the vision of a Town Center set forth in the 2016 Draft Master Plan in favor of notional “Town Square” concept, with no emphasis on commercial or socialization activities for both resident and non-resident veterans. Instead, it relies upon the Principal Developer’s suggestion that Building 13 can serve as a “Town Hall” with a canteen and “Patriot Store,” along with 25 units of permanent supportive housing.

WHEREAS, Master Plan 2022 delays development of vocational training and/or cultural enrichment opportunities in “Zone 2: Long Term Care + Auxiliary Services” for at least another decade citing: “as space permits, this area can serve as a hub for job training as well as Veteran art production and exhibition.”

WHEREAS, Master Plan 2022 identifies six “Key Redevelopment Opportunity Areas” including the Town Center Opportunity Area, Auxiliary Services Opportunity Area, South Campus Opportunity Area, Brentwood Village Opportunity Area, Golf Course Opportunity Area and Stadium Opportunity Area. Both the Golf Course and Stadium Opportunity Areas were contemplated as alternative sites for supportive housing in the 2016 Draft Master Plan. Additionally, the South Campus Opportunity Areas is described as having a “significant amount of underutilized land.”

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RECOMMENDED:

RECOMMENDATION 15-3-A: the Secretary of Veterans Affairs instruct the West LA VA Leadership that, for purposes of producing the final Master Plan 2022, the areas of campus and parcels identified for use by the Draft Master Plan in either the Town Center or Veterans Vocational Enterprise and Cultural Center be preserved for those originally intended uses and not repurposed for any other use until VA carries out a solicitation process to determine if there are interested third-parties to execute those original use cases.

RECOMMENDATION 15-3-B: the Secretary of Veterans Affairs instruct the West LA VA Leadership to issue a Request for Qualifications for a third-party to develop the Town Center as contemplated in the 2016 Draft Master Plan using its authorities under Section 2(b)(2) of the West Los Angeles Leasing Act including parcels 32, 33, 34, 35, 38 and 39 in Master Plan 2022.

RECOMMENDATION 15-3-C: the Secretary of Veterans Affairs instruct the West LA VA Leadership to issue a Request for Qualifications for a third-party to develop a Veterans Vocational Enterprise and Cultural Center as contemplated in the 2016 Draft Master using its authorities in Section 2(b)(2) of the West Los Angeles Leasing Act including parcels 68, 70, 71, 72 and 73 in Master Plan 2022.

RECOMMENDATION 15-3-D: the Secretary of Veterans Affairs instruct the West LA VA Leadership to relocate new construction projects for supportive housing in parcels 32, 33, 34, 35, 38 and 39 in Master Plan 2022 to the Golf Course or Stadium Opportunity Areas.

RECOMMENDATION 15-3-D:, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs instruct the West LA VA Leadership to relocate new construction projects for VA operations in parcels 68, 70, 71, 72 and 73 in Master Plan 2022 to the South Campus Opportunity Area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Veterans and Community Oversight and Engagement Board adopts this recommendation as of December 2, 2021.

VCOEB RECOMMENDATION 15-04

WHEREAS, the September 2021 OIG Report stated that “After reviewing the healthcare system’s strategic plan, the OIG was unable to identify any projects planned for zone 4 (town center) or zone 5 (outer ring) to improve veteran socialization and recreation as envisioned in the draft master plan.”

WHEREAS, the availability of funding to construct and operate such projects has been identified as a potential impediment for planning such activities on campus.

WHEREAS, naming rights are often used to attract third party investment and are thought by the VCOEB to be suitable for attracting investment in the Town Center and/or a Veterans Vocational Enterprise and Cultural Center on campus.

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2021, Office of General Counsel Real Property Group’s statement was provided to VCOEB stating “we do not agree that corporate sponsorships or naming rights are a good funding source for the West LA Campus.”

WHEREAS, OGC Real Property Group opined that “the naming of the building, facilities, structures, and other real property owned and controlled by the VA violates 38 U.S.C. §531.”

WHEREAS, OGC Real Property Group concluded their statement “[a]s such, VA cannot condone the use of naming right for corporate sponsorship on property that is serving Veterans on the West LA Campus as it would imply a VA endorsement of the person, organization, or entity.”

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2021, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System issued a statement titled UCLA Second Lease Amendment. The statement acknowledges that “[t]he construction of the Branca Family Field will be entirely paid for and constructed by private donations to UCLA Athletics for shared use as a practice facility by the University baseball team and a recreational facility for Veterans and their families.”

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2021, UCLA issued a statement titled UCLA Athletics Introduces Plans for JRS Improvements. The statement acknowledges that the Branca Family Field “project is being made possible thanks in part to a generous \$1 million commitment from prominent entertainment attorney and philanthropist John Branca, a graduate of the UCLA School of Law.” The statement also reads “[a]fter meeting fundraising goals and receiving proper approvals from the VA and UCLA Capital Programs, construction will begin during the summer of 2021. No state or government funds are being used for the project.”

WHEREAS, the UCLA statement also highlights multiple instances of naming rights on the West LA Campus such as “Branca Family Field”, “Gifford Sports Complex” and “Jack and Rhodine Gifford Hitting Facility” in order to make real property improvements on VA property on behalf of leases.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RECOMMENDED:

RECOMMENDATION 15-4-A: the Secretary of Veterans Affairs instruct the Office of General Counsel to issue a report on whether the naming of the baseball stadium for Jackie Robinson complies with 38 U.S.C. §531.

RECOMMENDATION 15-4-B: the Secretary of Veterans Affairs instruct the Office of General Counsel to issue a report on whether UCLA's naming of various portions of the baseball complex, in honor of donors or other persons, complies with 38 U.S.C. §531.

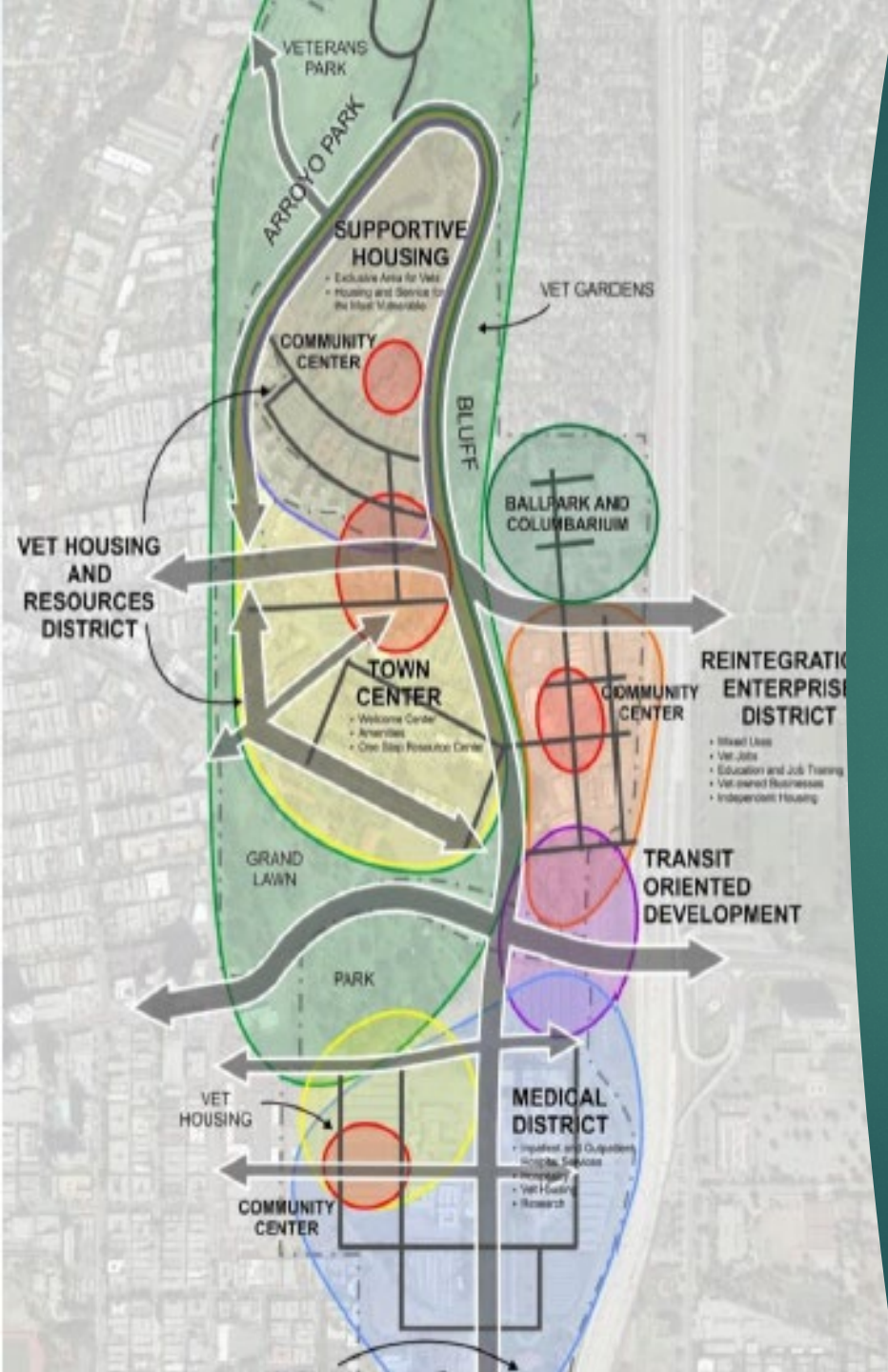
RECOMMENDATION 15-4-C: the Secretary of Veteran Affairs instruct the Office of General Counsel to determine what procedures the VA could follow in order to continue leaseholder use of naming rights on VA property within existing authorities.

RECOMMENDATION 15-4-D: if the OGC opines that the naming rights violate 38 U.S.C. §531, that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs instruct the West LA VA Leadership that UCLA stop all use of the names Branca Family Field, Gifford Sports Complex or Jack and Rhodine Gifford Hitting Facility.

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