

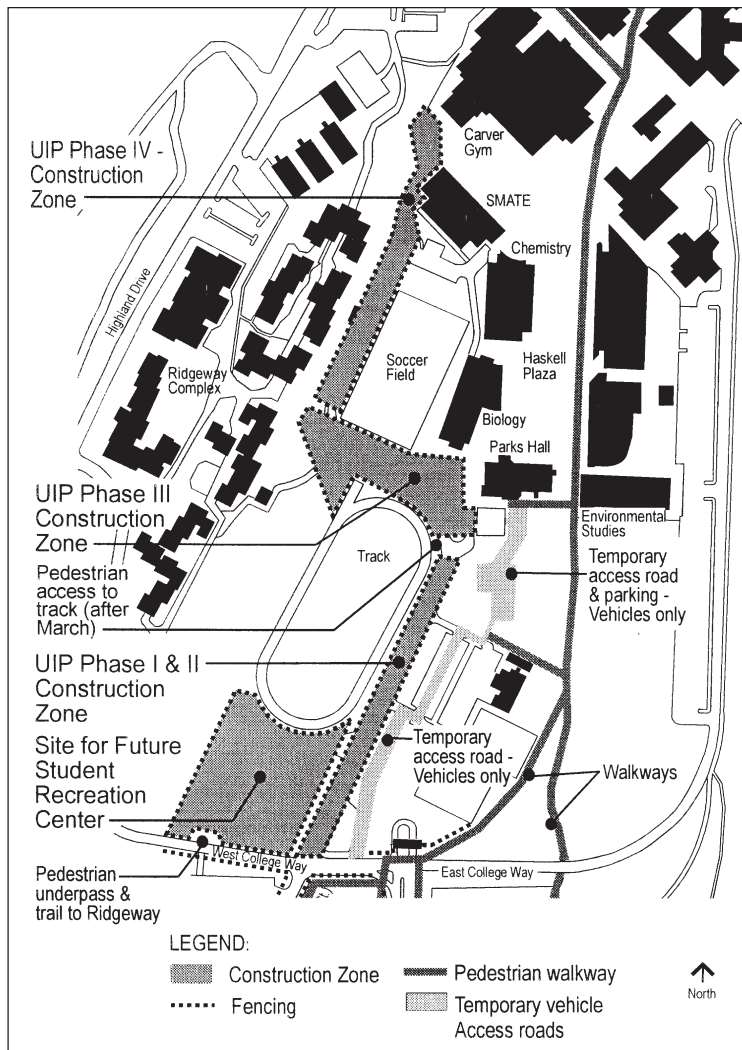
The Shape of Things to Come

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INTRODUCTION

This fourth “mini” version of “*The Shape of Things to Come*” brings you another update on the construction that’s been taking place on south campus. The disruption of traffic and redirection of pedestrian pathways in this area is the result of the Utility Improvements Project which will provide for the infrastructure elements required for the future Communications Building and Student Recreation Center. As excavation for the underground tunnel that houses various utility components proceeds north along the service road, your usual routes of travel may continue to be redirected. In addition, site preparation for the construction of the Student Recreation Center will begin and run concurrently with the ongoing Utility Improvements Project.

Please continue to respect the signs and temporary fencing that cordon off construction areas and obey the flaggers whether you’re traveling on foot or by vehicle. Your cooperation regarding these campus improvement efforts is greatly appreciated.



- **Student Recreation Center**
Site preparation for the new Student Recreation Center located south of the track will begin in early March and will run concurrently with the Utility Improvements Project. Initial construction activity will involve the installation of site perimeter fencing and establishing construction material lay-down areas. The two track storage structures on the south end of the track will be removed before site excavation begins. Site excavation will continue through the first months of spring quarter and will include some excavation of underlying rock. There will be noise and dust from the excavation equipment and trucks. Pedestrian circulation will be coordinated with the Utility Improvements Project discussed on the reverse page. The pedestrian underpass and trail up to West College Drive will remain open.
A flagger will assist drivers and pedestrians at the intersection of 21st Street and West College Way. Please continue to use caution at this intersection.
Construction will continue until the recreation center opens in fall 2003. Future updates will be provided via this newsletter.
For more information, please contact Gil Aiken, Project Manager, 650-7689.



In the Works

Phase III of the Utility Improvements Project (UIP) continues with the following impacts:

- **Duration of Work**
Work is scheduled to begin in mid-March and end in mid-May.
- **Construction Fencing**
Fencing for Phase III extends further onto campus, just north of the track (see map on reverse page).
- **Utility Tunnel/Sanitary Sewer Line**
Excavation and the subsequent installation of the utility tunnel will take place within the construction fencing and result in noise, dust, large truck and heavy equipment traffic. Excavation and installation of the sanitary sewer line and underground drainage structures will also take place within the same construction zone.
- **Pedestrian Circulation**
Pedestrian access to the track will be provided at the north end of the track.

Pedestrians accessing campus from the south should continue to use the temporary walkways

already in place and be cautious whenever crossing vehicular traffic.

- **Vehicular Access**

Vehicular access to SMATE, Biology, and Chemistry through the construction area will be provided by the contractor to *service vehicles only*. Coordinate special needs with the Project On-Site Representative, Robert McNaught (650-6100).

Vehicular access for emergencies at the track will be provided at the south end of the track.


- **Next Steps**

During Phase IV of the Utility Improvements Project the construction zone will extend further north to Carver Gym (see map). Excavation and installation of the utility tunnel, sanitary sewer line and underground drainage structures will take place within the construction fencing.

Phase IV is expected to begin in mid-May and run through mid-August.

For more information, please contact David Willett, Project Manager, 650-6813.

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