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Parking, Circulation & Emergency Access

Project Highlights

- A proposed parking facility at the current site of Maxwell Family Field would consolidate and replace 545 spaces lost in constructing the Southeast Campus Integrated Projects; the sports field would be replaced on the roof level. The structure would also add 300 spaces, in accordance with projections in UC Berkeley's 2020 Long Range Development Plan.
- The original site plan for California Memorial Stadium included a gracious entryway to the north of the stadium, memorializing Berkeley students, alumni, and other Californians who lost their lives in World War I. Proposed plans improve the pedestrian approach to the "Memorial Gate." The axis from the gate north to Stadium Rim Way would no longer have the character of a roadway, yet will be designed to allow emergency vehicle access to the north side of the stadium.
- Pedestrian access around the grounds of the stadium will be made safer. Sidewalks on the east side of Piedmont Avenue will remain, and the walkway around the east edge of the stadium will be improved with better materials and other means to distinguish the roadway from the walkway. To the south of the stadium, the tight bend in the roadway (which causes a blind corner) may be eliminated by realigning the roadway.
- Disabled access will be greatly improved, both from campus through the Haas School of Business and from Piedmont Avenue.
- Improved open spaces, and access to them, will enhance the game-day experience for football fans. The plaza west of the stadium, on the roof of the Student Athlete High Performance Center, will be accessible and open for use on game days and year-round. Retractable gates will secure the ticketed area during games, while allowing daily public access.
- The stadium project proposes a new lower concourse on the east side of the stadium seating bowl (containing the student section), improving seating access for disabled patrons and providing food service and restrooms. The existing concourse along Stadium Rim Way will be preserved.
- Plans maintain emergency vehicle access, circling around the stadium seating bowl on the east, down the hill to the north, and around to Piedmont Avenue into a fire lane on the east of the proposed parking structure. The fire lane ends in an 80-foot-diameter turnaround at the north end of the stadium.

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- The plaza by the south stadium arch provides a paved area for an 80-foot-diameter turnaround, accessed from Prospect Street.
- Bicycle lanes are proposed for Piedmont Avenue and Gayley Road, within the limits of the project, to further connect the southeast campus to the rest of Berkeley.

Current Status

- The combined parking structure and replaced Maxwell Family Field is in conceptual design; schematic design is in progress for access improvements associated with the stadium, to be implemented in phases.
- It is anticipated that phased construction of parking and access improvements will begin after completion of the Student Athlete High Performance Center, at the earliest.
- The schedule for all improvements depends upon funding.