

## **SIGNIFICANT ONGOING PLANNING & PRE-DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES**

- An RFP for Design Service was issued at the end of January 2023 in order to engage a design consultant for work associated with the development of a cost-effective, efficient, productive and comprehensive **long-range Master Plan** due to Rowan's growth as a Research University. The Master Plan will address the need to build, renovate, reconfigure, modernize and enrich spaces, amenities and services across all campuses to better meet the needs of its students, faculty and employees. In September 2023, OLIN Partnership Ltd. was selected to develop the long-range Master Plan. A kick-off meeting for the development of the Rowan University Long-Range Master Plan was held on November 6, 2023.
- Rowan University's West Campus is expected to experience significant growth in the next five to ten years and currently has over \$200M in capital projects either planned or underway. **The West Campus Infrastructure Project** includes the development, design and construction of all roadways, walking and biking trails, water, sewer, power and fiber to support West Campus. The University is developing an RFP for Professional Design Services for pre-development activities (design, surveying, demolitions and pre-construction) related to the infrastructure necessary to support West Campus. The intention of this project is to develop a multi-modal transportation system that encourages driving, walking, and biking, while the installation of the infrastructure helps to support the development of new building projects that will promote the growth of Rowan University.
- Facilities, Planning & Operations is implementing and enhancing an **ADA improvement plan** to address compliance issues and student concerns. Phase 1 items have been identified in the following categories: plumbing, hardware, signage and electrical. Vendors have been contracted to provide hands free door openers in building restrooms on ground floors. This work has been completed in the key buildings identified by The Office of Accessibility. The next round of buildings will be completed during Fall 2023.
- The University has engaged a landscape architect to provide professional services for **the design of improvements to the South Campus, however final design efforts have been put on hold in order to allow for completion of the long-range Master Plan.** This beautification plan sets up a framework for open space to perform important functions, from communicating campus identity and accommodating social space, to fostering plant diversity and – perhaps most importantly – managing stormwater. This anticipated 5-year initiative includes but is not limited to: new sidewalks, curbs, parking, furnishings (seating, trash/recycling receptacles, bike and/or skateboard racks, etc.), safety and security upgrades and enhanced landscaping.
- A **feasibility study** for the development of a Central Accumulation Area (CAA) building of approximately 3,000 to 4,500 square feet is complete. An RFP for Design Services was issued mid-January 2023. Contract for design services has been completed and initial design meeting has occurred.