Dear Students, Faculty, Staff and Friends of UIC:

I am pleased to present Envisioning Our Future: 2017-2027 Plan, a framework for the physical development of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) over the next ten years. Growing student enrollment, evolving educational demands and changes in our operational model will all impact the university’s infrastructure. Our plan strives to address these needs by providing bold recommendations to support the university’s mission of teaching, research, public service and health care, and to keep our momentum strong as the nation’s leading urban serving public research institution.

The Envisioning Our Future: 2017-2027 Plan includes innovative ideas for the construction of new facilities, as well as transformational grounds, intersections and gateway projects. The goal is to provide the infrastructure needed to achieve the University’s Strategic Priorities. The proposed capital projects will assure that students and faculty have the facilities and state of the art technology, to learn, teach, and conduct research in a safe and vibrant environment. UIC’s commitment to Chicago will also be strengthened through the projects proposed in this plan.

The successful execution of our plan will require continued input from the UIC community. I invite everyone to engage with this effort and I look forward to working together to achieve the goals presented in the Envisioning Our Future: 2017-2027 Plan.

Sincerely,
Michael D. Amiridis
Chancellor
INTRODUCTION

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is Chicago’s public research university with over 29,000 students enrolled in 15 colleges and over 10,000 employees. UIC is known for its diverse student population, top-tier faculty and staff, world-renowned research and exemplary healthcare programs, and it will build upon these strengths as it embraces its role in shaping the future.

The next decade will bring dramatic growth to UIC’s programs and thousands of additional students, faculty, and staff that will test the capacity of campus facilities. The University will implement a strategic enrollment growth plan and will need to hire additional faculty and staff to support an influx of students. This increased demand, coupled with limited state support, will require UIC to be innovative and entrepreneurial in the expansion and improvement of its campus facilities and grounds. With the 2010 UIC Campus Master Plan as a guiding framework, the Envisioning Our Future: 2017-2027 Plan has been developed to provide data-driven, feasible and inspirational recommendations for the development of the campus over the next ten years that will help the University actualize its Strategic Priorities.

This executive summary highlights key elements from the Envisioning Our Future: 2017-2027 Plan.
As a world class university, the mission of UIC is to embrace teaching, research, service and economic development through hundreds of academic programs, community service initiatives, and research endeavors. The University’s Strategic Priorities, which include Student Experience and Success, International Impact and Visibility, Chicago and Community Engagement and an Entrepreneurial University, serve as the guiding framework for UIC’s future.

The goals of the Envisioning Our Future: 2017-2027 Plan help advance the University’s Strategic Priorities by providing recommendations for improvements to the physical campus that will Enrich the Student Experience, Support Scholarship and Research and Strengthen Connections in the Community. The Envisioning Our Future: 2017-2027 Plan will support the University’s mission by aligning campus development with its strategic priorities and identifying projects that will help enable strategic growth.

**Actualize the University’s Strategic Priorities**
**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

1. **STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND SUCCESS**
   - **Enrich the Student Experience**
     - Enhance the appearance of UIC's physical campus and create a meaningful sense of place through construction of new facilities and transformational grounds projects.

2. **NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AND VISIBILITY**
   - **Support Scholarship and Research**
     - Enable outstanding academic and research programs through the construction of new facilities based on anticipated enrollment growth and growth in programmatic areas of excellence.

3. **CHICAGO AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
   - **Strengthen Connections in the Community**
     - Strengthen the connections within the Campus and between UIC and the City through the modernization of healthcare facilities, intersection improvements and new gateways.

4. **ENTREPRENEURIAL UNIVERSITY**
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     - Construction of 4 auxiliary facilities, 1 library facility, 3 athletic facilities and 6 transformational grounds projects will revitalize campus settings and create engaging spaces for students through innovative financing mechanisms.

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     - Construction of 7 new academic and research facilities will serve as purposeful investments in UIC’s infrastructure that will support scholarship and research while advancing UIC’s national and international reputation.

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     - 6 gateway projects and 16 intersection improvements will strengthen our physical connections to the surrounding communities. Construction of 2 medical facilities will support top-quality health care provided to the local community.

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**ALL THREE GOALS OF THE ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE: 2017-2027 PLAN FULFILL THE UNIVERSITY’S STRATEGIC PRIORITY OF BECOMING AN ENTREPRENEURIAL UNIVERSITY.**
Student experience will be enriched through the revitalization of campus facilities and grounds. This goal is guided by the University’s Strategic Priority of Student Experience and Success. Inspiring students and promoting their success is the University’s leading objective.

The Envisioning Our Future: 2017-2027 Plan responds to the twenty-first century needs of UIC students and recommends the modernization of classrooms, laboratories, residential facilities and student support spaces. These recommendations encompass the entire student experience and will promote innovative teaching practices, support learning through informal settings and expand access to professional development and civic engagement opportunities outside the classroom. The projects will also transform campus grounds to reinforce a safe, vibrant and welcoming campus environment by creating engaging spaces that advance collaboration and foster diversity.

Building upon the University’s Strategic Priority of becoming an Entrepreneurial University, UIC will seek innovative financing to revitalize facilities and grounds, such as public-private partnership agreements and grant opportunities.

Enhance the Appearance of the Campus and Create a Meaningful Sense of Place
The University’s Strategic Priority of enhancing its National and International Impact and Visibility will be realized through the Envisioning Our Future: 2017-2027 Plan’s goal of supporting scholarship and research through construction of new facilities. UIC will advance its national and international reputation for prestige, especially as a premier, urban research university, by constructing exciting new research facilities in order to recruit top-tier faculty, inspire discovery by UIC students and researchers, and support large, multidisciplinary scholarship.

The Plan’s recommendations will cultivate research, innovation and excellence in the fields of global health, environmental stewardship and economic development.

Facilities Will Encourage Social, Scientific and Technological Progress
Strengthening connections in the community is a goal of the Envisioning Our Future: 2017-2027 Plan that derives from the University’s Strategic Priority of Chicago and Community Engagement. UIC’s connection to the City of Chicago and the surrounding communities will be emphasized by strengthening intersections and enhancing gateways.

The University will continue to build upon its rich history of community engagement by striving for equitable, transparent and mutually beneficial collaborations with the City and communities. Working together with city and state agencies, Chicago Public Schools, the City Colleges of Chicago, local businesses and cultural institutions will foster the sharing of knowledge and ideas. UIC will continue to be a resource to the city by providing access to top quality healthcare, regardless of socioeconomic status, expanding and modernizing medical facilities and pursuing community based research in the health sciences.

Embrace the Rich Diversity of Our Surrounding Communities
Facility Projects

Construction of new facilities will enrich the student experience by providing contemporary and sophisticated residential, athletic and auxiliary service spaces that will respond to the changing needs of our twenty-first century student population.

Transformational Grounds Projects

Transformational grounds projects will enhance the student experience on campus by providing activated, sustainable and welcoming campus grounds.
P3 Residence Hall and Classroom Building (Phase I)

A new eleven-story, mixed-use classroom and residential building will bring vitality to student residence and academic life on campus. Planned to be constructed on the East Campus between the Science & Engineering Laboratory East and Student Center East, this facility will include two-to-three floors of classroom and informal learning space on the lower floors, with the upper floors containing modern-suite style housing for five hundred undergraduate students. Conveniently co-locating housing with academic functions will shape a unique live-learn environment for undergraduate students.
UIC Soccer Stadium

A new Soccer Stadium will enliven the UIC community by reinforcing its pride and spirit in UIC Athletic teams. This facility will replace the current Soccer Field located on South Campus and will feature new elevated seating, a viewing terrace, two entry pavilions, a new artificial turf field, a press box, and an entry plaza. This updated facility will attract and retain talented student athletes, sought-after coaches and fans, while creating an opportunity for UIC students to engage in community beyond their academic studies.
**P3 Residence Halls (Phase II & III)**

Now, modern residence halls will replace the existing, aging dormitories on Halsted Street and Harrison Street. These new contemporary residential facilities will serve first-year, first-generation or undecided students and will include dining amenities and multi-use community space on-site.

**New Mixed-Use Facility**

The new mixed-use facility will feature modern, market rate housing and a hotel. Sited on Lot 14, this facility will strengthen the entertainment district by providing hospitality and lodging to visitors of UIC and the City.

**New Multi-Purpose Event Arena**

A new multi-purpose event arena will replace the current UIC Pavilion. Located on the northeast corner of Halsted Street and Roosevelt Road across from the UIC Forum, this facility will bring together event programming and will establish an entertainment district on South Campus.

**UIC Daley Library Addition**

An addition to the Richard J. Daley Library will supplement student academic life through the inclusion of a new information commons, an auditorium, a large cafe, a winter garden and a temporary exhibit space.

**Softball Stadium**

A brand-new softball stadium will be constructed on the current footprint of the softball field and will include elevated seating, a grand entrance plaza and new signage.

**Weight Room**

Featuring cutting-edge training equipment, the new weight room will be constructed south of the location where the Physical Education Building adjoins the Flames Athletic Center.
Installation of new walkways, seating options, landscaping and exterior lighting will transform Arthington Mall Plaza into a vibrant and open outdoor space. Located directly south of Student Center West on the West Campus, Arthington Mall Plaza will serve as the anchor to the Health Sciences Greenway, an east-west pedestrian passageway that connects West Campus facilities through safe mid-block crossings and streetscape improvements. Transformation of these grounds will enhance the student experience by creating a cohesive and vibrant campus environment.
Green Space at the ComEd Site

The ComEd Site will be transformed from an enclosed, decommissioned electrical substation into a welcoming, healthy green space to be enjoyed by students, faculty and staff. The site will include the removal of the surrounding brick wall, new landscaping, stormwater retention and an outdoor pavilion. Recovery of this site will create a lively campus environment that will energize campus grounds and enhance the students’ experience outside of the classroom.
The Quad

New landscaping, including trees, lawns, shrubs and plantings coupled with new seating options will transform the Quad into a more activated outdoor common area.

Science and Engineering Passageway

New entry vestibules, seating, lighting and landscaping will enliven the passageway between the Science & Engineering Laboratory West building and the Science & Engineering Laboratory East building.

Health Sciences Greenway

The Health Sciences Greenway will vitalize the West Campus through the creation of an east-west pedestrian passageway. Featuring mid-block crossing safety improvements and enhanced landscaping, the pedestrian experience will be enhanced.

Walkway at Morgan Street and Vernon Park Place

Pedestrian circulation and safety will be improved through the construction of a new walkway at Morgan Street and Vernon Park Place that will connect pedestrians from the Behavioral Sciences Building, the largest classroom building, to the center of East Campus.
Facility Projects

New academic and research facilities will provide modern, flexible spaces that will enable world-class education and research. These new facilities will enhance the University’s national and international reputation as a provider of world-class teaching and research.

State-of-the-Art Facilities will Advance Our Standards of Teaching and Research
A new 45,000-55,000 GSF College of Engineering Modular Building will be constructed on the north end of Lot 5, located along Taylor Street between Morgan Street and the Science & Engineering South building. This facility will enable student success, support growth and bring visibility to the College’s research through its high-bay structural testing laboratory and additional research laboratories.
A new College of Business Administration Building is planned to be sited on the footprint of Lot 9, located on Harrison Street between Morgan Street and Peoria Street. The College of Business Administration is expected to experience a significant growth of 1,197 additional students by 2022. Additional growth of tenured and tenure-track faculty is also expected. This 120,000 GSF facility would accommodate the College’s existing and future needs, providing both office and student learning spaces. This facility will enable student success and bring national and international visibility to the esteemed programs of the College of Business Administration.
Advanced Pharmaceutical and Innovation Institute

A new 250,000 GSF state-of-the-art research building will be constructed on Lot G located on the northwest corner of Taylor Street and Ashland Avenue. This facility will serve the Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy, providing modern, flexible research space. This gateway facility will provide new opportunities for innovation in drug discovery, pharmaceutical product development, support collaborations with other colleges and industry partners and drive economic growth for the State of Illinois.
The Visual and Performing Arts Center will be a nationally recognized hub for design, research, teaching and entertainment. This nine story facility will be located on one of UIC’s most prominent sites, Harrison Field, located along Harrison Street between Lot 9 and Halsted Street. It will include a performance tower, an arts & exhibition wing and a fifth theater featuring recital halls, theaters, laboratories, studios, administrative space, a cafe and a lobby.
Advanced Chemical Technology Building (ACTB)

The Advanced Chemical Technology Building (ACTB) is a 144,600 GSF facility that will be constructed on the baseball field located at the northwest corner of Roosevelt and Halsted Streets. This facility will provide state-of-the-art laboratory space that will foster collaboration and innovative research in chemistry, biochemistry, biology and physics. Construction of ACTB will also free up space in the Science and Engineering Laboratories complex that will be renovated to create an estimated 36,000 SF of new teaching laboratories needed to support student enrollment growth.

New College of Engineering Building

A new 165,000 GSF College of Engineering Building will serve as an experiential learning and design hub. Located on Lot 10, this facility will include auditoriums, classrooms, and laboratories.

School of Public Health Building

A 250,000 GSF School of Public Health Building will provide the necessary space to locate all of the College’s functions in one facility. Located along Taylor Street between Hayne Street and Seeley Avenue, this facility will house administrative, classroom, and research spaces.
3 STRENGTHEN CONNECTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY

**Facility Projects**
Construction of new facilities will strengthen connections in the community by providing contemporary spaces for UI Health’s medical services.

**Gateway Projects**
Campus gateways strengthen connections with the community by welcoming visitors to UIC’s urban campus. Gateways also help unify the East and West Campuses which are geographically separated by one mile of city roads and neighborhoods.

**Intersection Projects**
Due to UIC’s urban location amongst major arterial roads, improvements to intersections and mid-block crossings on and bordering UIC’s campus will increase safety and circulation of pedestrians, while strengthening our physical connections to the surrounding communities.
An Eye and Ear Infirmary Replacement (EEI) and Surgery Center will provide a modern facility for UIC’s distinguished ophthalmology and otolaryngology programs. Located south of the University of Illinois Hospital, along Taylor Street between Wood Street and Hermitage Avenue, this building will include a first floor surgery center and patient-oriented retail such as a hearing aid center, an optometrist and an eye care store. The upper level floors would house EEI replacement space, including exam rooms, procedure rooms, imaging and pharmacy services.
Welcome Atrium

A new Welcome Atrium at the University of Illinois Hospital will strengthen connections in the community by providing an updated and modern facility that directly serves patients and visitors of the Hospital. This two-story atrium will feature an open floor plan including new food service options, retail, comfortable seating and intuitive wayfinding. The new facility will strengthen our relations with the community by providing a soothing, patient care-driven entry point to the Hospital.

Additionally, improvements to the Taylor Street and Wood Street intersection will reinforce ties with thousands of community members by providing safe and accessible connections to UI Health’s various health care services located nearby.
UIC’s City Gateway, located on the northwest corner of Roosevelt Road and Halsted Street, will welcome the adjacent community to UIC’s campus. A new gateway marker and signage will symbolize UIC’s commitment to making connections with the surrounding community, inviting visitors onto UIC’s campus. As part of this plan, the northeast and northwest sites at this intersection will serve as the new home to the Advanced Chemical Technology Building (ACTB) and the New Mixed-Use Event Arena. A gateway marker and signage will enhance the prominence of this intersection which marks an entry point to east and south campuses.
University Gateway

A gateway pylon and signage at University Gateway, located on the southwest corner of Halsted Street and Harrison Street, will signify a major entrance to the East Campus and welcome students, faculty, staff and visitors to campus.

Turner Gateway

Located at the busiest entrance on East Campus, Turner Gateway will grandly welcome students, faculty, staff and visitors to UIC’s campus and modulate the flow of pedestrians towards the center of campus.

Grove Gateway

The Grove Gateway will connect the Taylor Street commercial district to a major East Campus entrance located adjacent to the newly rehabilitated Chicago Circle Memorial Grove.

UI Health Damen Gateway

Located at the Damen Avenue and Taylor Street intersection, the UI Health Damen Gateway will reinforce the major west entrance to UIC’s West campus.
Taylor Street and Ashland Avenue Intersection

Improvements to the Taylor Street and Ashland Avenue intersection will bolster connections with the surrounding community. This location serves as the primary entrance to UIC’s West Campus with thousands of vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists accessing this intersection daily to travel to and from campus and the Taylor Street commercial district. Also planned to be located at the northwest corner of this intersection is the Advanced Pharmaceutical and Innovation Institute and the UI Health Ashland Gateway. Identified safety and accessibility improvements will provide the physical infrastructure to connect UIC and the community.
FACILITY PROJECTS
1. School of Public Health Building
2. Welcome Atrium
3. Eye & Ear Infirmary Replacement & Surgery Center
4. Advanced Pharmaceutical & Innovation Institute
5. College of Business Administration Building
6. Visual and Performing Arts Center
7. P3 Residence Halls (Phase I & II)
8. UIC Daley Library Addition
9. P3 Residence Hall & Classroom Building (Phase II)
10. New College of Engineering Building
11. College of Engineering Modular Building
12. Advanced Chemical Technology Building
13. New Multi-Purpose Event Arena
14. Weight Room
15. Soccer Stadium
16. New Mixed-Use Facility
17. Softball Stadium

TRANFORMATIONAL GROUNDS PROJECTS
1. Arthington Mall Plaza (Phase I & II)
2. Health Sciences Greenway (Phase I & II)
3. Green Space at the ComEd Site
4. Walkway at Morgan St. & Vernon Park Place
5. The Quad
6. Science and Engineering Passageway

GATEWAY PROJECTS
1. UI Health Damen Gateway
2. UI Health Ashland Gateway
3. Turner Gateway
4. University Gateway
5. Grove Gateway
6. City Gateway

INTERSECTION PROJECTS
1. Damen Avenue and Taylor Street
2. Taylor St. between Wood St. and Wolcott Ave.
3. Taylor Street and Wood Street
4. Taylor Street and Hermisage Avenue
5. Taylor Street and Mannheim Avenue
6. Ashland Avenue and Taylor Street
7. Racine Avenue and Herron Street
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10. Halsted Street and Polk Street
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PROJECT MAP

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The Envisioning Our Future: 2017-2027 Plan is a result of invaluable input from students, faculty and staff, information gathered in the 2010 UIC Campus Master Plan and conclusions from the space capacity analysis. This plan was developed and guided by the Master Plan Advisory Committee and the Master Plan Working Group.

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