



First phase complete for Mell Corridor improvements

Auburn University recently completed the first phase of the \$4-million Mell Corridor project, including the campus' first protected bicycle lane and upgrades to the intersection of the new Mell Concourse and Thach Avenue south of Ross Square.

The project, which includes two additional phases, will continue to change the way students, faculty and staff traverse Mell Street and the eastern portion of campus once complete.

"We are pleased to see the Ross Square intersection open with the inclusion of the protected bicycle lane so access and mobility is improved for all users," Campus Planner Ben Burmester said. "These improvements will continue as the project continues down Mell Street working south to the Library Service's driveway."

The project was separated into phases to lessen travel disruptions through the area surrounding the Mell Classroom Building at Ralph Brown Draughon Library and to provide less of a burden for students, faculty and staff.

Phase two is currently underway with the third and final phase expected to



Auburn's Mell Corridor project is currently on track for its June completion date, meaning students and staff will be traveling and utilizing the area outside the Mell Classroom Building in a completely new way by the 2018 fall semester.

begin in March.

"The contractor has proceeded with Phase II, which is paving a new parking lot east of Mary Martin Hall, creating a

courtyard area between Mary Martin Hall and the Mell Classroom Building, and constructing a concourse on the north

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West Thach Avenue recycling center now available

To help support the continued cleanliness of Auburn's campus and the community around it, a new drop-off site has been created to make recycling easier for the Auburn Family.

Located on West Thach Avenue in the rear of West Campus Parking next to the Auburn University Band Practice Complex, the site has separate bins for recycling mixed paper and containers, including plastics, aluminum, steel and tin, along with a dumpster for recycling cardboard.

"We saw a need to provide an opportunity to recycle to those who do not have access to recycling at their homes or apartment complexes," said Joan Hicken, coordinator for Facilities

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February construction updates



The foundation walls of the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center currently are being placed to support the building's first floor.

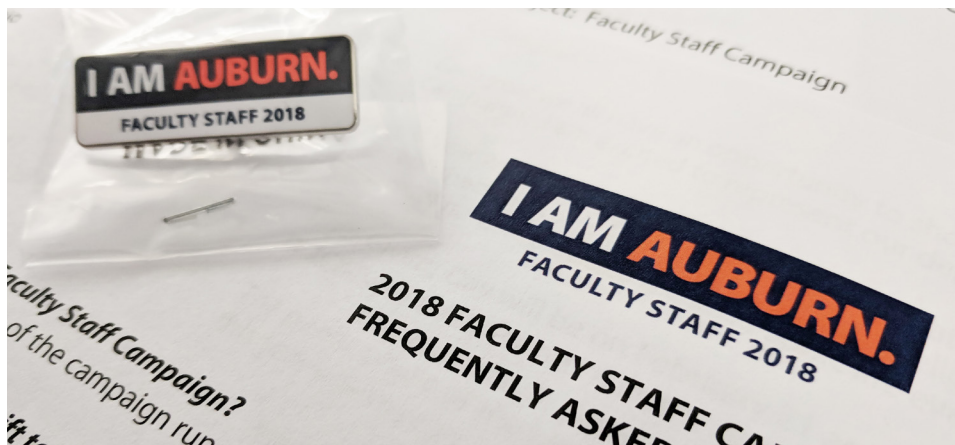


Paint and drywall go up inside the Gavin Engineering Research Laboratory during the renovation of the former Textile Building.



Jordan-Hare's Gameday Support Facility currently is being built along the outside of the stadium.

For more construction updates, head to aub.ie/construction



2018 Faculty Staff Campaign underway

Faculty Staff Campaign envelopes have been delivered throughout Facilities Management. If you give via payroll each year, you received an "I AM AUBURN" pin. If you give on an annual basis, or are new to Facilities, you should have received a campaign envelope.

A couple of items to keep in mind when considering whether or not to give:

- Donors have the opportunity to give to the Facilities Management fund. All donations to the Facilities Management fund support Facilities' Employee Recognition Program which includes Tiger Tickets and Certificates of Appreciation. To donate to this fund, simply write "Facilities Management" in the "Other" section of the pledge card.

- New this year, is the opportunity to donate to the Auburn University Hardship Fund, which was established to provide financial support to eligible employees who experience a temporary financial hardship due to an unexpected catastrophic life event.

All donations are tax deductible, and any gift made May 2017 through April 9, 2018 will count towards the campaign.

If you have any questions about the campaign, please contact the Office of Annual Giving, augiving@auburn.edu, or one of the following Facilities' employees: Martha Gentry, barkemg@auburn.edu, Judi Hazelrigs, jah0034@auburn.edu, or Barrett Warren, bwarren@auburn.edu.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SCHEDULE A FLU SHOT

To schedule an appointment for a flu shot through the state wellness center, call (334) 263-8470 or (877) 311-1375.

To schedule an appointment through the Auburn University Pharmaceutical Care Center, call (334) 844-4099.

Facilities Cares

If a Facilities Management employee is a victim of a catastrophic event or suffers a loss in their family, we want to do all we can to support them in their time of need.

Please notify Barnese Adair-Wallace, director of Employee Engagement, at (334) 844-4812 or adairbw@auburn.edu.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS



Among the many recently honored for going above and beyond were Nina Hollingsworth, far left, and Lana Snyder, far right, both administrative support assistants, who were recognized by Work Management Supervisor Teresina Muhammad, center. The two were honored for being hardworking, dedicated and thorough as administrative support.



Automotive Shop Supervisor Mark Carroll is led away as the "perpetrator" during a recent Active Shooter Training exercise.

37 recognized for going above and beyond

A total of 10 Tiger Tickets and 27 Certificates of Appreciation were awarded in December in honor of Facilities Management employees going above and beyond.

From cleaning up after gameday in dreary conditions to taking on extra responsibilities to be sure events go off smoothly, those recognized represent the best Facilities Management has to offer.

Tiger Tickets

- **Robert Beauchamp** in Maintenance was recognized for Support Excellence.
- **Carol Cadenhead, Joseph Brooks** and **Dee Anne Gillespie**, all in Utilities and Energy, and **Mark Carroll** in Maintenance were recognized for Safety.
- **Margaret Dennis** and **Donna Giles** in Maintenance and **Gina Mann** in Facilities Operations were recognized for Teamwork.
- **Rocio Evans** in Facilities IT was recognized for Customer Service.
- **Nicholas Blair** in Design Services was recognized for Technical and Professional.

Certificates of Appreciation

- **Michael Large** in Facilities HR, **Mark Carroll** in Maintenance, **Daniel Devine** and **Anthony Smith** in Landscaping, and **James Duncan, Jonathan Morgan, Steven Neighbors** and **Stephen Seifert**, all in Utilities and Energy, were recognized for Safety.
 - **Jonathan Cullars, Mason Morgan, Tommy Parten** and **Anthony Walker**, all in Maintenance, were recognized for Technical and Professional.
 - **Larry Burt, Jonathan Cullars, Richard Eller, Randy Greene, Nina Hollingsworth, David Merritt, Eric O'Brien, Jonathan Sandlin, Lana Snyder, Brett Stephens** and **Anthony Walker**, all in Maintenance, were recognized for Support Excellence.
 - **Dale Jeffers, Charles Maddox** and **Eric O'Brien**, all in Maintenance, and **Wesley Burt** in In-House Construction were recognized for Teamwork.
- Thank you for all your hard work and efforts toward making Auburn University amazing!

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Mell Corridor continued

half of Mell Street,” Construction Project Manager Cale Simons said. “Work on this phase is scheduled to be complete in mid-March.”

“They will then proceed with the third and final phase, which is the construction of a concourse on the south side of Mell Street. This phase is expected to begin mid-March and wrap up in June,” Simons said.

In addition to allowing for better pedestrian travel through the eastern portion of campus along Mell Street from West Thach Avenue to the Library Service’s driveway, the corridor upgrades will give new life to the area by giving students the option of taking their education outdoors.

Multiple seating and study areas, access to power outlets, and plenty of

space for conversation will make the new plaza another gathering space for the Auburn Family while continuing the campus’ pedestrian only transformation.

A new plaza and seating area, to be located in what is currently the Mary Martin Hall parking lot, will be accompanied by food trucks, along with a walk-up window housed in the Ralph Brown Draughon Library.

Along with increasing pedestrian and bicycle access and options, the project also will add a permanent welcome kiosk on West Thach Avenue, new dining options between Mary Martin Hall and the Mell Classroom Building and more gathering spaces adjacent to the Mell Classroom Building.

It is a project years in the making. Discussions for the Mell Corridor began

in 2015 with the start of construction of the Mell Classroom Building. Multiple public forums were held in 2016, and implementation began in 2017.

“This is really the implementation of extensive planning and outreach. We think this project is going to enhance the student experience,” Burmester said, “not only transporting and moving people but improving campus life.”

The Auburn University Board of Trustees approved the \$4-million project in April 2017. Holcombe Norton Partners Inc. of Birmingham completed design for the project and Rabren General Contractors was awarded the construction contract.

For more information, head to the Facilities Management website at aub.ie/majorprojects.

Recycling continued

Management’s Waste Reduction and Recycling Department. “This site offers an easy way for them to recycle and will benefit the campus community by capturing additional recyclables and diverting them from the waste stream.”

The site was implemented by the department and is open for use by all members of the Auburn Family. It already has found plenty of use by visitors and community members.

“There are no recycling services where I currently live, off campus,” said

Hayden Billingsley, a junior in industrial engineering. “The new site is perfectly placed because commuters can drop off their recyclables before or after classes.”

Acceptable materials consist of mixed paper, plastics, aluminum, steel, tin and cardboard. Mixed paper includes copy and colored paper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, newspapers, inserts, phone books and dry food boxes. Containers include water and soda bottles, sports drink bottles, milk jugs, shampoo/conditioner bottles, laundry detergent

and fabric softeners bottles, aluminum cans and steel/tin cans.

The site does not accept garbage, glass, plastic bags and materials in plastic bags. There is signage on the fence listing acceptable materials, as well as on the bins, directing users where to put their recycling.

For more information about the recycling center or the Waste Reduction and Recycling Department, call 844-9461.

