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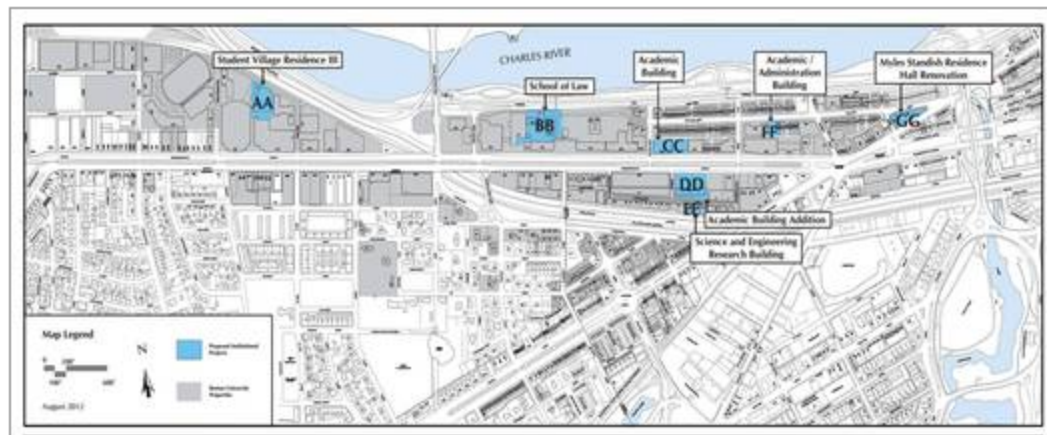
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City OKs Boston University's 10-year campus master plan

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(Boston Redevelopment Authority)

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The city redevelopment authority's board on Thursday unanimously approved Boston University's 10-year master plan.

The plan includes building up to 625,000 square feet of new academic, research and administrative space; renovating other campus learning facilities and dormitories; and helping to fund pedestrian, traffic, and public transit improvements along Commonwealth Avenue, according to the Boston

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improvements along Commonwealth Avenue, according to the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

Projects include: constructing a new academic building, up to 350,000 square feet in size, on a site that is currently a surface parking lot at 645-665 Commonwealth; and building a science and engineering research building, up to 165,000 square feet in size at 30-38 [Cummington Mall](#), city officials said.

The university also plans to: integrate two brownstones at 130 Bay State Road and add about 60,000 square feet of academic and administrative space: add 50,000 square feet of academic space to the 84,000 square-foot communications school building at 640 Commonwealth Ave.; and to modernize dormitories at 610 Beacon St. and 632 Beacon St. that house a combined 762 beds.


The master plan calls for BU to continue to help invest in a public project to improve Commonwealth Avenue, according to the city. The university has committed more than \$13 million to projects to improve parts of the thoroughfare and Kenmore Square.


Each of the projects within the master plan will still require separate public review.

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