

# New hotel coming right next door to Neyland Stadium

The UT Board of Trustees discussed the hotel at their winter meeting.



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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (WVLT) - Imagine if you could walk out of a football game at Neyland Stadium, not worrying about the traffic and how you're going to get home, because your hotel is just a few feet away. Some UT students have concerns, however.

This idea is in the works in The University of Tennessee's Master Plan, which will be presented at UT's System Board of Trustees winter meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23 and Friday, Feb. 24.

The university is already mapping out where this hotel would go. The master plan includes the hotel and other athletic facilities being renovated and expanded. UT said this will hopefully improve the game day experience for Volunteer fans and sets university athletics in a good spot for the future of the programs.

Many students are worried if this is even necessary right now, considering the space crisis the UT campus is experiencing. Hogan Wayland, a sophomore at UT, is one of those students who voiced their concerns.

The plan also included redeveloping the G10 parking garage, which is right next to where the hotel would go. This is the garage where many students and faculty park on a daily basis. According to Wayland, its pretty much the only place where he can park and there is usually a spot.

"If they build a hotel, especially right here where majority of the students park, I just don't even understand why they would even consider doing that," said Wayland.

UT officials said the university is not ready to speak on camera about the plan for the hotel and G10 redevelopment quite yet.

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