University Boulevard Overview

The University Boulevard area of campus is undergoing an exciting transformation.

Over the next 5 or so years, the University Boulevard area will become a mixed-use, vibrant social and academic hub, and a welcoming gateway to campus. This area of campus combines academic and recreational facilities, shops, services, transit, rental housing for students and those who live and work at UBC, and dynamic outdoor spaces.

University Boulevard is also an important arrival point and symbolic ‘front door’ to the University. As the main entry to campus it plays a significant role in expressing UBC’s identity and values and is an opportunity to showcase our people and academic pursuits, as well as commemorate achievements.
Construction Schedule
Gage South Student Housing & UBC Bus Exchange
University Boulevard 
Area Construction Schedule and Map

1. **Gage South Student Housing:** will provide 600-650 units of year-round student housing for upper year undergraduates. The residences will include a range of amenities, such as proximity to transit, an elevated central courtyard, plus gathering and informal study spaces. *(Subject of Development Permit open house, see project boards)*

2. **UBC Bus Exchange:** includes centralized and safe passenger drop-off and pick-up areas and a bus storage facility integrated into the ground level of the future Gage South Student Housing. *(Subject of Development Permit open house, including interim design. See project boards)*

3. **GSAB (South Site):** the planning concept is to locate an academic building at the corner of University Boulevard and Wesbrook Mall to create a welcoming academic gateway to the campus.

4. **GSAB (North Site):** the planning concept combines rental housing, prioritized for faculty and staff, over a ground floor of mixed potential uses, including: athletics research, training and programming link to War Memorial Gym; and shops and services to support transit users activities.

5. **D.H. Copp:** academically-oriented rental housing, prioritized for faculty and staff, with ground level retail, shops and services. D.H. Copp rental housing will be integrated with ‘Campus as a Living Lab’ research (the research brief is currently being developed by a joint academic-operations steering committee with the involvement of various researchers).

6. **Site B:** this mixed-use project will provide 90 units of university rental housing for people who work or study on campus at market rates, and ground level retail. This project has started construction and will be completed in 2017.

7. **Site D:** this will be a mixed-used project similar to Site B.

8. **War Memorial Gym (and GSAB North):** the University is in the initial stages of looking at how War Memorial Gym can better accommodate student and community athletic needs along with health-related academic uses. There is a potential for integration in academic programming of the north portion of the GSAB site. These two sites will be part of a sub-area planning process, to be undertaken in 2016.

9. **Wesbrook Mall:** a main corridor of the campus (between Student Union Boulevard and Thunderbird Boulevard) will be redesigned to improve safety and traffic flow for all road users, especially pedestrians and cyclists.

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