

Texas State University

Spring 2018 Campus Safety Update

February 2, 2018 Update to the March 22, 2017 Presentation

Elements of Campus Safety

Texas State University is a safe campus by most objective measurements. However, safety is something that can always be improved, and this is certainly a case where the perception of the thing really is akin to reality. In light of the many concerns shared regarding safety from members of our community, this presentation provides an update of the safety initiatives first announced in 2017.

Facilities

- Lighting
- Landscape Design
- Building Access
- Door Locks

Presence

- Police Officers
- Walking Patrols
- Bike Patrols

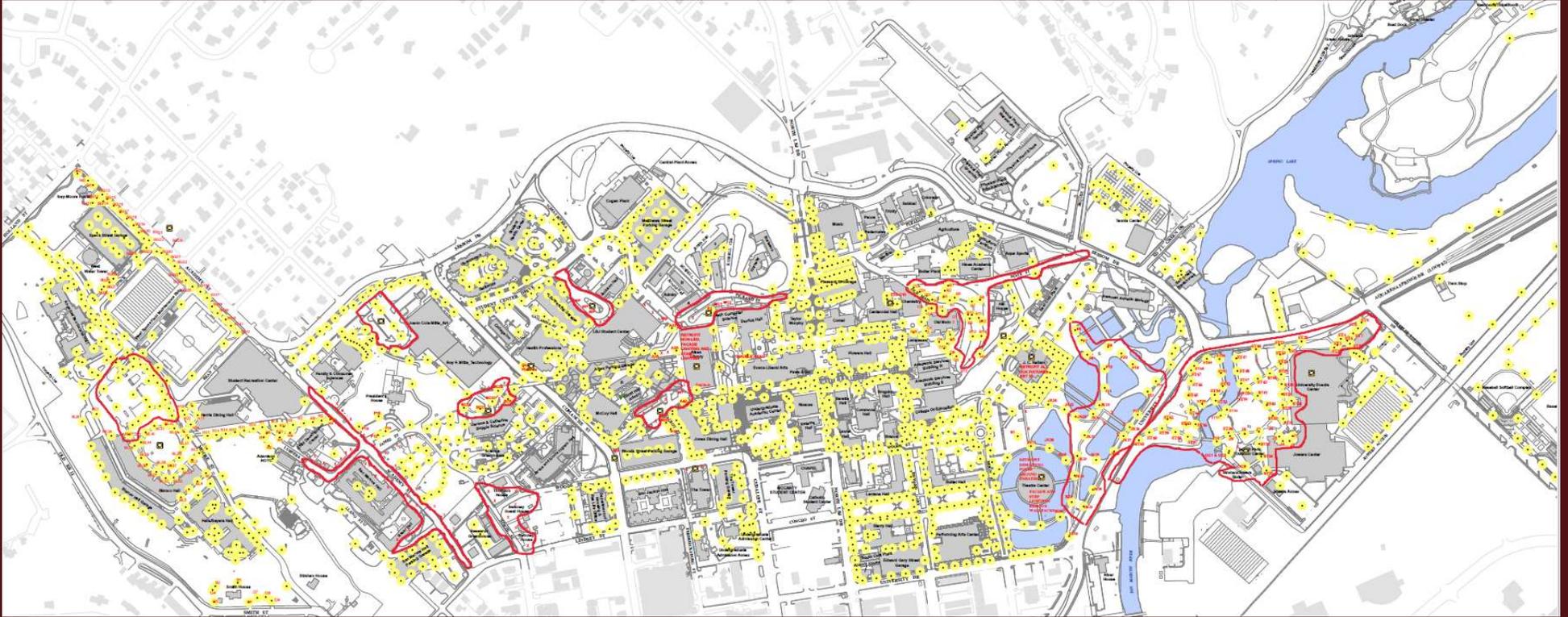
Services

- Mobile Applications
- Transportation
- Emergency Notification

Facilities

- Lighting
 - The Campus Lighting Committee Safety Walk Continues each semester to identify opportunistic improvements to lighting.
 - A Campus-Wide Lighting Study has been completed and a map outlining the findings and plans for new and updated lighting is attached. This lighting will be rolled out in phases over the next four years. It is anticipated that this will amount to an investment of approximately \$2.2 million, not the \$1 million originally estimated.
- Landscape
 - Aggressive tree trimming around lights has been completed in several areas around campus.
- Building Access
 - The replacement of 183 out of 233 first-call classroom door locks has been completed. Additional door locks are currently being identified for replacement. This project amounts to an investment of over \$800,000.
 - Swipe card access is now a requirement for the exterior entrance doors of all buildings on campus.

Campus Lighting Study



The study identified and measured every outdoor light on the San Marcos campus, and provided a comprehensive assessment of light levels. The accompanying recommendations for lighting upgrades and new lighting will guide our implementation efforts over the next several years.

Presence

- University Police Department
 - Additional police foot patrols and bike patrols have been added to the campus.
 - Additional security guards have been hired and placed on foot patrol at night.
 - Several new outreach programs have been implemented such as “Coffee with the Cops”, “Chat with the Chief”, the “Adopt a Residence Hall” program, and a Bobcat Village satellite office to help improve police relations.
 - UPD was authorized three additional full-time police officers in 2017. They have hired 15 new officers since May 2016, including five who just started on January 31, 2018. Recruiting remains open for the two remaining vacancies in the police department.
 - These efforts were made possible by a \$1.1 million budget increase for UPD.

Services

- Technology and Mobile Applications
 - The Social Sentinel program is now used routinely by UPD.
 - The Bobcat Guardian Mobile App was launched in the fall of 2016.
 - Transportation Services provides real-time bus tracking.
- Transportation
 - The Bobcat Shuttle extended its hours during finals from 10:50 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.
 - Additional routes were added in the evening after class periods end.
 - An Additional 6-passenger vehicle was placed in service for Bobcat Bobbies.
 - Multiple solar charging stations with integral lights are being added to bus stops.
- The University completed a full review and plan for crisis communications in 2017.

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