

TRIP ITINERARY

Project	UTA Sustainability and CAP		
Subject	Trip #1 Public Forums and Focus Group Workshops (UTA Campus)	Attending	Katrina Kelly-Pitou Alec Barnes Chad Brintnall Steve Lobo Ling Almoubayyed
Type	Public and Stakeholder Meeting		
Date	January 22, 2024		
Time	Public Forums and Focus Group Workshops time listed below		

Topic	Time	Location
January 21, 2022 (Sunday)		
Team travel to Arlington, TX	Afternoon to Evening	Boston, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh to Arlington, TX
January 22, 2022 (Monday)		
Team travel to UTA Campus	7:45 am – 8:00 am CST	
Public forum set-up	8:00 – 8:30 am CST	E.H. Hereford University Center, Rio Grande Ballroom , 300 W 1 st St, Arlington, TX 76019
Public forum <i>(see below for detailed agenda)</i>	8:30 – 11:30 am CST	E.H. Hereford University Center, Rio Grande Ballroom .
Team clean-up & wrap-up	11:30 am – 12:00 pm CST	E.H. Hereford University Center, Rio Grande Ballroom .
Working Lunch Break	12:00 – 12:45 pm CST	
Focus Group Workshop set-up	12:45 – 1:00 pm CST	E.H. Hereford University Center, Carlisle Suite .
Focus Group 1: Economic Development and Innovation	1:00 – 1:45 pm CST	E.H. Hereford University Center, Carlisle Suite .
Focus Group 2: Operations and Finance	1:45 – 2:30 pm CST	
Focus Group 3: Social Impact and Government Relations	2:30 – 3:15 pm CST	
Focus Group 4: Food and Waste	3:15 – 4:00 pm CST	
Team wrap-up & clean-up	4:00 – 5:00 pm CST	E.H. Hereford University Center, Carlisle Suite .
January 23, 2022 (Tuesday)		
Team travels home	Morning	Arlington, TX to Boston, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh

University of Texas Arlington Sustainability and Climate Action Plan Public Forum

January 22, 2024 | Arlington, TX

AGENDA

DURATION: 3 hours (8:30 – 11:30 am CST)

8:30 – 9:00 am | Welcoming Breakfast
9:00 – 9:15 am | President's Opening Remarks
9:15 – 9:35 am | Director's Presentation
9:35 – 11:20 am | Engagement
11:20 – 11:30 am | Closing Remarks

ENGAGEMENT

9:35 – 10:00 am | Kick-off

Content:

- Introduction to the planning team
- Presentation on agenda, engagement, and establishment of ground rules
- Interactive mapping activity with dots on the campus map - ground rules

10:00 – 10:20 am | Interactive Session One: Identifying Climate Leaders and Strategies at UTA

Content:

- Identifying actions and organizations leading in climate change and sustainability at UTA.
- Exploring strategies to become climate leaders at UTA.

10:20 – 10:40 am | Interactive Session Two: Assessing Sustainability on Campus

Content:

- Identifying areas of high sustainability within UTA (mapping exercise).
- Recognizing places that resonate most with you in terms of sustainability (mapping exercise).
- Identify areas that feel (or are) less sustainable (mapping exercise).
- How can we transform less sustainable areas on campus to make them more sustainable?
 - o Existing best practice on campus
 - o Best practices at other institutions

10:40 – 11:00 am | Interactive Session Three: Ideas and Resources for UTA's Climate Goals

Content:

- What are some big/innovative ideas to showcase sustainability, climate, and action?
- How can we foster a culture of sustainability among students, faculty, and staff?
- What do we need in terms of resources and support to achieve our climate goals?

11:00 – 11:20 am | Interactive Session Four: Your Role in UTA's Climate and Sustainability Efforts

Content:

- How do you perceive your role and influence in contributing to UTA's climate and sustainability objectives?
 - o Suggestions:
 - Do you participate in any organizations or initiatives on campus or in your community?
 - Is your area of study connected to sustainability or climate action?
 - Do you try to adopt sustainable behaviors in your day-to-day actions?
 - Do you want to be more involved but aren't sure where to start? (*Good news – you've taken the first step by joining us here today!*)

11:20 – 11:30 am | Closing

- How can people stay informed and involved?
- Quick feedback questions/discussion – what should we do differently and make sure we keep in mind going forward during engagement sessions?

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1:00 – 1:45 pm | **Focus Group 1: Economic Development and Innovation**

Content:

- Assess the university's current economic impact and strengths.
- Explore opportunities for integrating sustainability to enhance the university's reputation for innovation.
- Evaluate the potential of cross-collaboration beyond the university borders in achieving climate goals.
- Develop a vision for positioning UTA as a regional/state exemplar in decarbonization and climate innovation.

1:45 – 2:30 pm | **Focus Group 2: Operations and Finance**

Content:

- Evaluate the current budget versus the required funding gap for goal implementation.
- Identify opportunities for building and project conversion to transition towards electrification and/or reduce energy use intensity.
- Explore new financial mechanisms for funding best practice operations.
- Assess the viability of carbon-specific financing to address investment gaps.

2:30 – 3:15 pm | **Focus Group 3: Social and Community Impact**

Content:

- Identify physical changes that can enhance inclusivity, create a welcoming environment, and serve as a positive hub for social change.
- Discuss how UTA can exemplify ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) leadership.
- Explore ways for UTA to support and foster climate resilience in the broader region.

3:15 – 4:00 pm | **Focus Group 4: Food and Waste**

Content:

- Food:
 - o Identify locations for expanding opportunities for localized food production.
 - o Discuss strategies for using the campus as a steward for promoting healthy lifestyle choices.
 - o Explore circular systems to reduce Scope 3 emissions, particularly in food transport and waste reduction.

- Waste:
 - Identify ways in which design standards can facilitate waste reduction on campus.
 - Discuss the transition towards becoming a zero-waste campus.
 - Explore opportunities for circular systems within energy, food, and water to reduce Scope 3 impacts of waste.