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RESPONSES TO REVIEW COMMENTS for Darland Entrance Design – Schematic

COMMENT:	RESPONSE
Concern over trampled plants near walkway intersections	Plants will be held back an appropriate distance to avoid this condition
Request additional walkways for access to other doors when main entry locked	One of the intents of the project was to reduce pavement area. Access will have to occur at the designated walks.
Accessibility at SE corner of DAB	Grades are such that it can't be accomplished at this location. An accessible route has been created to the main entry.
Need additional sidewalk around the bus shelter and a visual planting barrier to keep people on the walk.	Bus shelter is not currently used by the DTA. It will be either removed or relocated, and a flared extension added to the proposed accessible route. Planting will be added to discourage cut through traffic.
Request for irrigation as an alternate.	Not included as part of this project scope.
Request for sleeves under walks and core drill of building foundation for future irrigation.	Not included as part of this project scope, however sleeves will be added under proposed walks.
Request for protection of existing trees to remain with chain link fence.	The specification currently calls for protection with a 4 ft. high construction (snow) fence around the outermost branching of trees. As per University standards, it also calls for replacement with same size and species if severely damaged or dies within three years, or reimbursement of \$1000.00 per inch caliper. Chain link fencing would be too restrictive for the contractor to work around, especially near the storm sewer.
Request for heated walks	Not included as part of the project scope.
Arborvitae near walks can't tolerate salt.	The Arborvitae will be pulled back further from the walk and the drainage will generally slope away from them. Barberry are also sensitive to salt, but the existing seem to be doing OK.
Request light colored washed rock for mulch material.	Will be the standard washed rock which is typically not dark.
Request for natural aluminum edging.	Will be specified.

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Visibility to DAB entry needs to be accentuated.	The straight sidewalk to this entry is wider at 10 ft. However, one of the goals of the project was to minimize pavement and create better circulation based on volume and destination.
Request for planting around base of sculpture.	The sculpture will be left as is; planting at the base may detract from the new walk and landscaping.
Request that ash urns be placed 25 ft. from building.	The ash urns will be moved to at least 25 ft. from the building, but the trash receptacles will remain by the doors.
Accessible door opener needs to be clear for access and identified on the plan.	The plan shows it in its existing location. One bench will be removed to allow better circulation around it. A note will call it out on the plan.
Meet existing width of the walk near the School of Medicine. Remove this walk.	The plan will show grass pavers instead of a concrete walk in this area. They will intersect with a joint line coming off the stair connection. The grass pavers would not be plowed during the winter months.
Remove existing walk up to retaining wall over the garage. Remove this walk and replace with grass pavers.	The plan will indicate this removal, but a new walk in its place will curve toward the accessible sidewalk. Grass pavers will be difficult to maintain in this narrow area through a planting area.
Show door swings on plans.	The plan will show door swing locations
Construction budget should be limited to \$200,000.	Eliminating \$50,000 from the budget would require significant changes to the current plan. We will attempt to cut back where possible while keeping the plan intact.
Eliminate the main entry walk to DAB. Keep walks at the minimum width.	Eliminating this walk would create a potential for cut through traffic for people using the pedestrian crossing. The standard is 8 ft. We will look at reducing the width of the main entry walk.
Flagpoles need to be taller than the existing one, when flags are flying at half mast, they can be reached by hand. Are two poles necessary?	Will verify height of existing pole and increase for the proposed pole. Only for symmetry; we'll look for another location for a single pole
Will the current northerly pedestrian crosswalk be necessary?	This crosswalk doesn't appear to head to a destination point and ultimately brings the disabled further from the accessible walks. The signs and striping for this crosswalk should be considered for future removal.

