2013 CMU Master Plan Survey Results
Campus Survey Summary
Please select the role with which you most identify.

- Student - Returning Undergrad: 475
- Student - First Year Undergrad: 442
- Alumni: 250
- Professional & Administrative: 148
- Regular Faculty: 130
- Office Professional: 117
- Student - Returning Graduate: 75
- Student - First Year Graduate: 61
- Student - Other (please specify): 42
- Fixed-Term Faculty: 91
- All Other Responses: 1439

Total: 3,272 respondents
Do you currently live on or off of campus?

- **All students**
  - On campus
  - Off campus - walkable
  - Off campus - commute

- **Returning undergrads**
  - On campus
  - Off campus - walkable
  - Off campus - commute

- **Graduate students**
  - On campus
  - Off campus - walkable
  - Off campus - commute
Tell us what intersection you use as your "main entry" when arriving on campus

- Lansing & Bellows
- E. Campus & Bellows
- Washington & Preston
- S. Mission & W. Campus Drive
- Franklin & Bellows
- Washington & Broomfield
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- Other (please specify)
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What are the biggest frustrations about getting around on campus? Select up to three.

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- Other
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- Lack of sidewalks where you need them
- Traffic jams
- Lighting of walkways
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only those living off-campus
frustrations

I get frustrated as both a pedestrian and a driver about the crosswalk systems. I try to avoid driving during the day and during the xx:45 - xx:10 time frame since there is heavy foot traffic that causes heavy traffic jams.

Drivers try to "shoot the gap" between pedestrians.

Pedestrians do not respect drivers very well at the crosswalks.

Bicyclists and long-boarders do not use the designated bike paths and end up hitting walkers on narrow sidewalks.

I feel like we are the “state university behind the strip mall.”

Crossing the busy roads many people do not stop for pedestrians. I have seen people get hit on bikes because they did not have a sidewalk.

It is dangerous commuting on campus. I got into a car accident in the parking lot 22.
If parking and traffic control were improved, my opinion of most everything on campus would increase. I'm just so stressed about getting around.

I have almost been hit multiple times by people rushing to get out of lot 22 and not even bothering to look around.

Too expensive, not enough spaces, not enough security. You need to build a parking garage because it is a ridiculous situation you've got there. I dealt with it for four years. It was frustrating, maddening, and exhausting. And DEFINITELY not well lit!

I sometimes struggle to find a spot in Lots 22 or 33, even if I leave early. If I try to find a spot, it's likely that I'll get stuck in there with everyone else who is trying to get in and out, which has made me late for class a couple of times (even when I arrive 20 minutes early).
What do you like most about getting around on campus?

*most commonly used words*
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Sidewalks and bike paths that lead to everywhere I would need to go (on campus, anyway. The city of Mt Pleasant outside of CMU is another story).

I like the fact that on cold winter days like today, it is possible to get almost anywhere on campus by going through the buildings without going very far out of your way. However, it is nice in the summer to have such a large amount of sidewalk.

I like the fact that the buildings are all within walking distance of each other for the most part. I do arrange my classes based on how far the buildings are apart. I personally need more than ten minutes to walk from Powers to Pearce.
on campus, how do you typically get between buildings?

during the day

after dark
Think about each item listed below and if you are familiar with it, rate your feelings about it.

- Campus apartments
- Art studios
- Faculty offices
- Art galleries
- Laboratory spaces
- Museum of Cultural and Natural History
- Classrooms
- Administrative offices
- Campus residence halls
- Informal gathering/social areas
- Restrooms
- Residential restaurants
- Computer labs
- Study areas
- Performing arts centers
- Meeting spaces
- On-campus markets
- Other on-campus dining facilities
- University Center
- Athletic facilities
- Student Activity Center
- Library

Indoor Spaces
When you take a break or meet others, where's your favorite outdoor place?

*most commonly used words*
Where is the best place on campus for a photo opportunity?

*most commonly used words*
Think about each item listed below and if you are familiar with it, rate your feelings about it.

- General appearance of campus
- Landscape (trees, plantings, lawns)
- Outdoor athletic facilities
- Outdoor gathering spaces
- Outdoor recreation facilities
- Sidewalks
- Crosswalks
- Crossing Bellows St.
- Crossing Broomfield St.
- Crossing Washington St.
- Crossing Preston St.
- Bike paths
- Parking lots
- Traffic
- Crossings
- Bike paths
- Outdoor Items

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favorite building

When the Library was finished, I was so happy to spend time in there to study, meet with other students, and find materials. It's a beautiful open and bright space—very inviting and modern.

I walk into the library and it makes me just want to study and be in there for hours.

I enjoy the Bovee Center because some parts of it have been upgraded and it's nice to have those modern conveniences like Starbucks and the beautifully upgraded common areas. However, I do wish it could just simply be larger.

There was something special about the SAC. It was open and inviting to all students and provided a daily getaway from the stresses of being a student.
least favorite building

The structure of Foust makes it very difficult to approach, it looks like a run down factory, and many students do not even know what Foust Hall is. Besides being so hideously ugly, it has little or no common areas. The hallways are narrow and the whole building has a very claustrophobic feel.

Brooks needs a facelift and new technology. It feels old and gloomy. When teachers are still using overhead projectors its never good

I have had all of my classes in Anspach in the last 3 years of my time at CMU. Even with the recent renovations, the fact still stands that the building is old and outdated.

The classrooms are terrible, they’re all cramped full of desks, and leave students feeling slightly claustrophobic.

Business graduates from CMU are looked upon as some of the best talent in the state, but by the time the last semester of our senior year comes upon us, we are ready to leave Grawn as fast as we can. We have nothing good to say about the building to people who we talk to in our profession.
When you take a break or meet others, where’s your favorite indoor place?

Most commonly used words

When combined, “coffee shops” add up to become the second favorite place.
If you were describing campus as it is now to someone unfamiliar with CMU, in a few words, what would you say?

most commonly used words

Parking Lots
Green
Gorgeous
Growing
Spread
Attractive
Outdated
Convenient
Accessible
Buildings are Close
North Campus
Welcoming
Homey
New Buildings
Easy to Navigate
Clean
Size
Beautiful Campus
Friendly
Small Campus
Nice
if you could make only one significant change

*most common answers*

Build a parking garage/ramp/deck/structure.

Update some of the landscaping around campus. More trees. More mature trees. Improve outdoor landscaping/sidewalks so that those visiting & getting a feel for campus.

Gathering spaces. More places to sit at a table with someone you don't know. Just a more relaxing and positive environment. Less tired students sitting on the floor in gloomy halls waiting for their classes.

Modernize the older buildings. (mentioned: Brooks, Anspach, Pearce, Powers, Rowe and Grawn)

Better flow of traffic.
What amenities or activities bring you to campus? Select all that apply.
Tell us about driving around and through campus.

When classes are changing there is a lot of congestion on Preston and Washington streets.

I try to avoid driving through campus during the day.

I maneuver around campus.

I typically drive through campus instead of driving along Mission since the traffic is typically better.

More cross connections between lots on east and west side of campus could help take pressure off streets when classes begin and end.

I think everything is well marked.

The backup on Preston before and after Washington is problematic.

The parking is terrible - they need some parking structures.
What issues are created by having CMU nearby?

Traffic has been an issue, along with the poorly planned construction of tons of shops that cater to students.

Crime, drunkenness, vandalism

Traffic

The flow of traffic on the south end of town is very difficult and some students drive very poorly.

Traffic
If you could make only one significant change...

Brooks is old and I feel this science building could upgrade and have more presentable lecture halls and science labs.

A centrally located parking garage.

More parking at health professions and health services buildings.

Make travel areas more of a web. Too many roads don't have enough means of exit causing congestion, especially on East Campus and Washington.

Some exterior updates to the older buildings such as Bovee or Pearce.

Open up lots from behind Mission off of the East Campus Dr. to cut down on traffic - off of service road you could access La Senorita, Papa Johns, McDonalds, Stadium Mall and such.
What benefits do you get by having CMU nearby?

Campus is close by, not far to drive, close to everything in town.

We love having CMU near by and have had the privilege of sending both children to the Learning Lab Preschool, swim lessons at the Rose Pool, and to the summer Math and Science Camp.

Economic impact to community, diversity

Educational benefits for our high school students, cultural events, increased business in the community

We enjoy the arts and performances by the students and faculty as well as the educational opportunities. I enjoy young people so I’m pleased to have the students here in our community.

I like the "feel" of working in a college town. I also enjoy working with the business students on projects as a mentor.

They are a provider of health care services in the community and to students with help of health department.

New people, great minds, Division 1 Athletics, student interaction with businesses
thank you