

Lehi Civic Campus Master Plan Q&A

1. How will we pay for this?

This is a project that will be done over many years in multiple phases. As each phase approaches, the City will research the opportunities for funding at that time.

2. What is the large overhang/pavilion on the arts building?

The area is intended to provide shade and enhance the architecture of the building. The space may be used as regular outside seating and event seating.

3. Where is the parking that is already at capacity for Legacy center? Is the parking gone?

The current parking will be improved by adding a three-level parking structure. Parking will be available nearby during construction.

4. Is there anything being done to enhance the use of the legacy center? any updates to it?

We are planning on moving the Senior Center to a new location, which will open opportunities for growth.

5. How will vehicle traffic be improved? The streets as now are very narrow, and traffic is heavy.

As part of the plan, we will address the parking issue downtown by constructing two parking structures. The streets downtown are wider than most areas of the City (other than Main Street) and well connected with the historic street grid. We don't anticipate any major issues with traffic within the area the Civic Campus master plan north of Main Street, but we will evaluate traffic, parking and circulation as each phase of the Civic Campus master plan is constructed. Traffic can be a double-edged sword. While we want to properly manage traffic, we also want to encourage people to travel downtown to keep the businesses in the area thriving.

6. I support our fire fighters, police officers, but what about all the community members that use the legacy center? Is that getting re-done as well to fit the needs of the growing amount of community members?

In this plan, we have not gone into detail of the interior of the buildings other than added space. At this point we have not added square footage to the Legacy Center. Though moving the Senior Center will increase space.

7. There is a drive to have mass transit and tie it in with mixed use commercial, residential, etc. How will mass transit be tied into this plan?

We are currently in the process of creating a Transit Master Plan for Lehi City. The downtown area will be evaluated as part of that plan. The downtown area would be a great location for transit service, and the most likely type of service would be some type of bus.

8. Why are we building new buildings instead of updating existing ones?

Based on the growth anticipated in Lehi during the next 30 years, the area of the existing buildings is not even close adequate. Some of the buildings are outdated, inefficient, and positioned incorrectly to contribute to well-designed and inviting Civic Campus. Given the costs associated with renovating and maintaining aging structures, we believe it is in the best long-term interest of the City to replace these old buildings with new ones that are better designed to meet our needs, more energy efficient, and positioned correctly within the Civic Campus.

9. What is the purpose is the public plaza?

The new public plaza will be central to the Civic Campus and will serve as a community meeting and gathering space. We anticipate that it will host a variety of events including arts festivals, farmers' markets, large and small community concerts and performances, food truck parties, and many others. It is designed to be flexible and to accommodate several use scenarios.

10. Why does the plan include property the City does not own? Does the City plan to acquire this property?

The Civic Master Plan study area includes property owned by the City and adjacent properties not owned by the City so that the relationships and impacts of City-owned and non-City-owned could be studied and documented as part of this planning effort. This is not intended to imply that the City plans to purchase or otherwise control all properties within the study boundary, only that the City is trying to be a good neighbor.

11. I like the old-town character. Can't we just leave downtown Lehi as it is?

We recognize the value of the historic character of our downtown district and have worked to understand, document, and include design principles that makes our downtown unique within our Civic Campus Master Plan. These principles include the use of narrow storefront bays along public walkways, architectural proportions and details that reflect historic models, and symmetrical civic buildings in prominent positions within the campus. Unlike the new, modern architectural styles being built at the north end of the City, we hope to preserve the historic character of the downtown area by using this approach while still accommodating Lehi's imminent growth.