

Master Planning Committee
Report for Staff Council Meeting #265
October 2015

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MPC met on September 24. The group discussed:

Taku Parking Lot Trail:

The trail from the Taku Parking Lot that heads up toward Tanana Loop and Harwood Hall. This used to be a non-motorized trail but it was widened in 2014 for use by the Taku Shuttle while Tanana Loop was closed for the Engineering building construction. The Taku Shuttle was suspended in Fall 2014 and Tanana Loop, but the path is still being used by motor vehicles. MPC moved and passed a motion to make the trail open to only non-motorized use again.

Tanana Loop Open to Traffic:

Tanana Loop re-opened on September 26. The road has been narrowed slightly around the curve as a traffic calming measure (speed bumps were considered, but discounted because of the possibility of damage to vehicle suspensions).

Engineering Building Update:

The Engineering building is done for the time being. The shell is complete but none of the interior is installed except for the student study area in the lobby. The building will be open to foot traffic coming from the Alumni Drive staircase and crossing through to the Cornerstone Plaza.

Proposed Fire/Police Station Update:

The committee received an update regarding the proposed fire station, police station, and training center. UAF's master plan includes building a new fire, police, EMS, and training center located on the old Fairbanks St road and part of the Tanana lot just south of Tanana Loop. Soil work done at the site found poor soil at the proposed location of the apparatus bays, so the plan has been rotated 90 degrees to place the bays on better ground. This is a project that is dependent on capital funding, and could easily be 2 - 5 years from start.

MPC met again on October 8, too close to our meeting to update this report.

MPC is scheduled to meet next on October 22.