

Arizona State University Downtown Phoenix Campus Timeline & Major Milestones

Fall 2002 to Spring 2004 Significant planning efforts commence for downtown Phoenix. Neighborhood residents, business owners, artists, city staff and other interested parties are involved in the planning process to develop a set of strategies, goals for the future of downtown Phoenix. Three Town Hall meetings were held in 2004 with over 1,400 citizens in attendance providing comments and questions to City and ASU officials. ASU President Dr. Michael Crow announces plans for expanding the university in downtown Phoenix with up to 15,000 students.

Spring 2004 The City of Phoenix begins coordinating all downtown planning efforts, including hosting Town Hall meetings, so as to present a diverse yet cohesive vision for downtown to the public, downtown stakeholders and City Council.

December 14, 2004 Phoenix City Council adopts the *Downtown Strategic Vision and Blueprint for the Future*. This “Downtown Plan” emphasizes the role of connectivity and the need for knowledge anchors and workers that will shape our economy and future. The plan also looks to the creation of great civic spaces, the arts and diverse mixed-uses such as retail, residential and office/research. Given the importance of education in the Phoenix community, partnering with ASU is a synergistic partnership that will accomplish many objectives for all of Phoenix, including downtown.

June 15, 2005 Arizona State University enters into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Phoenix to develop the ASU Downtown Phoenix Campus. ASU commits to bring various academic programs and colleges downtown, develop student housing and parking, and operate and maintain the campus, while the city acquires the initial land and develops buildings and other infrastructure.

Spring to Summer 2005 The city and ASU work together to begin to develop the physical campus, including managing the design-build process, entering into community and public-private partnerships and negotiating property exchanges and acquisition.

September to November 2005 Hundreds of Phoenix citizens volunteer for the 2006 Citizen’s Bond Committee to deliberate and make recommendations on how to allocate bond funds to secure a successful future for Phoenix. Various bond subcommittees recommend allocating \$223 million for the development of the ASU Downtown Phoenix Campus.

November 16, 2005 Phoenix City Council approves the recommendations of the 2006 Citizens’ Bond Committee which includes \$878.5 million for homeland security, education, parks, libraries, streets and other vital city infrastructure and amenities. A ballot is set for the 2006 Bond Program including funding for the ASU Downtown Phoenix Campus, which voters will decide upon on March 14, 2006.

March 14, 2006 Phoenix voters asked to support the 2006 bond program, which includes funding for public safety, neighborhoods and the ASU Downtown Phoenix Campus.

March 15, 2006-Summer 2006 Upon approval of the 2006 bond program by Phoenix voters more public input on civic space, streetscapes, and campus design will be scheduled.

Fall 2006 Classes begin for approximately 2,500 students at the new ASU Downtown Phoenix Campus. Phase I of the campus is complete, including about 300,000 square feet of academic and academic support space for the University College and College of Nursing as well as other programs, student support services and approximately 300 student housing beds.

Fall 2008 Pending the outcome of the March 14, 2006 bond election, Phase II is complete, including a major civic/open space for both ASU and the Phoenix community at large. Another 470,000 square feet of ASU development is being used for the College of Journalism, a library, and retail and other amenities; streetscape improvements further beautify downtown. Approximately 1,800 beds are available for the 7,500 students that attend classes at the Downtown Phoenix Campus. The historic Post Office building downtown continues its public postal services and is also home to a student union and ASU offices. It is anticipated the Light Rail line will be operational around this time as well.