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1.

What improvements have been planned/implemented:

Preparation of Campus Master Plans.

How did you decide that these improvements would benefit your unit or what weakness is the unit trying to improve:

This planning effort was recommended in the Facilities Master Plan (http://www.austincc.edu/faoadmin/documents/SasakiFinalReport_2-28-07.pdf), adopted by Trustees in June, 2007 (http://www.austincc.edu/board/bminutes/2007/m060407.htm). This study recommended expanding the seven campuses which the District operated at the time to relieve overcrowding and to accommodate growth in enrollment.

3. Measures: what measures are going to be used to determine if the improvements were successful.

Completion of master plans for the expansion of all seven campuses which existed in 2007.

3a. Baseline data: the data used to determine improvements were needed

The Facilities Master Plan of 2007 projected that the District's enrollment would grow from 33,039 students in 2006 to 47,678 students in 2025. It estimated that approximately half of this growth should be accommodated at the seven existing campuses. The study also recommended that 50 gross square feet (GSF) of building space should be provided per student enrolled at each campus. At the time, facilities at these campuses totaled less than 30 GSF per student enrolled.

3b. Target goals: the data that shows your improvements have achieved your goals

The Campus Master Plans have been completed. The report (http://www.austincc.edu/faoadmin/documents/CampusMasterPlans_August2011.pdf) includes plans to expand all seven campuses, including the sequencing of several phases of construction at those campuses which require more than one phase to implement. The concepts of the Campus Master Plans were incorporated into a new Facilities Master Plan of 2011 (http://www.austincc.edu/faoadmin/documents/BGK_FacilitiesOverview_Feb2011.pdf). This document included plans to consolidate administrative services and construct and expand new campuses. It also included the use of temporary instructional space (swing space) at property which the District owns at Highland Mall. The Facilities Master Plan was presented to Trustees in work sessions on February 21, 2011 and May 16, 2011 (http://www.austincc.edu/board/bminutes/2011/feb21m.pdf) (http://www.austincc.edu/board/bminutes/2011/documents/051611.pdf)(http://irt.austincc.edu/board/archive.html). The concepts of these plans were incorporated into the District's 2012 - 14 Master Plan (http://irt.austincc.edu/masterplan/MasterPlan2012-2014-

Final.pdf) which was adopted by Trustees on July 5, 2011 (http://www.austincc.edu/board/bminutes/2011/documents/BOTminutes070511.pdf).

3c. Current data: where you are currently in reaching your target

The Campus Master Plans are complete, along with the Facilities Master Plan of 2011. The plans are based on the standard of providing 50 GSF per strudent enrolled. The study included demographic projections of population growth by zip code, which allows projections of future enrollment demand at each location. The study projects more enrollment demand than the previous study, 65,592 students districtwide in 2025 vs 47,678. However, it predicts that only 22% of the new demand will occur at the seven campuses studied.

Narrative:

The Campus Master Plans are complete. They include detailed assessments of probable demand for enrollment at each campus as well as assessments of the physical condition and functional adequacy of the existing facilities. They include recommendations for the sequencing of renovations, expansions and new construction to allow the continued operation of each campus during the construction process, including the consideration of parking needs at each stage of work. The plans identify those campuses for which the District would need to acquire additional land to accommodate needed expansion.

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1.

What improvements have been planned/implemented:

- 1. Acquire tracts of land for future campuses in eastern Travis or Bastrop County, in Hays County and in Leander.
- 2. Acquire land for expansion of existing campuses.
- 3. Construct a new campus in Round Rock.

2.

How did you decide that these improvements would benefit your unit or what weakness is the unit trying to improve:

The improvements were recommended in the Facilities Master Plan (http://www.austincc.edu/faoadmin/documents/SasakiFinalReport_2-28-07.pdf), adopted by Trustees in June, 2007 (http://www.austincc.edu/board/bminutes/2007/m060407.htm). The improvements were intended to add instructional space to accommodate growth in enrollment and to alleviate overcrowding.

Measures: what measures are going to be used to determine if the improvements were successful.

Successful acquisition of sites, and successful opening of the new campus.

3a. Baseline data: the data used to determine improvements were needed

Population growth was noted in suburban areas, and was projected to continue. In some of these areas, there was interest noted in annexation into the District's taxing district in order to obtain favorable tuition rates.

Most existing campuses were overcrowded, and little room was available for expansion within the current sites. Consequently, for some campuses, it is necessary to acquire additional land on which to expand. The Facilities Master Plan recommended providing 50 gross square feet (GSF) of building space per student, but existing campus buildings provided less than 30 GSF overall.

- 3b. Target goals: the data that shows your improvements have achieved your goals
- 1. Land was purchased for a campus in Elgin (Bastrop County): http://www.austincc.edu/elgin/campuslocation.php

Land was purchased for a campus in Kyle (Hays County): http://www.austincc.edu/hays/campuslocation.php

Land was purchased for a campus in Leander: http://www.austincc.edu/board/bminutes/2010/m040510.htm

2. Land was acquired to expand the Rio Grande Campus: http://www.austincc.edu/board/bminutes/2009/m030209.htm and http://www.austincc.edu/board/bminutes/2010/m121409.htm

and http://www.austincc.edu/board/bminutes/2010/m020410.htm

Land was acquired to expand the Pinnacle Campus: http://www.austincc.edu/board/bminutes/2009/m041309.htm

Land was acquired to expand the new Round Rock Campus: http://www.austincc.edu/board/bminutes/2009/m011209.htm

3. A new campus was constructed in Round Rock: http://www.austincc.edu/rrc/

3c. Current data: where you are currently in reaching your target

All goals have been accomplished. In addition, a new campus is under construction on the site in Elgin (http://www.austincc.edu/newsroom/index.php/2012/06/01/elgin-campus-topping-out-celebration-marks-construction-milestone/), and ACC will break ground on a new campus on the site in Kyle (http://www.austincc.edu/newsroom/index.php/2012/06/19/june-2012-hays-campus-update/) this summer.

Narrative:

The goals were pursued strategically and diligently. They have been accomplished.