We are building for the future for all at IUSD. This newsletter will provide a regular construction and planning update from Dean John Williams and Adam Smith, director, Facilities Planning & Auxiliary Operations.

Over the next 24 months, we will prepare for and adapt to major changes with our building project (Phase 1): walkways, driving patterns, and parking changes and disruptions will at times be inconvenient. Thank you in advance for your patience, and remember the end goal, which is building the future for all in our 21st century dental school.

Parking Changes Ahead
Around August 1, the selected contractor for the new clinical building will “capture the site,” which means closing off and fencing the east patient parking lot. The enclosed space allows the contractor to begin receiving and storing building materials and equipment and also protects people from construction debris.

The permanent east lot closure will affect parking as follows:

- IUSD patient parking will be moved to lot #54, west of the dental school. IUPUI Parking Services has allocated 146 “patient parking only” spots on the south side of lot #54, approximately two-thirds of the lot.
- The spots will be marked patient parking only, and patients will post a vinyl IU School of Dentistry sticker in their window shield. A parking ambassador will monitor the lot every weekday to ensure only patients are parked in these designated spots.
- When the east lot closes around August 1, adjunct faculty who previously parked in the east patient lot will park in either the EM surface lots or the Vermont Street garage.
- Most, if not all, of the loading dock parking spots will convert to “D" designated spots for handicapped parking.

Contractor Bidding in Process
In mid-June, Indiana University officials submitted the architects’ final design specifications and construction documents to general contractors to begin soliciting construction bids. Vendor bids are due back July 15, with bid opening happening soon after. Once the University awards the construction contract, physical changes will start happening onsite in the east parking lot.
Michigan Street Widening Begins around September 1

The widening and two-way traffic redesign of Michigan Street begins around September 1. The widening will take a portion of the land on the north side of the original IUSD building. While under construction, fencing for the Michigan Street widening likely will butt up next to the IUSD construction site. This means that in addition to the sidewalk closure on Michigan Street, there likely will be no walkway from the dental school to the Vermont Street garage on the east side of the building. To walk east, one will need to walk on Vermont Street.

Additionally, Beauty Avenue and Hanson Street will be closed permanently. Drivers can enter west lot #54 from Vermont Street only.

This Michigan Street project is scheduled for completion in December 2017; however, construction will move from west to east, so it is possible the section adjacent to the dental school will be finished sooner. Here is an IUPUI report on the project.

Operatory Configuration...Calling All Faculty, Staff & Students

Another feedback opportunity begins the week of July 12, when faculty, staff, and students can sample and provide input on prototype model operatories for the new clinical building. Four dental equipment vendors are displaying their prototype operatories in the dental school library. One vendor will present each day between July 12 and July 15. We need your thoughts!

Phase 2: Designing the 21st Century Dental School

The clinical building construction is Phase 1 of the creation of IUSD’s 21st century dental school. Phase 2 is the planning, repurposing and remodeling of our existing buildings, constructed in the 1930s, 1960s, and 1970s. As the school plans for Phase 2, Dean Williams will host multiple focus groups for the IUSD community to share thoughts and ideas on the redesign of these buildings.