

DATE: January 24, 2008

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Middle Tennessee State University Master Plan Update

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Approval

The Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Master Plan Update will be presented to the Commission at the January 24, 2008 Winter Quarterly Meeting.

Mr. Jerry Preston and Mr. Carl Manka from the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) will present the 2007 MTSU Campus Master Plan. The plan provides a comprehensive guide for the future growth and development of the MTSU campus over at least the next 15 years. An enrollment projection of 25,000 to 27,000 students by 2015 is considered in the plan.

The plan identifies 29 capital projects in three priority categories. Among the highest priority are the new Student Union, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, and College of Basic and Applied Science buildings. Infrastructure improvements to the campus utilities are also included in the plan.

The land acquisition plan includes properties adjacent to the campus across Middle Tennessee Boulevard and East Main Street. Pedestrian and vehicular circulation are being addressed by moving parking to the campus perimeter, lessening the traffic flow within the campus core, creating new open spaces throughout the campus, and improving pedestrian paths. In addition to proposed new entrances along the northern and western edges of the campus, a total of six parking garages are also planned across major areas of the campus.

The MTSU Campus Master Plan has been thoroughly reviewed and THEC staff recommends it for approval.