

Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation is required.

Title

Approving a Transportation Access Master Plan by the University of Wisconsin-Madison to guide the future development of the 700 & 800-blocks of University Avenue and 400-blocks of North Lake Street and East Campus Mall. 8th Ald. Dist.

Body

WHEREAS on August 4, 2008, the Plan Commission approved a conditional use permit to allow the University of Wisconsin-Madison to construct an addition to the Chazen Museum of Art at 750 University Avenue, which followed an earlier approval by the Plan Commission on January 14, 2008 of a demolition permit for the former Peterson Office Building on the same site, and

WHEREAS Resolution 08-00772, passed by the Common Council on August 5, 2008 approved the conversion of East Campus Mall between University Avenue and State Street to a pedestrian and bike facility with an agreement with the University of Wisconsin for the maintenance of East Campus Mall, and

WHEREAS Resolution 08-01070, passed by the Common Council on December 2, 2008 approved plans for the restoration of East Campus Mall in accordance with the Permit to Excavate in the Right of Way and an agreement to provide maintenance of East Campus Mall from University Avenue to State Street, and

WHEREAS construction of the addition to the Chazen Museum will coincide with the University's construction of the section of East Campus Mall between University Avenue and the State Street Concourse, and

WHEREAS the demolition of the Peterson Office Building, the construction of East Campus Mall and the Chazen Addition were conditioned upon the University working cooperatively with the City to complete a master plan for the blocks bounded by N. Park Street, State Street, N. Lake Street and University Avenue to address property access, service and street capacity related to future University developments on the block including the Chazen Addition, School of Music Performance Facility and Academic Building, and

WHEREAS the City Engineer, City Traffic Engineer, Fire Department and Planning Division have requested that the University's master plan provide:

- a public service court designed for truck turnaround service from North Lake Street to Fitch Court to serve the subject block's multiple buildings and service needs off-street from N. Lake Street to East Campus Mall related to providing alternate access to properties affected by the loss of vehicular access on East Campus Mall and Fitch Court;
- adequate capacity along North Lake Street from University Avenue to State Street for future traffic demands, ingress/egress, parking, drop-off, and service needs;
- drop-off/pick-up plans and designs along University Avenue to serve and replace existing like facilities, and;
- plans for potential truck service and delivery from University Avenue to East Campus Mall to service the University Club and other like situated properties, and

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WHEREAS the University has submitted a master plan for the affected blocks that has been reviewed by the City Engineering Division, Traffic Engineering Division, Planning Division and Fire Department and those agencies find the master plan to satisfy their various requirements, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the transportation access master plan prepared by the University of Wisconsin-Madison to guide future access for the 700 & 800-blocks of University Avenue and 400-blocks of North Lake Street and East Campus Mall is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this transportation access master plan shall be used in the future review and approval of any University development or infrastructure projects or City infrastructure projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University shall complete a traffic impact study as part of the future consideration of any University development projects in the area governed by this transportation access master plan when required in writing by the City Traffic Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval of this master plan shall also be conditioned upon compliance with the attached "University Of Wisconsin-Madison Response To Traffic Engineering Zoning Approval Conditions Including Transportation Master Plan For Chazen/Music Performance Block, 750 University Avenue," dated July 9, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that implementation of this master plan shall preserve fire access not only to the proposed/future University of Wisconsin buildings but shall also maintain and improve access to all the existing buildings on this block, such as Pres House, St. Paul's University Catholic Center, the University Bookstore and Chazen Museum and addition.