

McAlister Place Project

Phase 1, Newcomb-McAlister Unified Green

Q. What is the McAlister Place Project?

A. The McAlister Place Project is part of a long-term, campus beautification project that will eventually unite the quads between McAlister Auditorium and Newcomb Hall, transforming them into a beautiful and vibrant pedestrian environment with limited traffic and parking in the areas flanking the green space.

The transformation of McAlister Place is funded through the generosity of a university donor. Work will center on the closing of McAlister Drive between Freret Street and Drill Road, as the area is changed from a through street and parking area to a beautiful pedestrian, landscaped space that provides a lovely and safer place for walking and cycling through the Tulane campus. **Construction will begin on Monday, May 18 with a major campus drainage improvement project, and last through November.**

GOALS

Q. Why is Tulane doing this project

- A.
- To create a safer, friendlier, and more pedestrian-oriented campus core for all members of the Tulane community, including the more than 4,000 students, faculty, and staff who either live or work on Tulane's middle campus.
 - To create a more environmentally sustainable campus.
 - To create more opportunities for outside activities and events.
 - To enhance the park-like character of the uptown campus.

PARKING ISSUES

Q. If parking spaces are being eliminated from McAlister Place, will there be any extra spaces anywhere else for me to park?

A. Yes. Although parking is being eliminated on McAlister Place from Freret Street to Drill Road, the number of spaces available on campus will remain the same as parking is shifted to the Rosen Lot at South Claiborne Avenue and Ben Weiner Drive.

Q. Will parking spot allocations change among faculty/staff/students?

A. Faculty, staff, commuters, and upper-class students will continue to have the option of purchasing campus parking permits, and the allocation of parking spots in each class of permit will remain the same. However, the Rosen Lot will be open only to faculty, staff, commuter students, and visitors to campus.

Q. What are the hours and what is the cost to park at Rosen?

A. The Rosen Lot is accessible from South Claiborne Avenue and is open from 6:00 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday. Only green staff, blue faculty, and red commuter student parking permits will be recognized at Rosen. As usual, campus visitors can purchase one-day parking passes in the Office of Public Safety in order to park on campus, including the Rosen Lot.

Q. Have you considered moving long-term parking to Tulane University Square, to free up spaces at the Diboll Garage?

A. The Diboll Garage has daily availability until around 9:30 a.m. when the garage begins to fill to capacity. For those who arrive on campus and find that the Diboll Garage is full, there is ample parking at Tulane University Square or the Rosen Lot, with shuttle service to campus.

SAFETY/SECURITY

Q. What safety measures will be added to protect those walking to the Rosen lot in the evenings or after-hours?

A. TUPD offers escorts to any location on campus – request an escort at any time by dialing x5381. The Safe Ride shuttle can take riders off campus as well. In addition, TUPD is adding a satellite security location at the corner of Ben Weiner Drive and South Claiborne Avenue adjacent to the Rosen parking lot.

Q. Will there be any extra security if I have to park in the neighborhood around campus?

A. When the shuttle is not running, TUPD offers escorts at any time by dialing x5381. The Safe Ride shuttle is available to take riders off campus as well.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

Q. How will someone access campus from the satellite parking lots?

A. Tulane will offer expanded (more vehicles and more frequent service) shuttle system transporting people from campus parking lots to many stops on campus beginning in August. Along with the already existing shuttles, the new Rosen shuttle route will run from the Rosen parking lot through the middle campus and back to Rosen, with stops on McAlister Place outside Irby House, the Rosen parking lot, Newcomb Place at Woldenberg Art, on McAlister Extension at Reily, and on Ben Weiner Drive between the Diboll Garage and the Aron Residences.

Q. Where will campus shuttle stops be located?

A. Shuttle stops will be located throughout the campus. The McAlister Place Project includes the construction of two covered shuttle shelters: one on McAlister Place outside Irby House and the other at the Rosen parking lot. Three additional shuttle stops will be added on Newcomb Place at Woldenberg Art, on McAlister Extension at Reily, and on Ben Weiner Drive between the Diboll Garage and the Aron Residences.

Q. Will a shuttle schedule be published? How frequently will it run?

A. Shuttle schedules are currently published on the TUPD web site (<http://tulane.edu/publicsafety/shuttle-schedules.cfm>) and will continue to be updated. The new Rosen shuttle will run every 15 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. After 7:00 p.m., the on/off campus shuttle will make stops every 30 minutes at the Rosen Lot.

ACCESS

Q. Will vehicles be allowed access to McAlister Place?

A. Only emergency vehicles will be allowed access to McAlister Place between Freret Street and Drill Road.

Q. How will cars access Drill Road and the rest of McAlister Place?

A. Cars and service vehicles will enter campus at Newcomb Place from Willow Street. They will have the option of continuing on Newcomb as usual, or turning left onto Drill Road, and then left again on to McAlister Place. Parking will remain on McAlister Place between Drill Road and Willow Street.

Q. What provisions are being made for caterers and other vendors that service buildings on McAlister Place?

A. All campus buildings will continue to have service access. In some cases, former “front door” service will be shifted to “side door” or “rear door” service locations.

Q. Is the Unified Green project ADA compliant?

A. Yes, the project is ADA compliant, and will improve accessibility to the middle part of campus for persons with disabilities.

Q. What parking accommodations will be made for elderly and persons with disabilities attending events in buildings on McAlister Place?

A. The number of handicapped parking spaces on the middle campus will remain the same, with some relocated along McAlister Place between Drill Road and Willow Street. An expanded shuttle system will transport visitors from Tulane’s parking lots and garages.

Q. Will there be parking for participants of special events in the LBC, McAlister Auditorium, or Goldring-Woldenberg Hall?

A. Parking spaces will remain on McAlister between Drill Road and Willow Street. There will also continue to be parking on Newcomb Place and Newcomb Circle, Drill Road, and in the Diboll Garage. Event coordinators will continue to follow TUPD protocol regarding special parking reservations.

Q. Will pedestrians be able to use any part of McAlister Place during construction?

A. Pedestrian access to McAlister Place will be limited or restricted during construction. Signs will be posted designating safe routes through the area.

Q. During construction, how will I safely cross Freret Street at McAlister, or walk along Freret Street?

A. Temporary re-routed pedestrian walkways will be constructed for safe passage along Freret Street into campus.

BICYCLES

Q. Will McAlister Place accommodate both pedestrians and bike traffic?

A. Yes. McAlister Place will be shared by pedestrians and cyclists. A 5 m.p.h. speed limit for bike traffic will be strictly enforced.

Q. What will comprise the surface of McAlister Place?

A. While narrower in width, McAlister Place will remain a predominantly asphalt surface as a bicycle-friendly material. Using the existing asphalt roadbed for bicycles and pedestrians is a sustainable response of recycling and reuse rather than discarding.

Q. Will bicycles be able to travel in both directions on McAlister Place?

A. Yes. After construction, bicycles will be able to travel in both directions on McAlister Place. In the coming months, however, the university's campus-wide bike policy will be revised to reflect anticipated increases in bike traffic across campus.