Ross Street Update

including the Northgate Pedestrian Project & Wellborn Grade Changes

Faculty Senate  Feb 14
TS Advisory Council  Feb 15
University Staff Council  Feb 15
Graduate Student Council  Feb 15
Employee Advisory Council  Feb 22
Student Senate  Feb 23
Open Forum  March 2
Open Forum  March 4
VP for Student Affairs  April 12
Council of Senior Business Administrators  April 20
Chief of Staff and Vice President of Administration  April 28
Division of Administration Student Advisory Board  May 3
Council of Senior Business Administrators Spring Workshop  May 19

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New Fish Pond Plaza – Facilities Planning and Construction
Vision 2020

• Imperative 8: Enrich Our Campus
  – Maintain and Enhance the Campus Environment
  – “Movement of students, faculty, and staff around the campus should be convenient.”

• “Maintain the pedestrian-friendly character of the campus as it grows.”

• “special places that reinforce that narrative. Military Walk from Rudder Center to Sbisa Hall...”
Ross Street facing east in front of Military Walk
Vision 2020

Military Walk facing south

Military Walk facing north
Ross Street facing east looking across Military Walk
• Two prerequisites to any successful access system were identified by the task force as essential for safety, convenience and effectiveness of movement. They are as follows:
  – Remove the impediment created by the railroad on campus.
  – Manage the conflicts caused by the interaction of pedestrians and bicycles with vehicles.
Campus Access & Parking Task Force
January 2000

• Modify on-campus street system.
  – Designated bus corridors
  – Ross Street repaired and reopened to transit vehicles only during the day, all vehicles at night
  – Fish Pond area available to transit vehicles
• ...Minimize pedestrian/vehicular conflicts...

• The safety of pedestrians should be ensured. Pedestrian safety is affected by how well the travel modes are integrated.
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• The pedestrian nature of campus is important. The system should be easy and friendly.

• Our pedestrian-oriented campus is, in other words, a priceless asset.
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• ... a campus that combines several modes of transportation in an orderly manner to meet a variety of needs....predominantly pedestrian travel on campus, using comfortable, attractive and efficient pathways....

• manage the congestion caused by the interaction of pedestrians and bicycles with vehicles on and around campus
Ross Street facing east
Ross Street facing east in front of Sbisa
Campus Master Plan 2004

• “...keep private cars to the periphery, and make the campus an accessible, pedestrian one.”
• “There is a sustainable, compact core that supports efficient and enjoyable pedestrian travel.”
• “Excessive vehicular access to many parts of the campus conflicts with use by pedestrians.”
• Limited access streets should be open to vehicular use from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am...
“The Master Plan recommends limiting the access of private vehicles to certain paths within normal business hours.”

“In addition to creating a need to provide parking for an astonishing number of cars, the introduction of so many cars on campus causes conflicts with other modes of transportation...In general, private vehicles are not allowed access to the historic core of the campus during business hours.”
Ross Street facing east
Military Walk facing south
Ross Street facing east in front of Sbisa
Ross Street Traffic Flow
Ross Street Project Timeline

• FP&C Project
• $4 million
• Ross Street Project begins Dec 2010
• Spence St open Feb 2011
• Ross Street Project complete Sep 2011
Ross Street Transit Impact

Green is current route

Route 01 (Bonfire)

Route 04 (Gig ‘Em)
Northgate Pedestrian Improvement

- TxDOT project
- TxDOT funded
- January 2012 – Sept 2012
Northgate Pedestrian Improvement
January 2012 – September 2012
Wellborn Road Grade Separation

- Relocated Olsen Blvd.
- New Parking
- Detention
- Railroad Crossing
- Wellborn Road
- Jones St.
- Old Main Drive
- Albritton Bell Tower
- Simpson Drill Field
- Minnie Bell Heep Center
- Kleberg Center
- Life Science Bldg
- New Parking
- Detention
Wellborn Road Grade Separation

• FP&C project
• $34 million
• Wellborn and Old Main will remain open but there will be lane closures
• June 2011 – January 2013
Vision 2020
http://transport.tamu.edu/parking/forums.aspx

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