# "PLAN ALTERNATIVES" WORKSHOP SUMMARY COMPREHENSIVE PARNASSUS HEIGHTS PLAN (CPHP)

**06 NOVEMBER 2018 - FINAL** 





# **1** INTRODUCTION

### **1.1 THE WORKSHOP**

The Comprehensive Parnassus Heights Plan (CPHP) will provide a framework for the revitalization of the physical environment of the Parnassus Heights campus, ensuring that UCSF remains a world-class health sciences institution for decades to come.

On November 6, 2018, a "Plan Alternatives" workshop welcomed UCSF faculty, staff, leadership, and the consultant team to further explore the opportunities and challenges associated with the campus revitalization.

During two half-day sessions, the Perkins Eastman team presented three alternative layouts for the campus plan with preliminary evaluations and solicited feedback from over 80 campus stakeholders.



The consultant team introduced Draft Design Alternatives on November 6th.



Forum participants engaged in small group conversations after the presentations.

### **1.2 SIX BIG IDEAS**

Drawing from July's Blue Sky workshop, the six "Big Ideas" listed below introduce key goals and help characterize the core concepts driving the CPHP design process. The Big Ideas guide decisions involving public realm, circulation and access, urban design, and campus function.

#### THE BIG IDEAS

- 1. Create the campus heart
- 2. Form complementary districts
- 3. Emphasize connections for convergence
- 4. Park to Peak A vertical campus
- 5. Parnassus Ave. is the campus main street
- 6. Irving St. connects to the community



Workshop participants and members of the consultant team discussed alternatives.

A series of conceptual "before/after" sketches, shown at the right and presented at the workshop, illustrate initial responses to the Big Ideas, and how their application could transform the campus. The Big Ideas also help compare between Alternatives. Section 2.0 includes a summary description of the three Alternatives, highlighting how well each satisfies the Big Ideas.

WEST SIDE @ 4TH

SAUNDERS COURT







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PARNASSUS AVENUE

**IRVING STREET** 







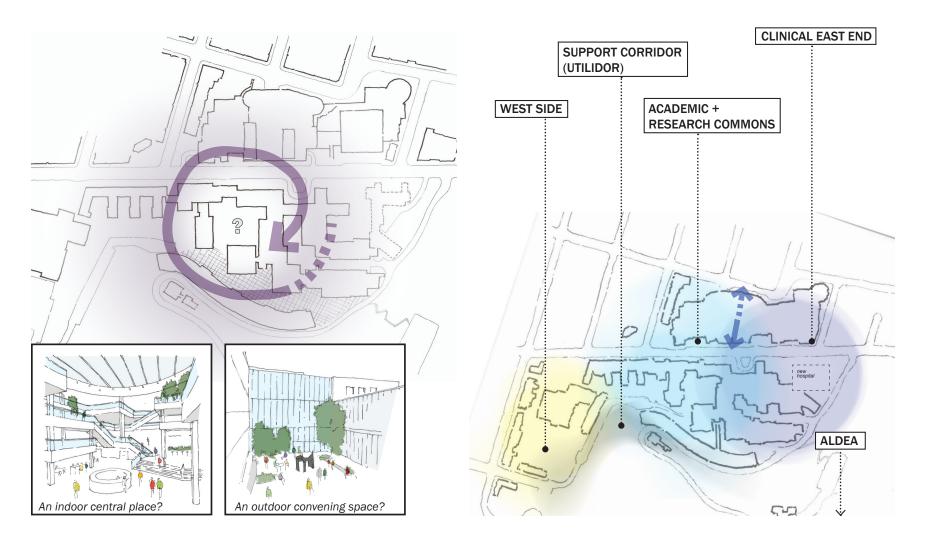


### **BIG IDEA #1 CREATE THE CAMPUS HEART**

Can the CPHP generate a **CAMPUS HEART** that sparks conversations, collaboration and engagement? Can it be the next **POSTCARD DESTINATION** and further the sense of pride at **UCSF**?

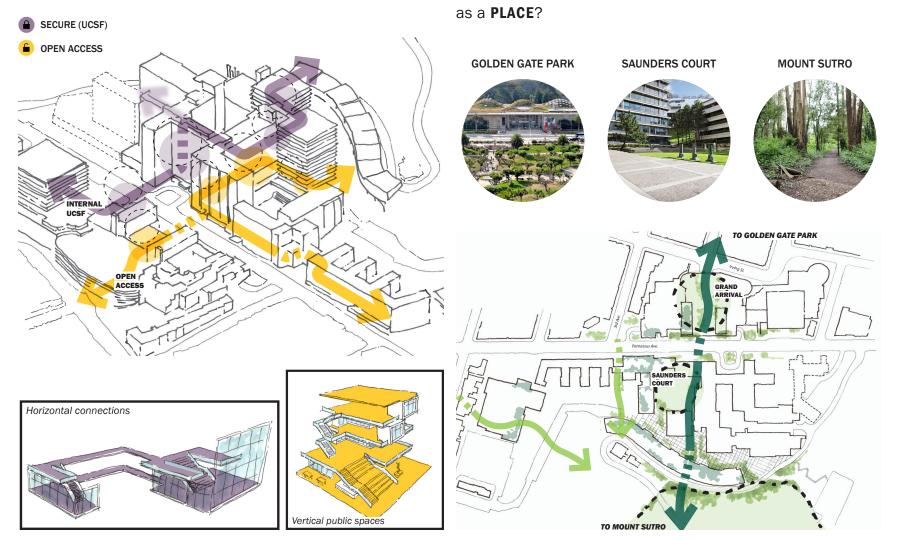
# **BIG IDEA #2 FORM COMPLEMENTARY DISTRICTS**

A series of planned building projects will redefine longterm **CAMPUS RELATIONSHIPS**. Can the CPHP organize its **FUNCTIONS**, while providing opportunities for **CONVERGENCE**?



## BIG IDEA #3 EMPHASIZE CONNECTIONS FOR CONVERGENCE

A series of concourses will offer multi-purpose, crossdisciplinary spaces, to respond to the need for **IMPROVED WAYFINDING**, **COLLABORATION** and **SOCIAL GATHERING**.



CAMPUS

**BIG IDEA #4 PARK TO PEAK - A VERTICAL** 

interventions that take advantage of TOPOGRAPHY? Can

these connections improve the public perception of UCSF

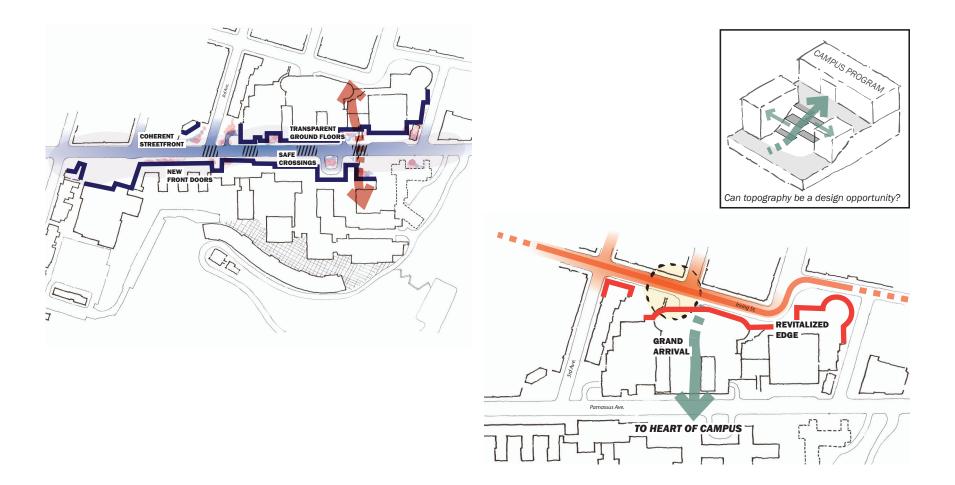
Can UCSF introduce long and short-term design

### BIG IDEA #5 PARNASSUS AVENUE IS THE CAMPUS MAIN STREET

Can the street be designed for a comfortable **PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE**, while allowing for local access? Can the CPHP rethink how and where people **PARK**?

# **BIG IDEA #6 IRVING STREET CONNECTS TO THE**<u>COMMUNITY</u>

Can UCSF better **WELCOME** visitors, patients and the public into the campus? Can improved access to the **NEIGHBORHOOD** help support local businesses?



# **2 DRAFT ALTERNATIVES**

### **2.1 ALTERNATIVE A: SELECTIVE IMPROVEMENTS**

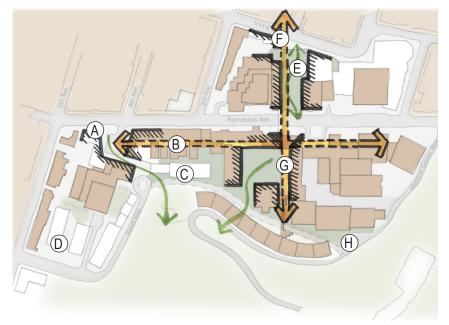
Alternative A explores the opportunity to renovate with less reliance on demolition or new buildings. Improvements are achieved via selective architectural interventions (such as re-skinning existing buildings), as well as public ream improvements along Parnassus Avenue, and converting roof level parking at Millberry to a public open space.

Alternative A - Concept Diagram

- A. West front door
- B. Campus concourse
- C. New research
- D. New residential
- E. Panoramic public space
- F. New entry sequence
- G. Refaced buildings

A panoramic platform

H. Utilidor



**Programmed streetfronts** 



Park'n'Play, Copenhagen, Denmark



Viewing Pavilion, Weihai, China



Borough High St. Hotel, London, UK

A multi-level experience



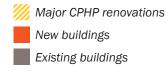
Museumplein, Kerkrade, Netherlands

# **2.1** SELECTIVE IMPROVEMENTS

### **NEW BUILDINGS**

- 1. New Research Building
- 2. ACC Podium Expansion
- 3. Millberry Union, Retail on Irving
- 4. West Side with Parking
- 5. Child Care at Proctor Site
- 6. Patient Family Housing at Lucia
- 7. Dentristry "Front Door"
- 8. Other Small Additions





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# **2.1** SELECTIVE IMPROVEMENTS



Alternative A - Interventions

### **ALTERNATIVE A KEY FEATURES**

- Greater emphasis on renovated space (in blue) compared to new construction (in green);
- Slight decrease in parking, while all other categories increase;
- Incorporates renovations of CSB, and portions of MSB;
- Smaller buildings assumed for early phase "empty chair" allow for selective improvements and decant of existing buildings.

# **2.1** SELECTIVE IMPROVEMENTS

#### DIFFERENTIATORS **OPPORTUNITIES 1 CAMPUS "HEART"** Millberry Union parking . . Facades around Saunders Court are rejuvenated and adapted for new program. garage remains, with MSB has an upgraded Parnassus Avenue frontage. ٠ general improvements to wayfinding: the roof of **2 COMPLEMENTARY DISTRICTS** the garage is converted . Small expansion associated with ACC parking garage podium to a public space with . West Side adds housing over the existing surface lot: partial conversion of UC Hall to housing. panoramic views. School of Nursing building is renovated, new small research ٠ building to the west. **Emphasizes renovations of** . MSB is an "Instructional Hub" after key labs are relocated. select existing buildings. • Explores a service corridor behind HSIR towers. **3 CONVERGENCE** ٠ Smaller new buildings used . MSB renovations with circulation and collaboration areas for "swing" space. relocated to Saunders Court facing side. Campus concourse provides access control strategies. School of Nursing building ٠ **4 PARK-TO-PEAK** and Dental Clinics stay in Millberry garage roof is converted to a landscaped public space. • place (renovated). . New direct connection from Irving Street to Parnassus Avenue via a series of vertical links. Public bridge connection provides continuity from Irving Street • . Housing opportunities over Parnassus Avenue, into Saunders Court. for key populations - i.e. Better connections through MSB and HSIR towers with new, more students, faculty, and ٠ efficient vertical circulation cores. patient families. **5 PARNASSUS AVENUE** ٠ New front door at MSB, strategic improvements to facades. Traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements. . **6 IRVING STREET**

- ACC lobby extension connects to Irving Street with a new "front door," including elements of "science on display".
- Enhance user experience accessing campus from transit.

### CHALLENGES

### TECHNICAL

- Treatment of UC Hall and scale of intervention will impact scale of new reserach building.
- ACC podium addition may trigger complete seismic upgrade in garage (possibly the tower above).
- Relocation of the food court on top of Millberry garage will require reinforcement of tower structures.

### FINANCIAL

- Renovations and re-purposing may cost less in the short term, but may increase long-term costs.
- Clarify the trade-offs in cost and time vs. quality of space for UCSF?

### PHASING

- Clincial east end achieved early requires empty chair at ACC podium.
- Administrative (non-clinical) program need swing space for early renovation of UC Hall.
- Assumes renovations in HSIR for high quality, remodeled swing space to act as empty chair for future MSB renovation.
- Conversion of Millberry roof may require restaurant and retail "empty chair".

### **2.2 ALTERNATIVE B: EXPANDED SAUNDERS**

Alternative B explores shifting functions into complementary districts, and adds new contemporary spaces and buildings. This Alternative also introduces a "grand entry" concept from Irving Street, a connected new research building behind UC Hall and CSB, and locates the heart of campus in an expanded Saunders Court.

Alternative B - Concept Diagram

- A. West front door
- B. Campus concourse
- C. New research
- D. New residential and employee parking
- E. New campus union
- F. Repurposed MSB into Translational Hub
- G. Utilidor
- H. Consolidated clinical
- I. New entry sequence

#### Alternative B - Precedent Images Indoor concourse connections

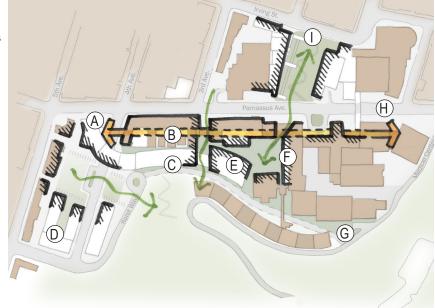


IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark

#### Landscape circulation



Syracuse University, New York



#### An iconic "front door"



University of Chicago, IL

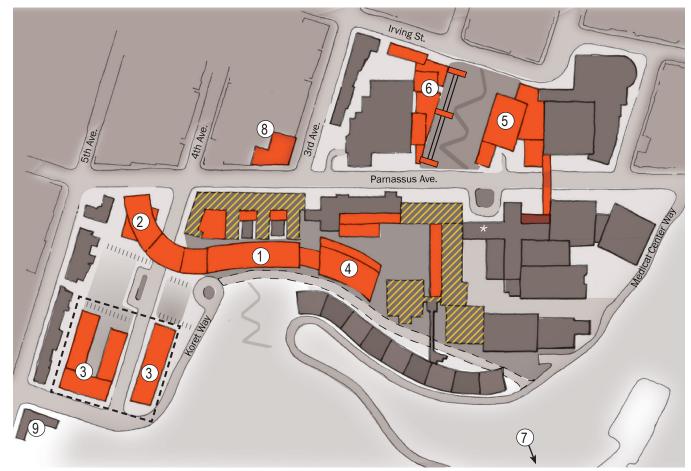
#### **Campus heart for convening**



Humanitas University, Milan, Italy

### **NEW BUILDINGS**

- 1. New Research Building #1
- 2. New Research Building #2
- 3. Housing West Side, with Parking
- 4. New Campus Union and Forum
- 5. New ACC Tower Addition
- 6. New Program Building
- 7. Aldea Child Care
- 8. Patient Family Housing at Lucia
- 9. Housing at Proctor Site





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Alternative B - Interventions

### **ALTERNATIVE B KEY FEATURES**

- Significant amount of new space (in green), made possible by a series of demolitions;
- Decrease in net space for the parking, assumes increased efficiency garage design, and some long-term reductions;
- Large housing footprint on the West Side, around new 4th Avenue extension;
- Grand entry from Irving Street to Parnassus Avenue with new public facing program and landscape along circulation spine.

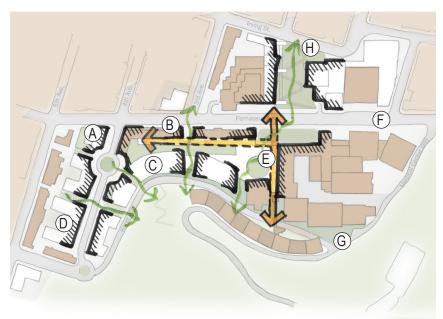
DIFFERENTIATORS	OPPORTUNITIES	CHALLENGES
<ul> <li>West Side has a significant housing component.</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>1 CAMPUS "HEART"</li> <li>Saunders Court is expanded to be a new campus "quad," gardens and terraces behind UC Hall as circulation spine.</li> <li>MSB facade made transparent for presence on Parnassus Avenue.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>TECHNICAL <ul> <li>Treatment of UC Hall and scale of intervention; interface with new buildings to rear.</li> <li>Challenges around building on the hillside and retaining structures.</li> <li>Employee access to new parking is challenging until 4th Ave. is complete</li> <li>Slope conditions from Irving Street to Parnassus Avenue.</li> </ul> </li> <li>FINANCIAL <ul> <li>Funding is oriented to new research building in early phases.</li> <li>Conversion of smaller sites to patient family hotels.</li> </ul> </li> <li>PHASING <ul> <li>Large parking garage may overly impact Parnassus Avenue.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Public-facing programs are in a new structure, extended from the library.</li> <li>New buildings behind UC hall provide an "empty</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>2 COMPLEMENTARY DISTRICTS</li> <li>Clinical uses consolidated to east end, translational clinical hub in a portion of MSB, and ACC tower expansion.</li> <li>UC Hall and CSB focused on Academic Support</li> <li>Public-facing, "science on display" and instructional uses adjacent to the library.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>chair" for MSB renovation.</li> <li>Opportunity for a forum/ convening space in new</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New union, forum and collaboration spaces at Saunders Court</li> <li>Staff parking consolidated to West Side.</li> <li><b>3 CONVERGENCE</b></li> <li>MSB renovation; circulation areas moved to Saunders Court facing side.</li> </ul>	
building adjacent to Saunders Court (on School of Nursing site).	<ul> <li>Campus concourse provides access control strategies.</li> <li>Series of state of the art connected research buildings.</li> <li>MSB supports more clinical reserach users.</li> </ul>	
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garage on the West Side		should not impact hospital construction.
<u></u>	<ul> <li>6 IRVING STREET</li> <li>Grand arrival improves circulation between Irving Street and Parnassus Avenue (includes mobility-assisted options).</li> <li>Transit stop and waiting area improvements.</li> <li>Activated uses on Irving Street and at ACC garage entrance.</li> </ul>	

### **2.3 ALTERNATIVE C: TRANSFORMATION**

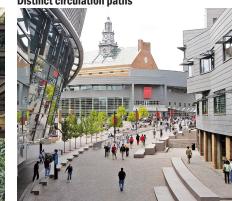
Alternative C has the greatest emphasis on new, more efficient buildings, as well as selective demolitions, and performs best towards the Space Ceiling. In addition to a grand entry at Irving Street, and a new ACC expansion, Alternative C explores the removal of the north wing of MSB, and reorients the campus with stronger vertical connections from Park to Peak.

Alternative C - Concept Diagram

- A. West front door
- B. Porous streetfront
- C. New research
- D. New residential and employee parking
- E. Instructional Hub
- F. Consolidated Clinical
- G. Utilidor
- H. New entry sequence



#### **Distinct circulation paths**



University of Cincinnati, OH

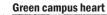
#### Campus heart for convening



University of Copenhagen, Denmark



Alternative C - Precedent Images





Harbour Steps, Seattle

New York City, Ford Foundation

### **NEW BUILDINGS**

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- 3. Housing West Side, with Parking
- 4. New Union
- 5. New Concourse
- 6. ACC Podium Expansion
- 7. ACC Tower Add.
- 8. New Program
- 9. Staff Parking
- 10. Child Care at 4th
- 11. Patient Family Housing at Lucia
- 12. Housing at Proctor



Major CPHP renovations
 New buildings
 Existing buildings

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Alternative C - Interventions

### **ALTERNATIVE C KEY FEATURES**

- Largest amount of new space (in green), made possible by a series of demolitions;
- Decrease in net space for the parking, assumes increased efficiency garage design, and some long-term reductions;
- Large interior public forum around Saunders Court;
- Grand entry from Irving Street to Parnassus Avenue includes new program such as "science on display" or instructional spaces.

DIFFERENTIATORS	OPPORTUNITIES	CHALLENGES
• Explores more intensive housing in the West Side.	<ol> <li>CAMPUS "HEART"</li> <li>North wing of MSB is removed for visibility and improved experience.</li> <li>Saunders Court as a "winter garden" atrium, providing front doors to each of the four schools.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>TECHNICAL</li> <li>Demolition of MSB north wing must avoid impact to users.</li> <li>Upgrades to UC Hall structure with new structures, underground parking.</li> <li>Potential traffic and access challenges on new 4th Avenue.</li> <li>Mobility assisted options for grand entry; scale feasibility and timing.</li> <li>ACC podium expansion in Phase 1.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>New West Side buildings provide opportunity for incubator space or partnerships with private- sector R&amp;D.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>2 COMPLEMENTARY DISTRICTS</li> <li>Clinical uses are consolidated to the east end (ACC expansion).</li> <li>Public-facing and instructional uses are located at Millberry arrival.</li> <li>Forum, collaboration spaces and new union at Saunders Court.</li> <li>West Side becomes a neighborhood with amenities and housing.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Includes the most new construction.</li> <li>Large interior public forum</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Staff parking shifts to West Side, split between two garages.</li> <li>Utilidor and Medical Center Way is improved.</li> <li>3 CONVERGENCE</li> <li>MSB renovations are explored, with circulation and collaboration areas moved to Saunders Court facing side, linked to forum.</li> <li>Campus concourse provides access control strategies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>FINANCIAL</li> <li>Construction of new research building behind UC Hall requires funding quickly.</li> <li>Potential to sell/lease Proctor site for residential/hotel use.</li> <li>Footprint allocation of 350 Parnassus. uses to reduce leasing costs.</li> </ul> PHASING <ul> <li>Portions of MSB, Dental Clinics and School of Nursing, UC Hall require swing space to be decanted early.</li> <li>Large new research building would allow decanting of key labs in MSB.</li> <li>Assumes renovations in HSIR for high quality, remodeled swing space to act as "empty chair".</li> </ul>
and convening location at Saunders Court.	<ul> <li>Campus concourse provides access control strategies.</li> <li>Integrated research buldings; full MSB renovation.</li> <li>4 PARK-TO-PEAK</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>New Parnassus Avenue frontage results from north wing demolition, integrated</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Connectivity improvements from Irving Street and in the West Side.</li> <li>Grand arrival from Irving Street to Parnassus Avenue via landscape.</li> <li>Pedestrian paths connect Mount Sutro to the neighborhood.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>with the "winter garden" forum at Saunders Court.</li> <li>ACC tower expansion at former Millberry Union location, also associated with new Irving Street entry.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>5 PARNASSUS AVENUE</li> <li>Traffic calming on Parnassus Avenue, associated with MSB improvements to create main street and safe pedestrian experience.</li> <li>Building facade improvements along Parnassus Avenue.</li> <li>Improved curb space management.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>6 IRVING STREET</li> <li>Grand arrival improves circulation between Irving Street and Parnassus Avenue, also with mobility-assisted options.</li> <li>Transit stop and waiting area improvements, exploring a drop-off.</li> </ul>	

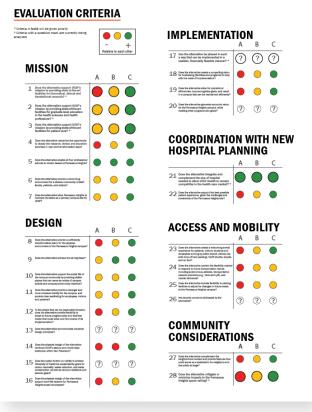
Transit stop and waiting area improvements, exploring a drop-off.Activated uses on Irving Street.

# **3 CONCLUSION**

### **3.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA**

A series of evaluation criteria were developed with stakeholder input to allow for meaningful comparisons among the alternatives (see full list in Appendix).

Workshop participants were given an initial evaluation of the alternatives using these criteria, and were asked to provide their comments.



Evaluation Criteria - "First Blush"

### **3.2 WHAT WE HEARD**

Workshop particpants expressed support for the consolidation of clinical uses to the east end of campus, and re-thinking School of Nursing and Dental Clinics building footprints. There is strong interest in the development of a new service corridor, as well as continued exploration of a bridge/tunnel linking the north and south side of campus.

# "The **UTILIDOR** will help control ingress/egress security for materials."

Improvements to the Parnassus Avenue street experience had strong support, as well as the addition of new spaces for collaboration, convening, and convergence.

"The gradual addition of **RESEARCH BUILDINGS** gives flexibility for buildings to adapt to new needs."

# "There is a need for **COMMON SPACE** proximal to labs."

### **3.2** WHAT WE HEARD

Participants discussed the critical first phase moves, planning for the future ability to "decant" space, and how to conduct holistic renovations of existing structures such as MSB.

Topics requiring more analysis are priorities for a near term Phase 1 "empty chair" or "swing" building. Questions remain around the possibility of moving programs off-site to ensure phasing flexibility; as well as strategies to optimize the parking experience; and how to make better connections between Irving Street and Parnassus Avenue.

# "Be thoughtful of the location of **CHILD CARE** for family drop-off and pick-up."

There is interest in exploring forms of UCSF-oriented housing and hotel options, as well as expanding childcare. Regarding housing, there is no consensus on the overall amount or location; further study and discussion is needed. Challenges for all Alternatives include understanding how to mitigate community impacts, and finding workable space ceiling solutions that can allow for long-term growth.



### **3.3 NEXT STEPS**

January 22, 2019 will introduce the "Preferred Alternative", integrating feedback and further investigations in the CPHP. Identified next steps include:

- 1. First phase priorities and the "empty chair";
- 2. Compare costs of new construction against renovation;
- 3. Measure traffic, and circulation impacts;
- 4. Refine character, design, and delivery method for housing;
- 5. Consider community impacts;
- 6. Define the near-term design for the "Utilidor";
- 7. Coordinate with existing capital plan.