The Kansas University campus will undergo some changes, thanks to a master plan that calls for $258 million in alterations and additions for the university’s 7 million square feet of buildings on 950 acres.

**KU to change, according to plan**

* Kansas University’s master plan, which saw a formal revision last fall, will begin having a significant impact on the Lawrence campus in coming years.

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Changing the face of Kansas University is no small task. As testimony to that, the master plan governing structural and landscape changes on campus was formally revised last fall for the first time in 25 years. In that revision were $258 million in alterations and additions for KU’s 7 million square feet of buildings and 950 acres.

Among the immediate projects are: a $6 million completion of the levels beneath the newly renovated Budig Hall; a

Even Jayhawk Boulevard has been pinpointed for special improvements, possibly including the removal of parking from the oft-traveled campus street, and the introduction of a transit circulation system and information kiosks.

$10 million parking garage north of the Kansas Union; and $35 million in renovations for Memorial Stadium.

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Master plan means renovations to KU buildings

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Allen Field House and Hodgkind-Maupin Stadium.

Down the road, planners envision campus walkways and gardens such as the under-

construction Malott Plaza, expanded green space, and

major renovations to a num-

ber of KU’s essential buildings, including Watson Library, Welch Hall, Learned Hall and

Murphy Hall.

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Lewis Hall on the list

A number of the projects will be included in KU’s capital improve-

ments list, submitted annually to the Legislature in early April.

“Another one we may add to the list is the housing renova-

tion of Lewis Hall,” said KU planning coordinator Tom

Wachtler, referring to improve-

ments that would make those already com-

pleted in Temple Hall.

Another planned project is a

$7.6 million library storage-

facility and a $25 million undergraduate science teach-

ing building.

That’s all future work,” Wachtler said. “There isn’t any funding lined up either for the library or the undergraduate teaching facility.”

Guiding goals

When the last comprehen-

sive look at a master plan took place in the early 1970s, there was no Anschutz Science Library, no Dole Building, no

Green Hall and the computer center was still under con-

struction.

“When you look back over the past 20 years, you realize that this place will continue to change and evolve,” Wachtler said.

In 1992, a special task force on physical development was

appointed. The task force was made up of 30 students, facul-

ty, staff and alumni, including a few Lawrence residents. Their recommendations were incorporated into the final plan.

KU’s master plan essentially has two “guiding goals,” as KU Chancellor Robert

Hemenway has noted. The goals:

- Preserving the beauty of Mount Oread and creating an environment that shows respect for learning.

- This is one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation, if not the world,” Hemenway said. “We must pre-

serve its beauty for those who come after us.”

- Cumbersome Classrooms initia-

tives will bring $16.7 million in improve-

ments to electrical wiring and in-

cluding buildings up to ADA stan-

dards. Electrical sub-

scriptions throughout campus will also be retrofitted, the instal-

lations of a campus-wide loop would protect buildings from power failure.

- Although Potter Lake is more than safe, environmental and historical interests could be ranked by a few of the proposed changes, includ-

ing the new research lab facili-

ty slated for construction on the hillside below Wescoe Hall.

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Fieldhouse renovations are across-the-board upgrades for the restrooms, and the construction of a number of new facilities. One of the main locations for the new restrooms will be a $1 million elevator tower, to be built last south of the Fieldhouse.

New men’s and women’s restrooms, as well as restrooms that lock and include diaper changing stations, and wheelchair accessible drinking fountains will be installed.

In addition, concession stands will either be modified with lower counter tops or removed, and every external entrance will be rebuilt.

The fieldhouse last saw changes in 1994. That year, a new air-conditioning system and $3.4 million of new seats were installed. The seats pushed the capacity from 15,800 to 16,341.

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