



PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

Project Address: 1849 Wright Street

Application Type: Informational Presentation for Exterior Renovations to an existing Public Building, Madison College North Building, Truax Campus
UDC will be an Approving Body

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Background Information

Applicant | Contact: Drew Martin, Strang, Inc. | Fred Brechlin, Madison College

Project Description: The applicant is proposing exterior renovations to the North Building on the Madison College Campus that will be completed in phases. The proposed phase one renovations include interior reconfiguration of the entry sequence to create additional classroom and workshop space and re-cladding portions of the existing north and west building elevations consistent with the college's material palette.

Future phases will include continued improvements to the building's exterior on the remaining elevations, as well as improvements to parking area.

Approval Standards: The UDC will be an **approving body** on the proposed building addition when a formal application comes forward. Pursuant to MGO Section [33.24\(4\)\(d\)](#), "*The UDC shall approve plans for all buildings proposed to be built or expanded in the City by the State of Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin, the City of Madison, Dane County, the Federal Government or any other local governmental entity which has the power to levy taxes on property located within the City.*" The approving authority of the UDC is limited to the buildings themselves. Comments related to landscaping would only be advisory in nature.

Summary of Design Considerations

Staff recommends that the UDC provide feedback on the development proposal regarding and requirements related to the items noted below. As part of this review, staff recommends consideration be given to the following:

- **Building Design and Composition.** Staff requests the Commission's feedback on the overall building design and composition as it relates to creating one cohesive architectural expression, especially where the proposed materials meets the existing materials and as it relates to proportions (top, middle, base), as well as architectural details/elements.
- **Materials.** The building material palette consists of aluminum metal panel and both stone and brick masonry. Staff requests the Commission's feedback on the building material palette, especially as it relates to material transitions and large expanses of a singular material (northwest elevation).