April 21, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Mark A. Hussey
Interim President, Texas A&M University

SUBJECT: CBE Recommendation: Coke Street Landscaping

At its April 8, 2014 meeting, the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) discussed a request from Transportation Services for landscaping approval for Coke Street.

The concept of the landscape plan is to create more of a destination rather than an area that students simply pass through. New 20-foot wide pedestrian walkways consisting of concrete and brick paver patterns will build on the vocabulary and patterns already established with those in front of the MSC and Rudder Tower. The existing plaza area north of Joe Routt Blvd will be redesigned to create a “pocket park” and provide natural shading with tree canopies. The plaza will feature moveable tables and chairs, with nearby seating walls and power outlets. New planting beds at the intersection of Joe Routt and Coke Street will soften the appearance as well as direct pedestrian traffic to the crosswalks.

Recommendations from the Sub-Councils:

Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc) – The DRsc recommends approval of landscape design for the Coke Street rehabilitation project as presented, with the following caveats:

- Addition of a hose bib near the existing monument on the south side of the site plan to enable easier cleaning and maintenance, as well as a hose bib on the north side of the plaza for any potential future needs.
- Expectation that any future redevelopment of the East Quad area (Corps of Cadets) will complement this design.

Technical Review Sub-Council (TRsc) – The TRsc supports the proposed landscaping and recommends approval, provided the following issues/concerns are addressed and funded.

- Facilities Services
  We support this project. The project team should coordinate with Grounds Management.

- Utilities and Energy Services
  The project will need to work closely with UES on the new plantings and modifications proposed around SUP3 to ensure that crane access to the cooling towers and other equipment is maintained.

UES Personnel will need to review the detailed design, including placement I species of plants, berm locations and heights, prior to any work being done in the area.
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The project and design team will need to follow the TAMU policy on digging on campus - https://utilities.tamu.edu/digging-campus/

If relocation I modification of any TAMU UES systems is required the project will need to follow the TAMU utilities & energy design standards - https://utilities.tamu.edu/design-standards/

The CBE voted unanimously to recommend the President’s approval, with noted caveats, the request from Transportation Services for landscaping approval for Coke Street.

Karan L. Watson  4-22-14
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

B. J. Cain  4-21-14
Vice President for Finance and
Administration
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Concur or not concur with CBE’s recommendation:

Mark A. Hussey  Date
Interim President

cc: Peter Lange, Executive Director, Transportation Services
Sub-Council Chairs, Council for the Built Environment
February 7, 2014

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Karan L. Watson, Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
   Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment
   Ms. B. J. Crain, Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO
   Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

From: Mr. Peter Lange
       Executive Director, Transportation Services

Subject: Request for Landscaping Approval for Coke Street Modification

Transportation Services is seeking approval for the design plan (attached) prepared by Kimley-Horn and Associates for the previously approved modification of Coke Street. Color renderings will be available for any presentations. The reconstruction of these portions of Joe Routt and Coke Street was approved by the CBE on 4/19/2013 and this request is for the landscape portion of the project only.

These changes will provide improved landscape in front of the SUP3 plant to include new trees, hardscape, benches and an improved sidewalk on both sides of the street. The area will blend nicely with the Koldus plaza area.

The landscaping plan was designed to enhance the improvements while ensuring the renovated area blends with existing surroundings. Your favorable approval of this landscaping plan is greatly appreciated.

Attachment:
   Design Plan
MEMORANDUM

TO:      Dr. Karan Watson  
        Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

        Ms. B.J. Crain  
        Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

FROM:    Ms. Lilia Gonzales, AIA  
         University Architect and Chair, Design Review Sub-Council

DATE:    April 2, 2014

RE:       Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc) Report  
          Coke Street Modification – Landscape Design

On August 4, 2013, President Loftin approved the Coke Street Modification project. On February 7, 2014, Transportation Services submitted a request for approval of the landscaping plan associated with this project. A detailed landscape plan was reviewed by the DRsc on March 26, 2014 for the area along Coke Street in front of Satellite Plant SUP-3.

As previously presented, the road reconstruction will provide improvements and better flow for buses, and will convert traffic on Coke Street to one-way. The existing median on Joe Routt Blvd will be shifted slightly to the south, allowing for two (2) turn lanes to enable better access into Koldus parking garage. The far right lane of Joe Routt will be marked with sharrows, indicating that bicycles will share the lane with vehicles.

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Recommendation
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Please let us know if you need additional information.

cc:      Peter Lange  
         DRsc Members  
         Bettyann Zito
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Karan Watson
    Co-chair, Council on the Built Environment

    Ms. B. J. Crain
    Co-chair, Council on the Built Environment

FROM: Tom Reber
    Chair, CBE Technical Review Sub-council

DATE: March 24, 2014

SUBJECT: CBE TRsc Recommendation: Landscaping for Coke Street Modification

On March 10, 2014, Peter Lange, Executive Director, Transportation Services presented to the CBE’s
Technical Review Sub-council on the proposed Landscaping for Coke Street Modification.

These changes will provide improved landscape in front of the SUP3 plant to include new trees,
hardscape, benches and an improved sidewalk on both sides of the street. The area will blend nicely
with the Koldus plaza area.

Recommendation
The Technical Review Sub-council supports the proposed landscaping and recommends approval,
provided the following issues/concerns are addressed and funded.

Facilities Services
We support this project. The project team should coordinate with Grounds Management.

Utilities and Energy Services
The project will need to work closely with UES on the new plantings and modifications proposed around
SUP3 to ensure that crane access to the cooling towers and other equipment is maintained.

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Cc: CBE Technical Review Sub-council
    CBE Support Staff