# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON Campus Facilities Planning Committee Information Item Description Form

**1. ITEM:** B-Cycle Stations UH Campus-Wide Installation. Arts location update.

**2. REQUESTING DEPARTMENT:** Facilities, Planning & Construction (FP&C); Office of Sustainability

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4. PRESENTER(S): Nick Tamayo & Edgar Banda

5. RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL

#### 6. SUMMARY:

FP&C and designLAB would like to present this project for approval to the CFPC. The project is to engage Houston B-Cycle to install solar-powered B-Cycle stations in six proposed locations. The six locations on campus were identified as popular gathering spaces that experience high amounts of pedestrian traffic based on informal research into usage, demand, and ridership conducted by B-Cycle. B-Cycle is a bike sharing program currently implemented within the City of Houston central city. A typical station consists of 13 docks with 7-8 bikes at a time, although the number of docks will be increased or decreased based on user population at each proposed location. Users can purchase per month, per semester, or annual memberships to "rent" out the bikes for quick intracampus or intracity transportation between docks based on an hourly usage fee. The B-Cycle program would benefit the University by relieving congestion of personal bicycles on campus and be a virtually self-sustaining operation with Houston B-Cycle performing periodic maintenance and bike replacement as needed at no additional charge.

UPDATE: Due to future site improvements to Wilhelmina's Grove, Public Art and the stakeholders have determined that the planned location of the B-Cycle Station on the northwest edge of the Grove (location 04) in the existing bike rack dg bed is likely to be incompatible and an unwelcome element when these new site improvements are rolled out.

#### 7. PROPOSED START DATE:

May 2018

#### 8. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

Updated dimensioned drawings and photographs depicting a B-Cycle Station, Campus Map with proposed station locations, and diagrams of each priority location



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### Site Location Criteria:

- along primary paths
- at trip destinations/origins
- at available solar exposure
- near other bike racks
- accepting of decomposed granite
- separate from public art vlewing

## Six Site Locations Selected:

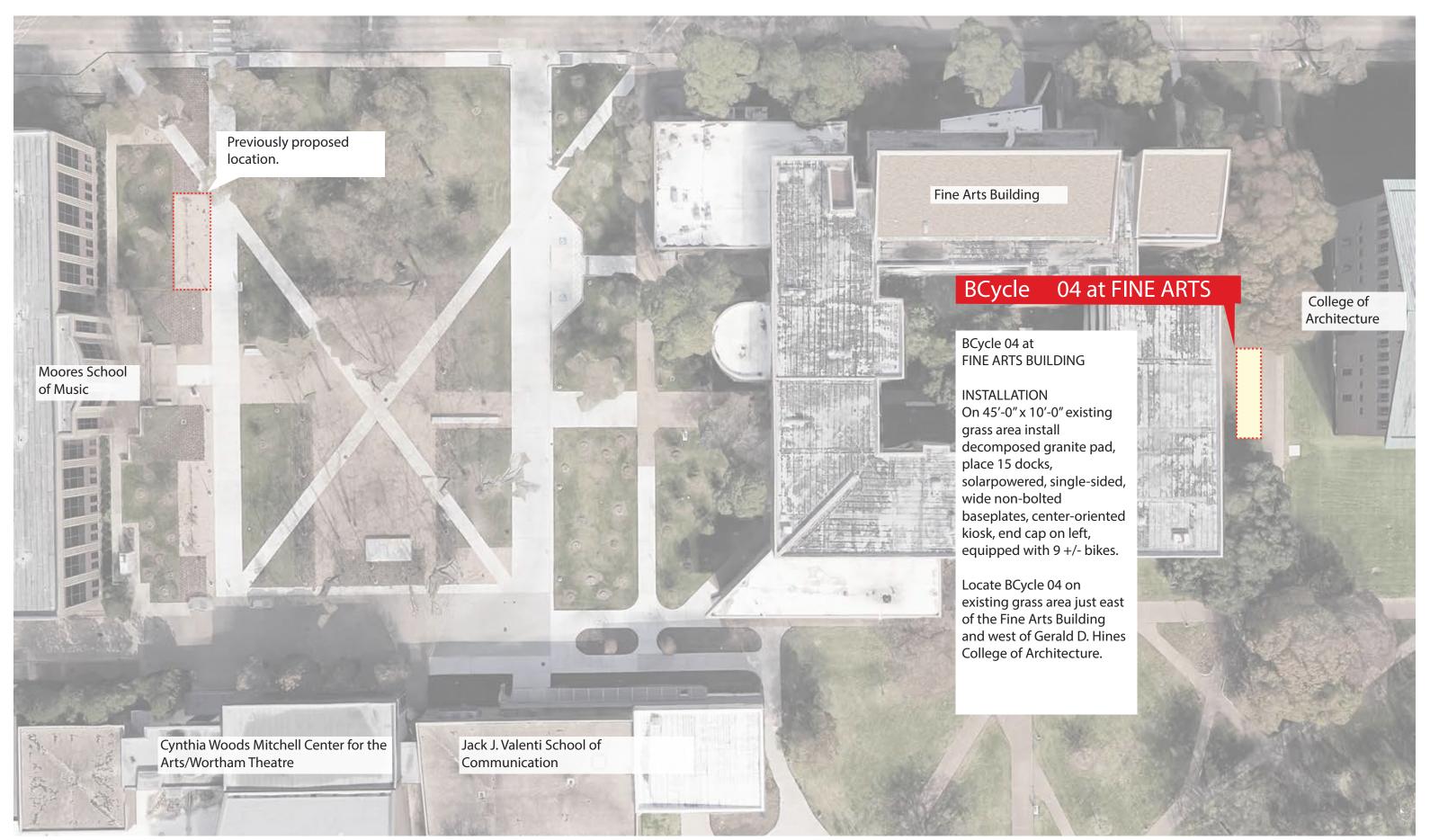
- 01 ERP
- 02 STUDENT GARAGE/METRORAIL
- 03 STUDENT CENTER NORTH
- 04 MOORES SCHOOL OF MUSIC (revised location, see last slide)
- 05 COUGAR VILLAGE
- 06 TDECU STADIUM





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(This location has been revised and approved by stakeholders, see last slide) BCycle Location 04 at Moores School of Music with Google Earth



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BCycle Location 04 at Fine Arts Building with Google Earth