

NORTHEAST CAMPUS RECOMMENDATIONS

Following are the recommendations of the Facilities Master Plan specific to Northeast Campus. General recommendations that pertain to all four campuses, located under [Section Two: District-wide Recommendations](#), should be considered along with these specific recommendations.

TRAFFIC/CIRCULATION

The following items should be included as part of TxDOT's engineering plans to widen Hwy. 26:

- Provision of a right turn lane at the signalized intersection.
- Incorporation of an extended left turn bay that is at least 230 feet long.
- Construction of a curb cut to accommodate a new driveway approach into the campus west of the tennis courts. This intersection may need a traffic signal.

A number of improvements can be made to make the campus more pedestrian-friendly:

- Restrict access to interior streets within the campus property to discourage thru-traffic. Place signs at all entries noting that you are entering the Tarrant County College District – Northeast Campus.
- Decrease pedestrian/vehicular conflicts by creating 10 to 15-foot wide raised pedestrian pathways that are clearly marked and designated within the parking lots and at major crossing areas. Arrange the pathways and landscaping so as to encourage pedestrians to use the pathways and designated crosswalks.
- Place "Yield to Pedestrian" signs at all crosswalks.
- Complete the campus loop road. When the loop is complete on the east side of the student lots, the existing loop road should be eliminated and all vehicular traffic should be moved to the perimeter of the parking lots to minimize pedestrian/vehicular conflicts near the campus core.

Create clearly defined drop-off areas that are out of the flow of traffic. These will facilitate the arrival and departure of students and staff who do not drive a car and will provide a safe, accessible entry experience for disabled persons. Drop-off areas should be covered to provide shelter from inclement weather.

N.E. Campus Drive at Hwy. 26 should be widened near the District Physical Plant offices to provide a free right-turn lane going out and at least two left-turn lanes coming in.

A major gateway, with TCCD identity signage, should be created at this entry. While this is not the ceremonial main entrance for visitors, it is a primary campus entrance and carries the most volume of students, faculty, and service vehicles entering and exiting the campus. Stacking and queuing capacity at this intersection needs to be increased.

Close the internal road that runs parallel with Hwy. 26. This road is dangerous for vehicles trying to make a sharp turn onto it near Hwy. 26

PARKING

Additional visitor parking is needed near the Administration Building. As enrollment increases, parking lots should be expanded on the east side of campus.

NHPE RENOVATION

The third floor of the Health/Physical Ed building (NHPE) should be renovated.

NHSC RENOVATION

When Allied Health and other health related programs move to the new Downtown campus, the vacated space should be renovated for additional classrooms and faculty offices.

EXISTING ACADEMIC SPACE

There are not enough classrooms and lecture halls to adequately meet enrollment. Many classrooms have been converted from their original function. Older classrooms cannot support modern technological teaching tools without major building renovations. Most classrooms have outdated and inappropriate furnishings and equipment. The following improvements are recommended:

- Upgrade furniture, fixtures, equipment and interior finishes. Bring buildings up to code per the new [TCCD Design Guidelines](#). Most buildings on the Northeast Campus are in need of upgrades. Sixteen of the 20 buildings are 30-years-old and few have had significant renovations over the years. Most buildings are worn and aging and, although in good structural shape, need repair.
- Classrooms and laboratories should be brought up to soundproofing standards per the new [TCCD Design Guidelines](#).

NEW ACADEMIC BUILDINGS

A new Academic Building should be constructed in the center of campus where the Faculty Offices (NFAC) are now located. This should be a general purpose, state-of-the-art classroom building. A second new Academic Building should be built on the site just north of the Technology and Arts Building (NTAB). This building could initially be used as swing space and eventually become a future classroom building.

NEW STUDENT UNION BUILDING

A new Student Union Building should be constructed in the center of campus, near the Library and the Academic buildings. This facility will function as the primary gathering place for students and should be designed to encourage group interaction. It should be technologically advanced with computer connections and wireless capabilities. Small satellite food services such as a food court, café/bistro or coffee bar should be included in this new building. The main food cafeteria could remain in the old Student Union facility.

Recommendations

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NEW COMMUNITY/CONFERENCE CENTER

The existing Student Union (NSTU) should be renovated to become a Community/Conference Center – with meeting rooms, continuing education classrooms, an auditorium and an art gallery. During renovation, the building will need to be abated, soundproofed and have persistent leaks repaired. ADA compliance issues will need to be addressed, and A/C units should be upgraded.

NEW ADMINISTRATION AND STUDENT SERVICES BUILDINGS

A new Administration Building should be constructed, with a direct connection to a new Student Services Building. Student Services should be the 'one-stop' location for all student activities having to do with registration. The new Administration and Student Services Buildings should be oriented to become the new 'front door' of the campus – the place where all visitors and students coming to campus for the first time are directed and made welcome. Currently, the entrance to campus is very confusing and unappealing. It is difficult to understand intuitively where the 'front door' is today.

LIBRARY EXPANSION

The Library should be expanded on the south side and the first floor exit ramp upgraded to provide an ADA compliant, secondary emergency exit.

NEW WAREHOUSE

A new District Warehouse should be built near the District Physical Plant Offices.

DEMOLITION

The following buildings should be demolished:

- NADM – Administration Building.
- NBSS – Business and Social Services.
- NFAC – Faculty Offices.
- NDSC – District Service Center.
- NDSW – District Service Warehouse.
- NDPA and NDPB.

CAMPUS LAYOUT/LANDSCAPING

A clearly defined outdoor plaza area should be created in the space bounded by the proposed new Administration Building, new Student Services Building, new Student Union, Library, and newly renovated Conference Center. This should become a great commons area with a large fountain, site furnishings, landscaping elements and other outdoor amenities. This area should help to define the main entry pedestrian axis and create a great gathering place for outdoor events and group activities.

