MAJOR / INTERMEDIATE CAPITAL PROJECTS

Interdisciplinary Science Building (formerly known as Sciences Building Addition - STEM I)

WWU is working with Perkins+Will (design consultant) and BNBuilders (General Contractor/Construction Manager). COVID-19 protocols are in place and are being monitored by PBS Environmental (third party consultant), WWU’s Environmental Health and Safety, WWU on-site representatives, and the BNBuilders management team. The project is scheduled to be complete in Winter Quarter 2022. Live video feed is available at: https://cpd.wwu.edu/interdisciplinary-science-building-webcams. Below are screen captures from November 21, 2020.
Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Pre-design is complete and was approved by the State in July 2020. Perkins+Will, the selected design consultant, has started the design phase. Pending approval of State funding in the 2021-23 capital budget, construction is scheduled to begin in Summer 2022. The project is scheduled for completion in early 2024 to be ready for occupancy in Spring Quarter 2024.

Elevator Preservation and ADA Upgrades

Construction on Morse Hall, Environmental Studies, and Biology Building elevators are substantially complete, and the elevators are now operable. Work on the elevators in Bond Hall will be complete by December 2020, and work on the elevators in Arntzen Hall will be complete by February 2021.

Multiple Building Access Control

DECO/Dutton Electric and their subcontractor Convergint Technologies have successfully completed the access control system conversion for the majority of campus buildings. The project is expected to be complete by Spring 2021. In the October Board of Trustees packet, the update stated the project should be complete by the end of 2020, but an unforeseen condition was identified in one building since the October Board of Trustees meeting that requires more time.

University Residences Access Control

Dawson and their subcontractor VECA Electric with Convergint Technologies have completed construction and the project is in Close Out.

New Residence Hall

The progressive design team consists of Lydig Construction from Spokane and Mahlum Architects from Seattle. COVID-19 protocols are in place and are being monitored by PBS Environmental (third party consultant), WWU’s Environmental Health and Safety, WWU on-site representatives, and the Lydig management team. Occupancy is still scheduled for Fall 2021 occupancy.

The team is also working in Ridgeway Commons to improve ADA accessibility from the south entrance of the new residence hall to the second-floor dining facility. Ridgeway Commons is the closest eatery to the new residence hall. The Ridgeway Commons scope includes adding an elevator and two gender neutral and ADA accessible restrooms, as well as upgrading the fire alarm system. Work in Ridgeway Commons will be complete by Summer 2021.

Live video feed of the New Residence Hall portion of the project is available at: https://cpd.wwu.edu/new-residence-hall-webcams. Below are screen captures from November 13, 2020.
Multiple Building Replacement of Switchgear, Panels and Motor Controls
The project is complete and reached final acceptance in Summer 2020.

Parks Hall and Science Lecture Electronic Safety and Security Upgrade
The project was awarded to DECO/Dutton Electric. The project is scheduled for completion by December 2020.

Fairhaven Academic Replace Main Electrical Switch Gear
Construction is underway and will be complete by September 2021.
OTHER PROJECTS OF NOTE

Classroom and Lab Upgrade Program
The Classroom and Lab Upgrade program consists of several public works and in-house projects funded with State appropriations in the 2017-2019 and 2019-2021 capital budgets. The projects are campus-wide and include modernizing existing classrooms and labs and converting existing offices into flexible or active learning classrooms. Currently, approximately 75% of all projects are complete. The remaining projects are either nearing completion or in construction. All projects are scheduled to be complete by June 2021.

Gender Neutral Restrooms
Gender neutral restrooms have been completed in Communications Facility, Miller Hall, Academic West, Fairhaven, and Performing Arts. The gender neutral restrooms on the first and fifth floors of Environmental Studies are slated for completion in February 2021.

2021-2031 CAPITAL PLAN

The Board of Trustees reviewed and approved the 2021-2031 Capital Plan (Plan) and 2021-2023 Capital Request (Request) at the June 2020 meeting. Individual project proposals associated with the Request were submitted to the Office of Financial Management in August and the final versions of the Plan and Request were submitted in September 2020. The individual project proposals were scored in October 2020 (link: https://ofm.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/budget/instructions/capital/2021-23FinalScoringHE.pdf).

The Governor’s proposed budget is anticipated to be released in December 2020.

For more information about the major projects, the Capital Program, and the Capital Planning Process, please visit the Office of Capital Planning and Development website: https://cpd.wwu.edu/.