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Purpose & Executive Statement

The purpose of this Athletics Master Plan is to **set in motion a progressive transformation** of the Fresno State Athletic Facilities. The plan is intended to guide decision-making, establish capital priorities, and establish a cohesive architectural language. The Fresno State Athletics Master Plan team has identified multiple potential projects across three campus districts ranging in scale from interior renovation to new build.

Through a collaborative and iterative process with the Fresno State Athletics Committee and the Architecture team the resulting Master Plan document presents an integrated vision for the projects across the campus. This document is intended to be a guide that is periodically reevaluated and updated as the Fresno State Athletics *needs* and *priorities* continue to evolve over time.

For each proposed project the Master Plan explains,

- 1. The Need:** Analyzed existing facility assets, and identified the pressing athletic facility needs
- 2. The Project:** What is the proposed project
- 3. The Site:** The surrounding physical context



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FRESNO STATE ATHLETICS

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Regional Context

Fresno State's 388-acre main campus and its 1,011-acre University Farm are located at the northeast edge of Fresno, California, at the foot of the majestic Sierra Nevada mountain range. The surrounding San Joaquin Valley is one of the richest agricultural areas in the world, and Fresno is the fifth largest city in California. The university is within an hour's drive of many mountain and lake resorts and within a three- or four-hour drive of both Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Fresno has occupied this campus, it has grown from a small, agriculturally-based school to a major university. A Master Plan goal is to develop an image and appearance for the campus that is to be respectful of its heritage, yet responsive to its changing and growing athletic programmatic needs.





Fresno State Athletics Background

Academic excellence and athletic accomplishments go hand in-hand at Fresno State. Fresno State is a Division I member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Mountain West (MW).

Fresno State Athletics Mission Statement. In support of the University's prongs of excellence of discovery, diversity and distinction, Fresno State Athletics is committed to providing a comprehensive program to ensure our student-athletes are successful athletically, academically and in their future endeavors. We will compete for championships, graduate our student-athletes, foster a culture of compliance and maintain fiscal integrity thereby serving as a source of pride to those in the Valley and beyond.

Fresno State Sports Overview. Fresno State Men's Sports include Football, Baseball, Basketball, Track and Field, Cross Country, and Golf. Women's Sports include Basketball, Tennis, Equestrian, Cross Country, Golf, Volleyball, Water Polo, Soccer, Softball, and Swimming and Diving.

Fresno State Existing Athletic Facilities

- Valley Children's Football Stadium
- Pete Beiden Baseball Field at Bob Bennett Stadium
- Margie Wright Diamond Softball Field
- The Save Mart Center, home of Volleyball and Men's and Women's basketball
- Warmerdam Field is the home for Track and Field
- Spalding G. Wathen Tennis Center
- Bulldog Soccer Stadium
- Bulldog Aquatic Center
- Student Horse Center
- North Gymnasium



Campus Plan

Fresno State Athletics utilizes facilities and playing fields flanking the Main Campus on both the eastern and western edges. Due to the large area, the proposed Master Plan is divided into three geographic regions: The Stadium District, the Cedar District, and the Save Mart Center & Student Horse Center District.

Region 1 Stadium District

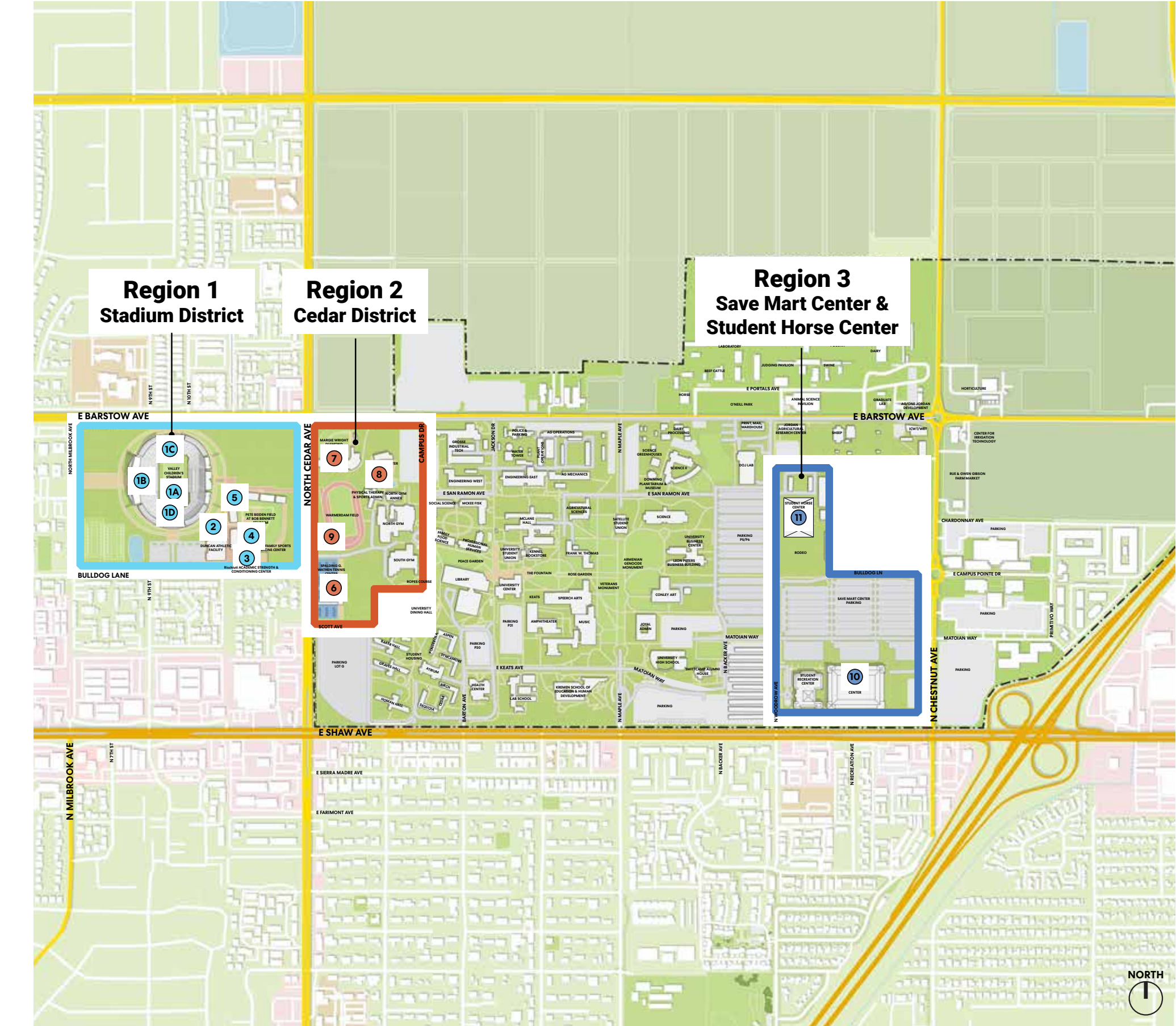
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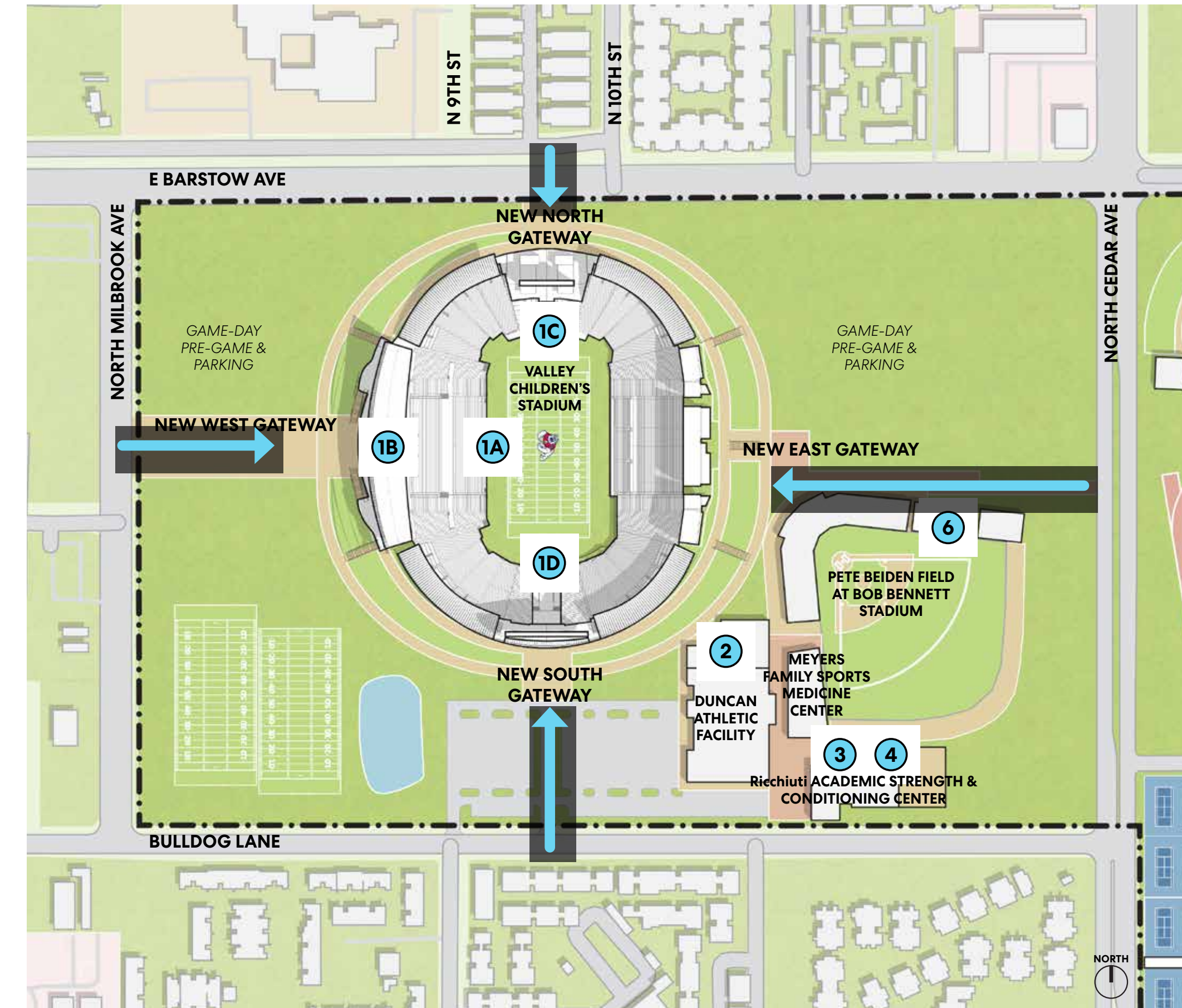
Region 1: Stadium District Overview

The Stadium District is anchored by the football stadium and contains the main student-athlete support building for academics, training and recovery. This district also contains the baseball stadium and the main student-athlete support facilities. This district is the entire west side of the campus bounded by four streets.

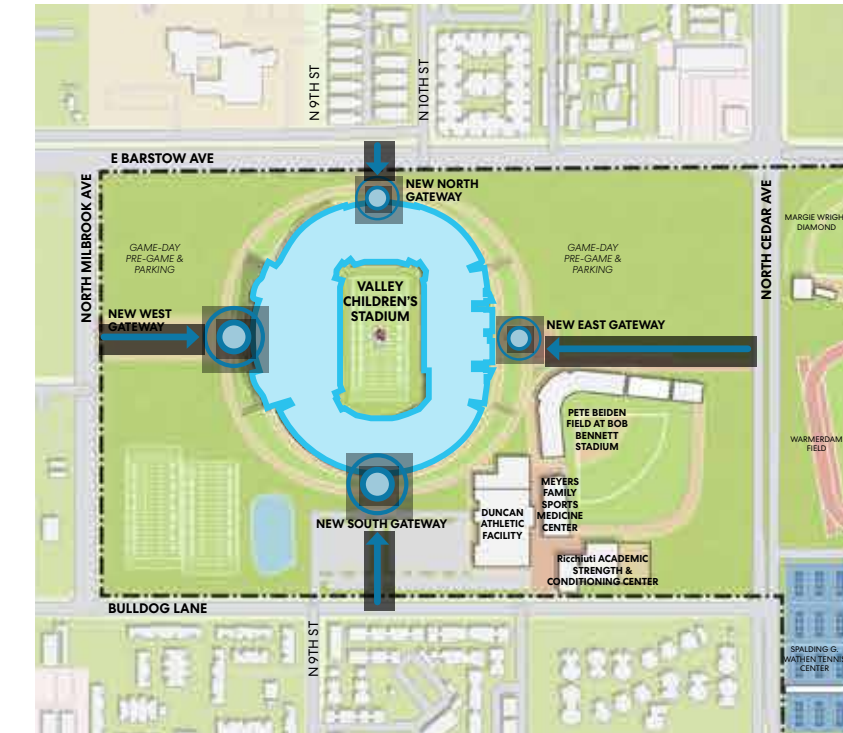
The Football Stadium is both a crown jewel and economic driver of the San Joaquin Valley. Modernizing the facilities and improving the overall operations will revitalize and unify the entire complex. The stadium is surrounded by multi-purpose training and practice fields. On game day, these fields support close-in parking and pre-game tailgating experience.

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Football Stadium Renovations



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The Need

The existing football stadium has evolved through upgrades and expansions since its initial construction in 1979. Although each has provided needed improvements, major deficiencies remain including stadium access, spectator amenities, premium seating options and accessibility.

A comprehensive assessment of the existing stadium was developed as a parallel study to the larger athletic master plan. In order to accommodate the potential for variations in funding and schedule, the stadium renovation plan can be implemented through multiple phased projects.



South Gateway View

The Project

Taking a holistic view to modernizing the facility, the renovation plan addresses each section of the stadium while creating a cohesive design that revitalizes and unifies the entire complex. The following narrative summarizes the detailed findings of that evaluation.

The stadium renovation plan accomplishes four over-arching goals:

- Support Fresno State's existing fan base and attract new interest from the area's energetic and diverse population.
- Enhance the approach to the stadium with improved Main and Secondary Entries.
- Improve accessibility through updated access and circulation to the Concourse and Seating areas.
- Upgrade the Atmosphere and Fan Experience in the Stadium by increasing the types of Seating and modernizing the Fan Amenities



Views Inside the Stadium - (top) North End Zone, (bottom) Club and Press Box

The Site

Built partially below ground level with the playing field 37 feet below grade, the bowl features a low profile appearance. Today this low profile appearance creates an under-whelming approach and welcoming to the field. The proposed undulating series of fins that dynamically wraps around the stadium will create an iconic architectural feature to this stadium. The rhythm of fins that wraps the stadium undulates up at the gateway entries and then flows back down at the corners and edges of the stadium.

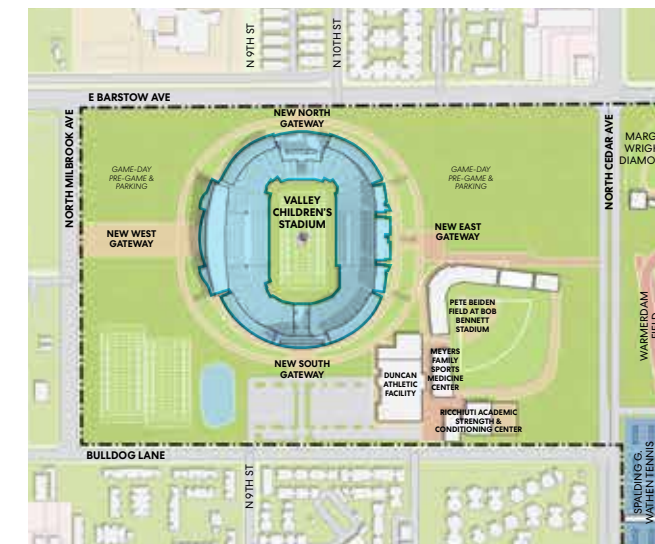
Football Stadium Renovations Gameday Aerial View



Gameday Aerial Rendering - View from southeast looking northwest. A key goal of the stadium design was to upgrade the atmosphere and fan experience in the Stadium by increasing the types of seating and modernizing the fan amenities.



Aerial View of Stadium Today - View taking from northwest of stadium looking southeast



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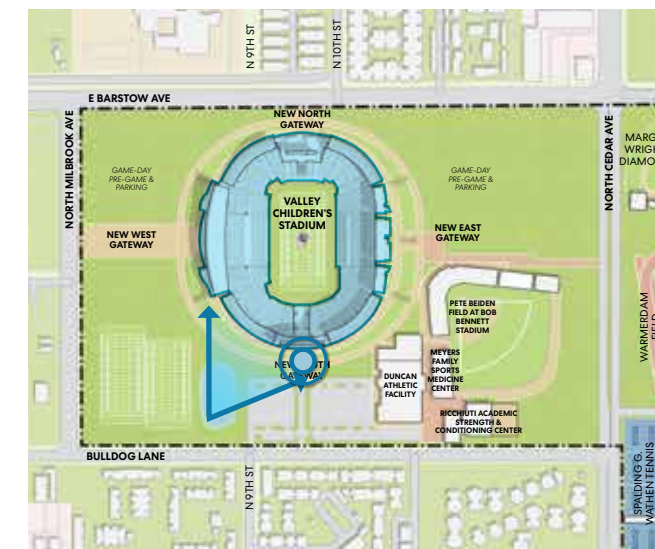
Football Stadium Renovations South Gateway Entry



South Gateway Entry looking North East. The enhanced approach to the south stadium is emphasized by a large gateway that welcomes fans into the stadium from the south parking lot. The south stadium entry still has the field access ramp for emergency vehicles or event-trucks. The enhanced south entry also includes fan amenities. The back of the new video board will be an LED light system that can change signage per game or event.



South Stadium Entry Today - flanked by concrete slabs sloping down from concourse level to at-grade.



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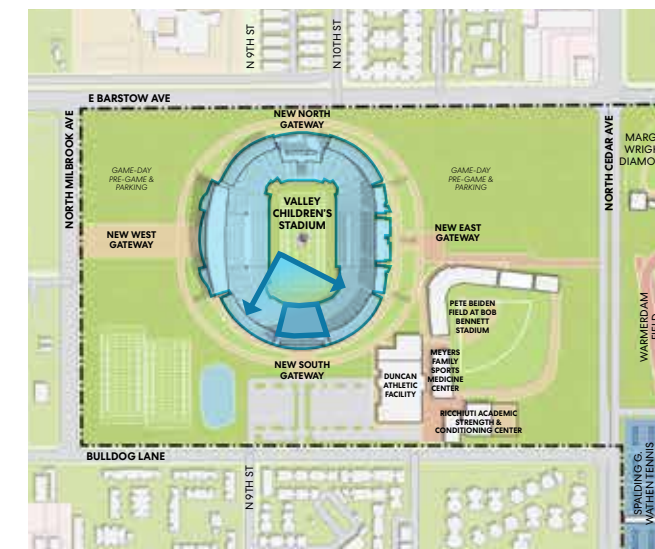
Football Stadium Renovations South End Zone



South End Zone view from 40 yard line looking south. The South End Zone now fills in the concrete berm and increases seat capacity. There's also a gateway connector bridge over the field access ramp that connects the two once-separated concourse levels. Above the gateway connector bridge will be a new state-of-the-art video board. The south stadium entry still has the field access ramp for emergency vehicles or event-trucks.



South End Zone Today



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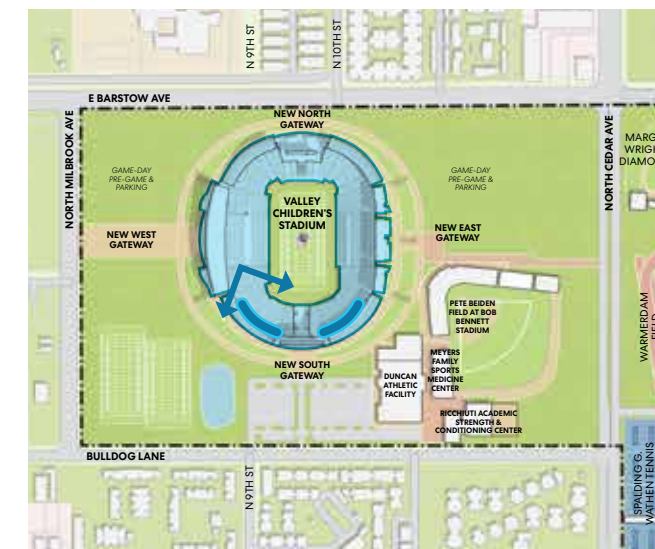
South Stadium Concourse and Loge Boxes



Southwest loge seating on concourse level - view looking southeast. These new loge seats allows for a middle pricing option between club and luxury box options and standard seating. These loge suites have easy access to and from the main concourse level, and also have an opportunity to offer premium stadium amenities.



South End Zone Seating Today



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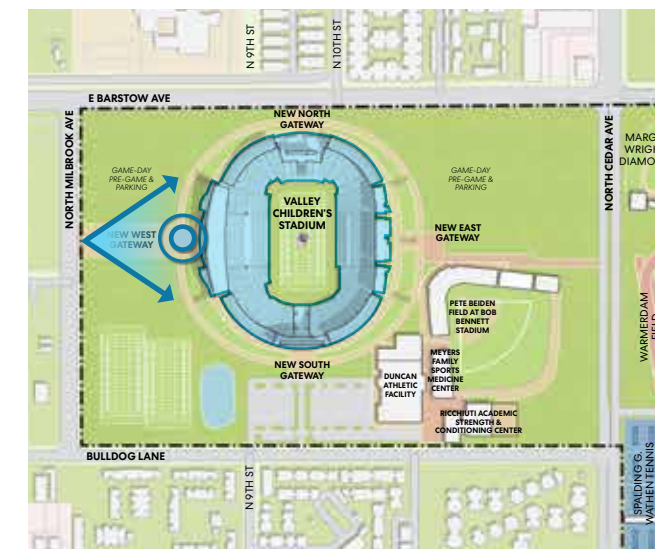
West Gateway Entry



West Gateway Entry looking East. The west gateway entry is now an iconic entry to the stadium with a landscaped promenade and Tailgate Plaza. The new west entry will have access to the club level and the concourse level via two grand escalators and elevators. Straight through the ground level of the west gateway is the access to club seats and field.



West Entry Today



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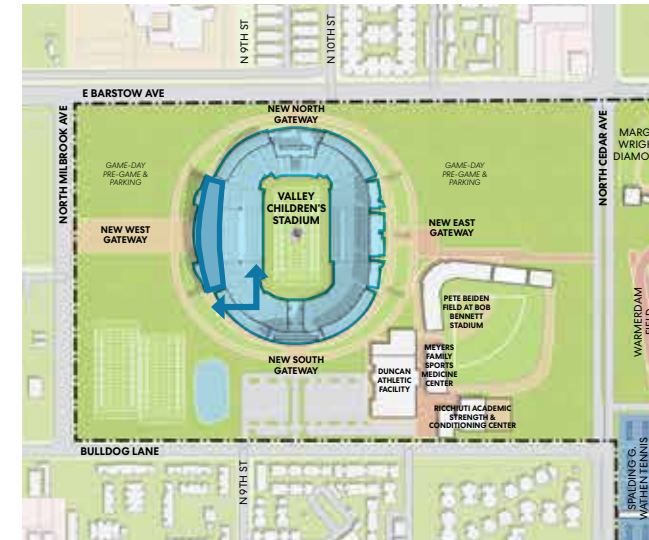
Football Stadium Renovations West Club & Press Box



West Club and Press Box - View hovering above seats looking west. There are three club levels depicted in this view - they are vertically stacked. The mid-bowl club is accessed from the new west gateway entry, the concourse club connects to new loge seating at the top of the seating bowl, and the stadium club includes premium F&B amenities flanked by luxury suites and press functions.



Club and Press Box Today



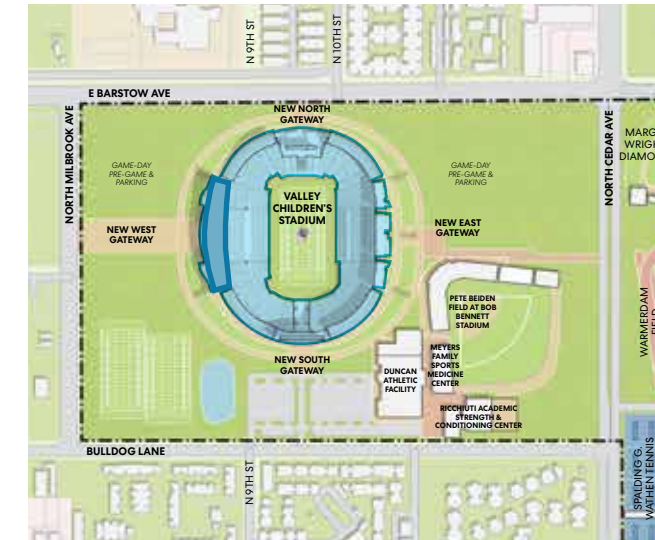
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Football Stadium Renovations West Club Interior View



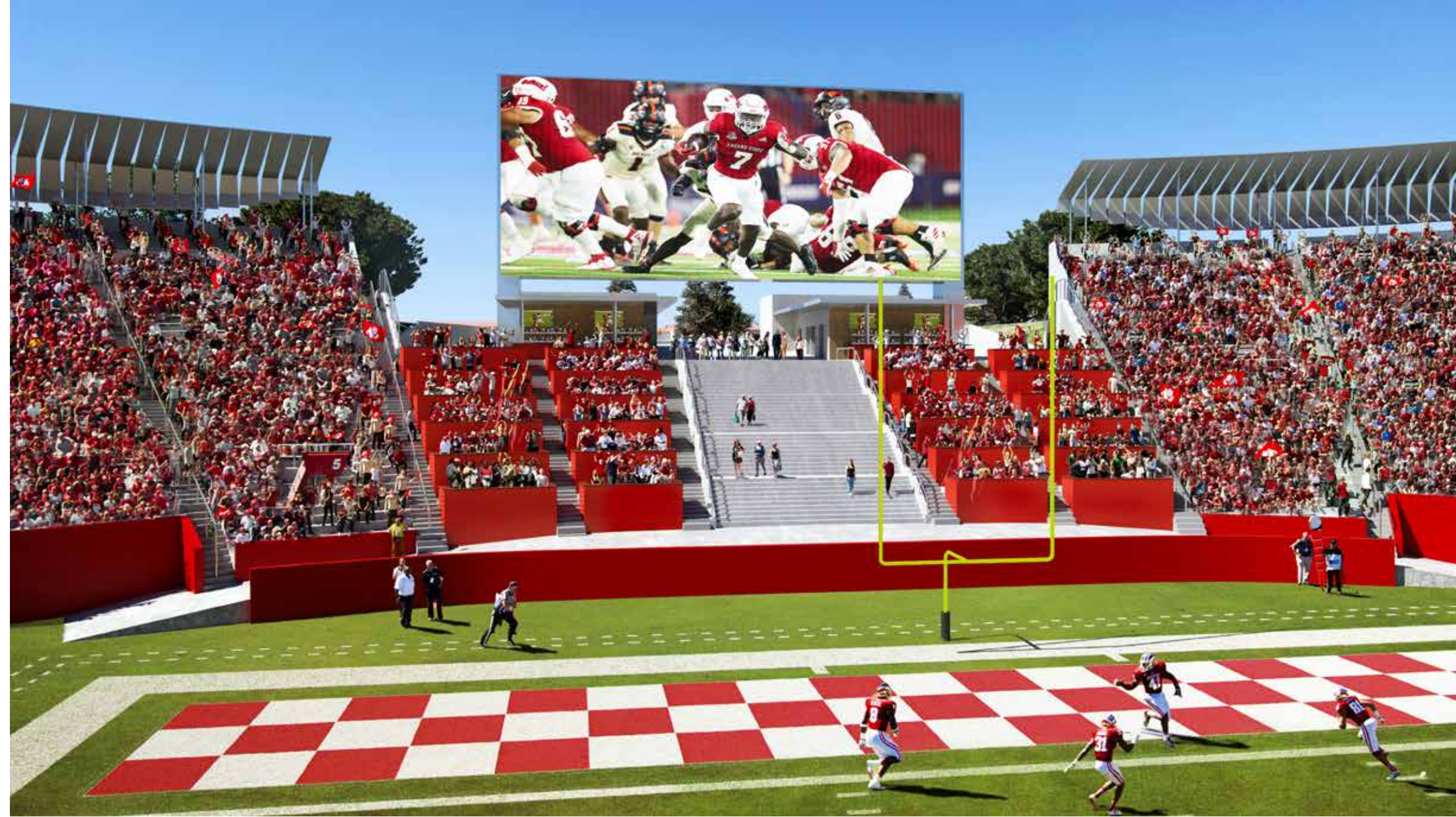
Stadium Club Interior. The new Club level offers Bulldog fans access to upgraded food and beverage options as well as access to the climate controlled Club lounges. This upgraded club experience allows for more flexible and luxury game and event day experience.



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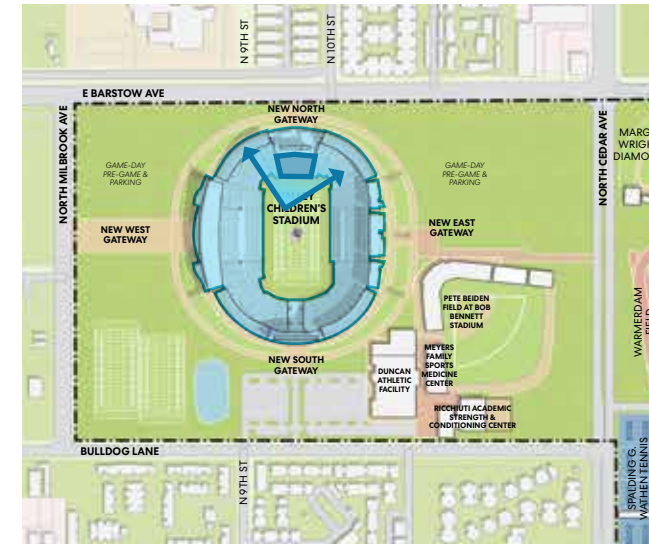
Football Stadium Renovations North End Zone



North End Zone Loge Seats and new video board - view looking North from 10 yard line. The new Loge box seating allows for flexible pricing and capacity. With convenient drink rails and defined private spaces, these seats give the fans a more intimate viewing experience. At the top of the seating, the existing restrooms and concessions are upgraded and a new viewing plaza is created that supports additional food and beverage options.



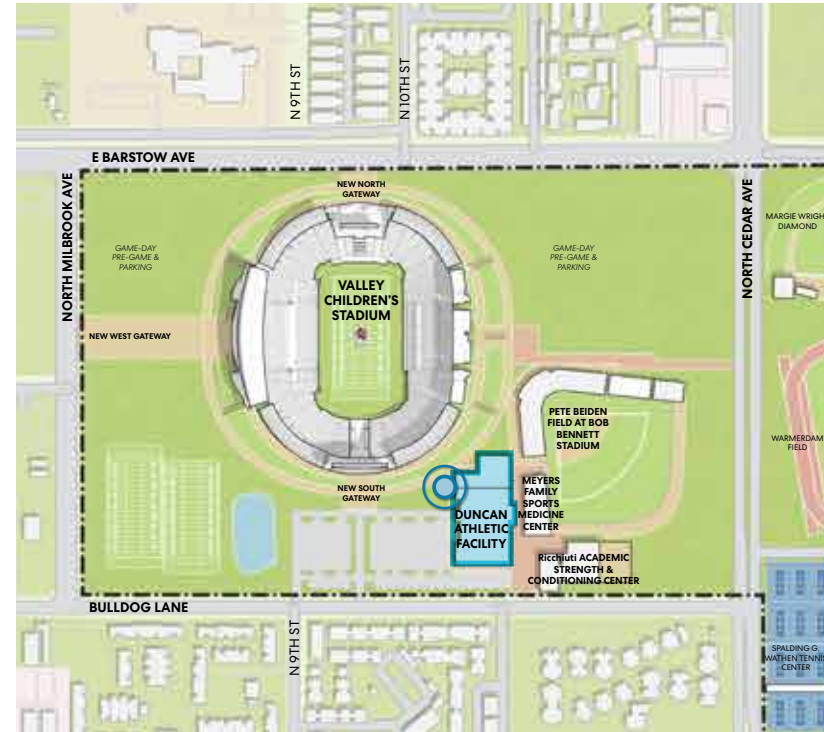
North End Zone Today



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Duncan Athletic Facility Renovations



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The Need

The Duncan Athletic Building is located adjacent to other student-athlete facilities including sports medicine, strength and conditioning, and academic support. It currently serves the needs of multiple sports as well as athletic administration. As part of the larger master plan development, some sports will move to new home facilities allowing the existing building to be renovated to primarily serve football.



Bulldog Locker Room

The Project

While preserving the building shell, a thorough renovation to the interior spaces delivers adequate area to create appropriately sized home football facilities. This includes a new locker room with dedicated hydrotherapy as well as individual position meeting rooms.

A new multi-use event space which is a training table and fuels the needs for all student-athletes. This multi-use space converts to a club amenity space that is available for year-round events.



(top) New North Plaza, (bottom) Duncan Hydrotherapy Facility

The Site

Training Table and Secure North Plaza: The Duncan addition will be added to the north end of the existing facility, and the hall of fame lobby will be the dividing space between the old and new. The new addition will house the multi-use training table and flex plaza space. The outdoor space north of the training table will transition from club environment to an outdoor plaza and multi-use event space for all athletic teams.

Duncan Athletic Facility Renovations Duncan West Entry

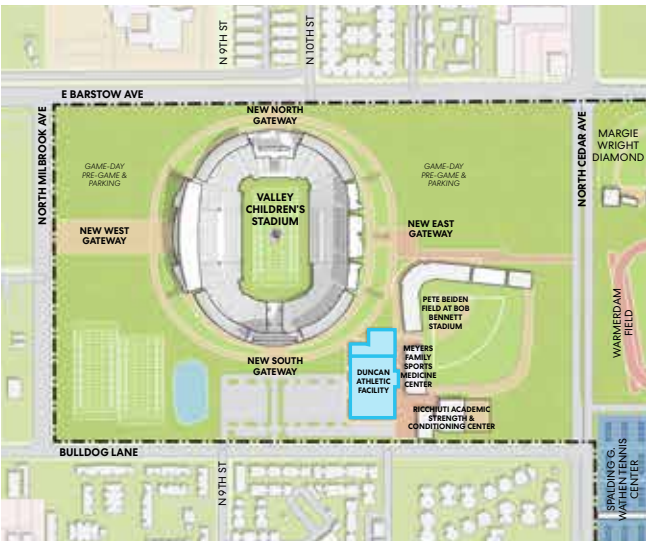


New West Entry and Front Door to the Duncan Building

Today the primary entry to the Duncan building is on the east side of the building - but with the new Duncan addition the primary grand entry of the Duncan building is on the west side - facing the south gateway stadium entry and the parking lot. This new west entry west aligns with this south gateway plaza creating a horizontal connection between the stadium and the facility.



Duncan Athletic Facility Entry Today

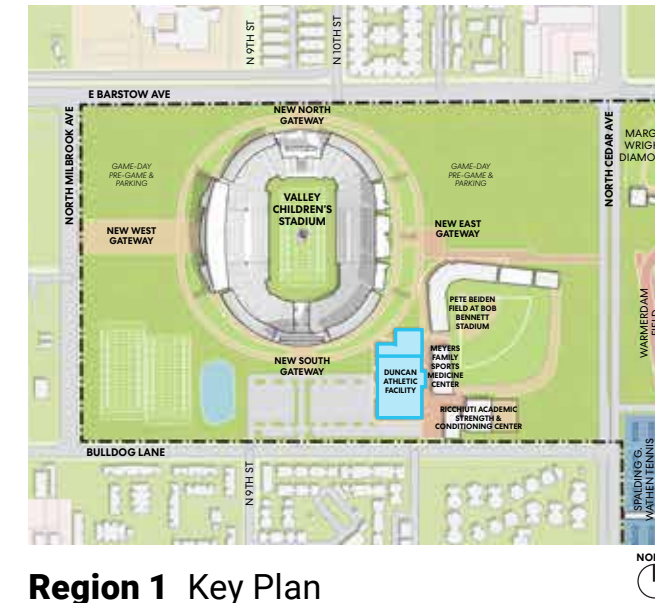


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Duncan Athletic Facility Renovations Football Locker Room

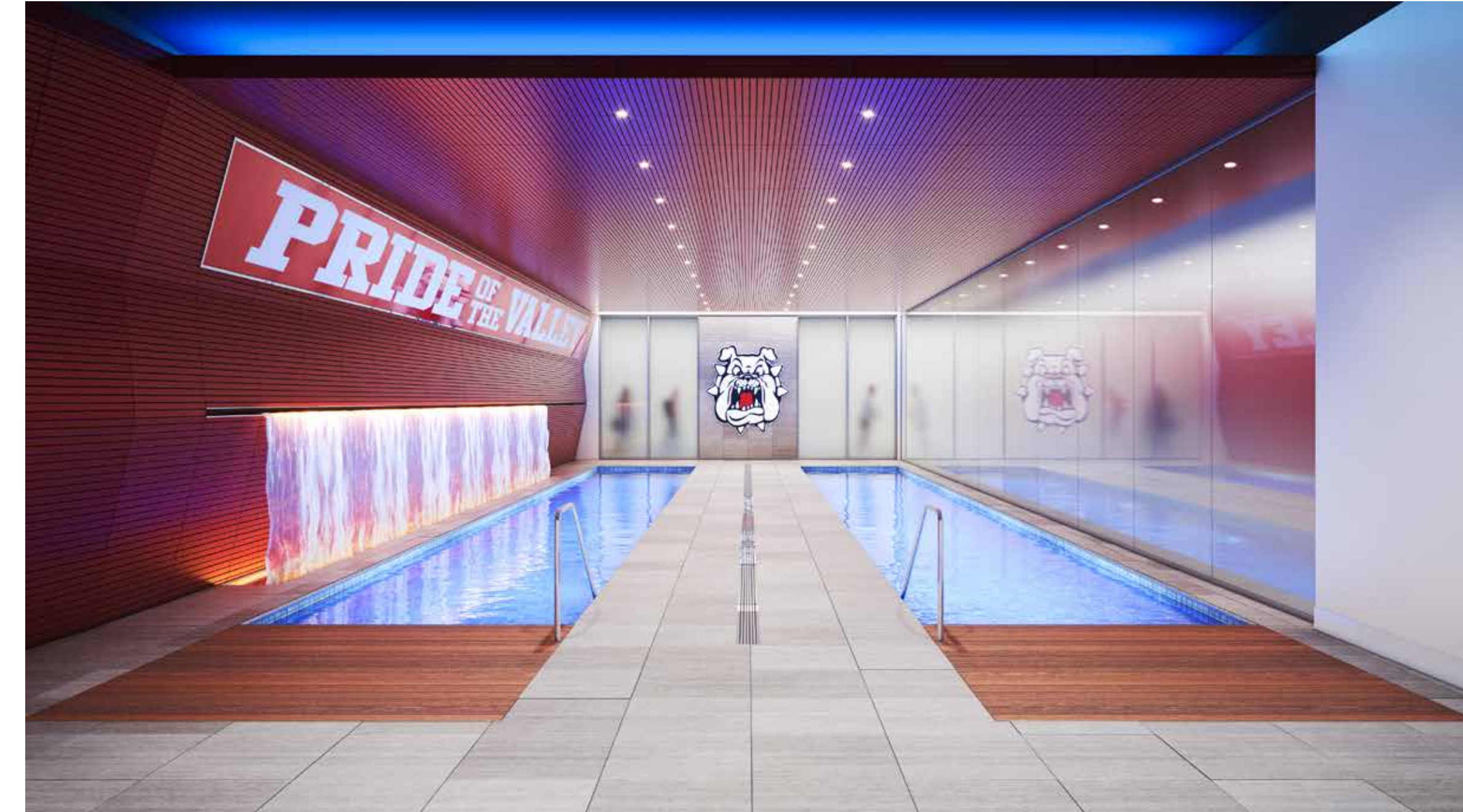


Renovated Football Locker Room.

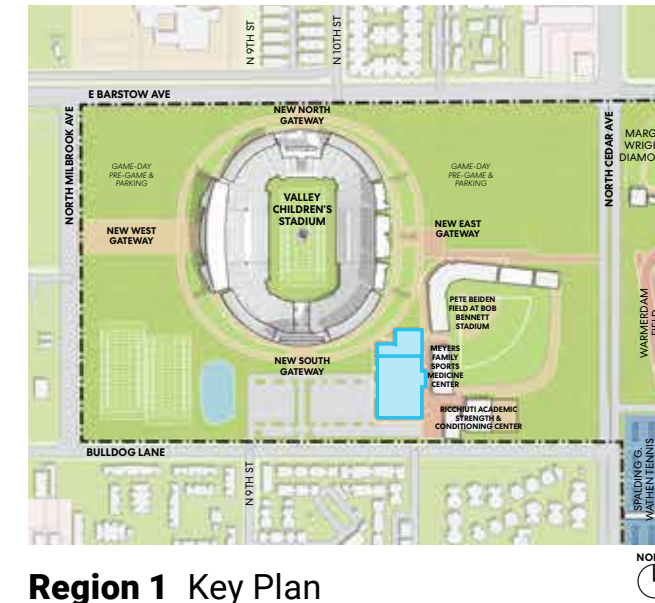


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Duncan Athletic Facility Renovations Hydrotherapy



The new Hydrotherapy room will rehabilitate, recover, train and condition the Bulldog student-athletes. This Hydrotherapy room is located within the existing renovation area, and is exclusively designed for and will be used by the football team.



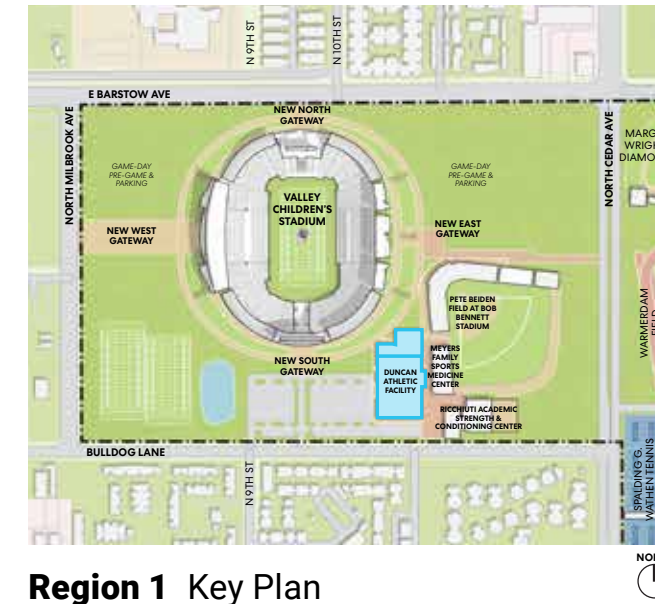
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Bulldog Multi-Use Space and Training Table



A Multi-Use Training Table and Secure North Plaza - An addition to the north end of the Duncan building will house a multi-use event space with an attached prep kitchen that can seat up to 300 student athletes for team meals, accommodate banquet or club events, and has direct access to a secure exterior plaza.



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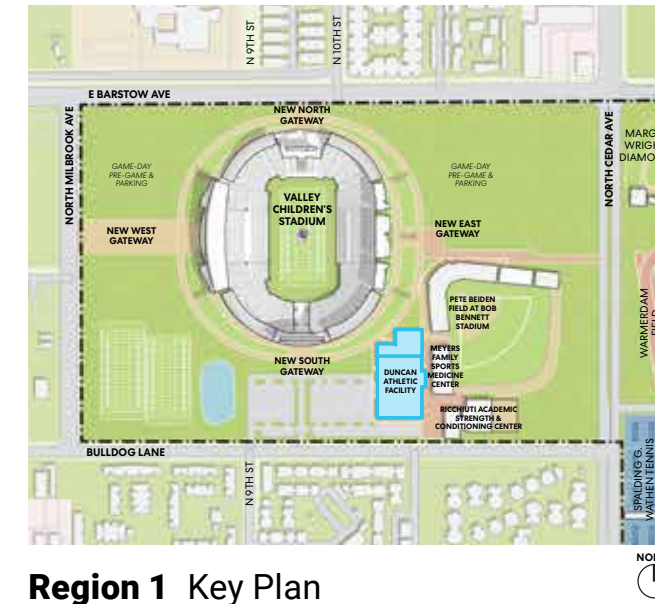
Duncan Building North Plaza



The Duncan Building exterior North Facade from the Valley Children's Stadium. The outdoor space north of the training table will transition from gameday club environment to an outdoor plaza and multi-use event space for all athletic teams.



North Facade of the Duncan Building Today.



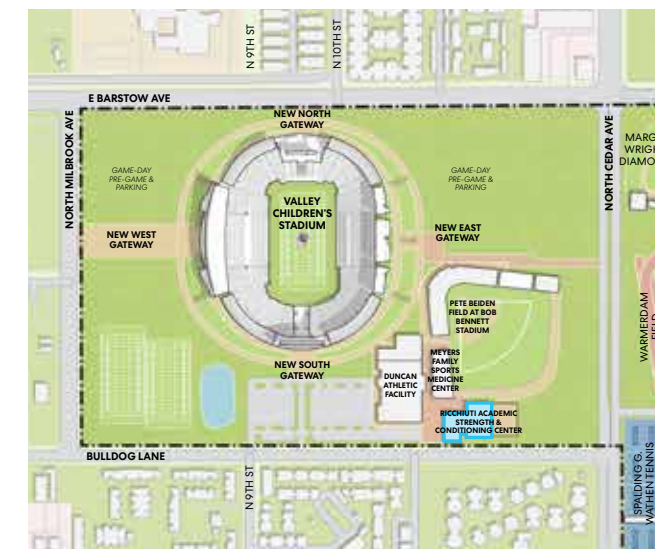
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Ricchiuti Academic, Strength and Conditioning Center

Ricchiuti Academic Center



The Ricchiuti Academic center is where student-athletes can access academic support programs and services. The academic center offerings include study skills support, academic workshops, one-on-one meetings, and a computer lab. The academic center not only helps our student-athletes for everyday study resources, but also helps prep students for entering the real-world workforce.



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Ricchiuti Academic, Strength and Conditioning Center

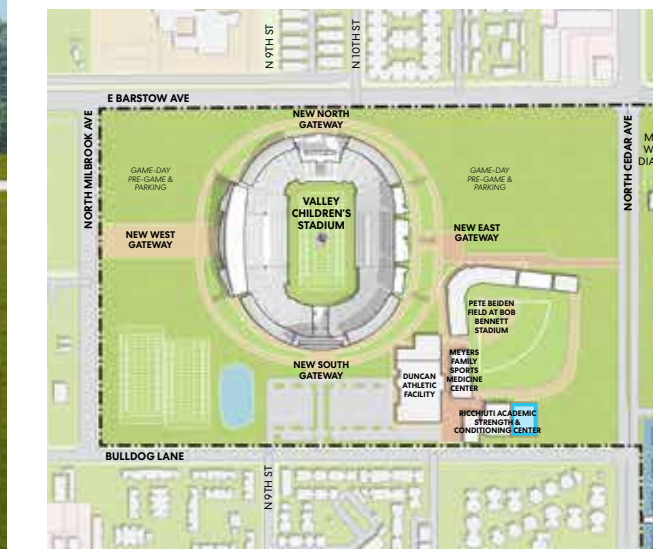
Ricchiuti Strength & Conditioning Expansion



The Ricchiuti strength and conditioning expansion will include a 40 yard turf track and turf training field enclosed by a large canopy just off the east side of the existing building. Adding operable doors in the existing wall of the strength and conditioning center, the training area can be expanded to double the facility's capacity.



East wall of the Ricchiuti Strength and conditioning building today.



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Pete Beiden Field at Bob Bennett Stadium Clubhouse Addition Baseball Clubhouse and Deck



The Need

The existing team facilities under the stadium are undersized and include space for both players and coaches. The master plan proposes renovating the existing space for coaches and creating a new clubhouse for the athletes.

The Project & The Site

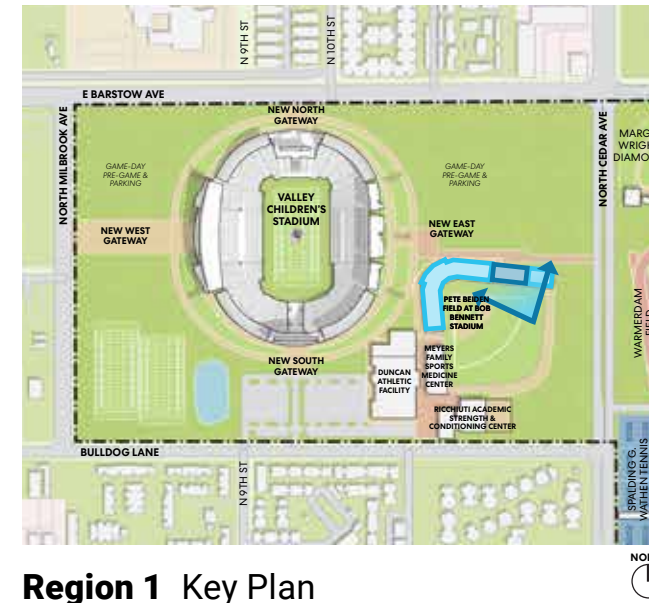
Proposed Baseball Clubhouse along third baseline that would house new clubhouse with lockers, lounge, trainers' area, and new restrooms that serve an elevated hospitality patio with concessions and elevated seats. The hospitality deck is multi-purpose space for the team, and will be able to host other functions include pre and post game activities.

The Project: Upper Level Hospitality Deck

On the patio there's 4,500 SF of event space with three rows of elevated stadium seating - 200 seat capacity. Supporting the new hospitality deck is an enclosed F&B area with operable walls and large overhang for shading and improved gameday experience.



Baseball Field Today - Where the Clubhouse will be located is currently storage and undeveloped space.



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Pete Beiden Field at Bob Bennett Stadium Clubhouse Addition North Clubhouse Entry

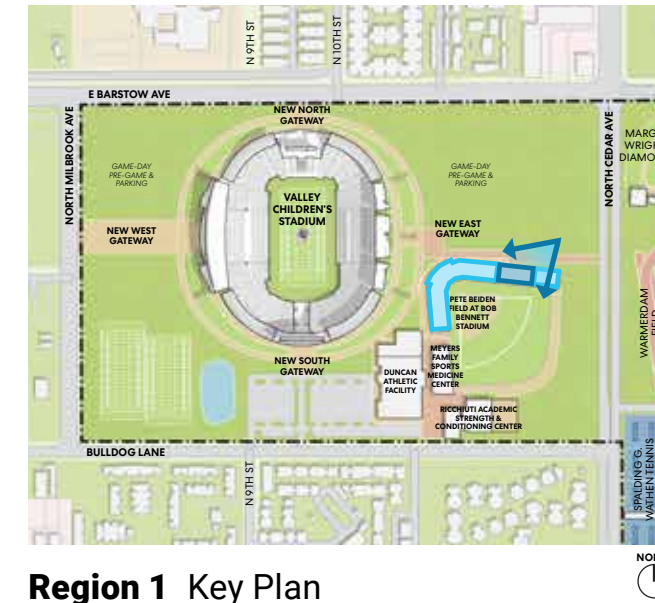


The Project: Field Level Entry

On the north, the entry to the Baseball Clubhouse connects student-athletes to the lounge, locker, and training area with direct access to the field and dugout.



View of the stadium today. This new "back of house" area will become new pedestrian promenade from main campus to the East Bulldog Gateway entry will have enhanced landscaping.



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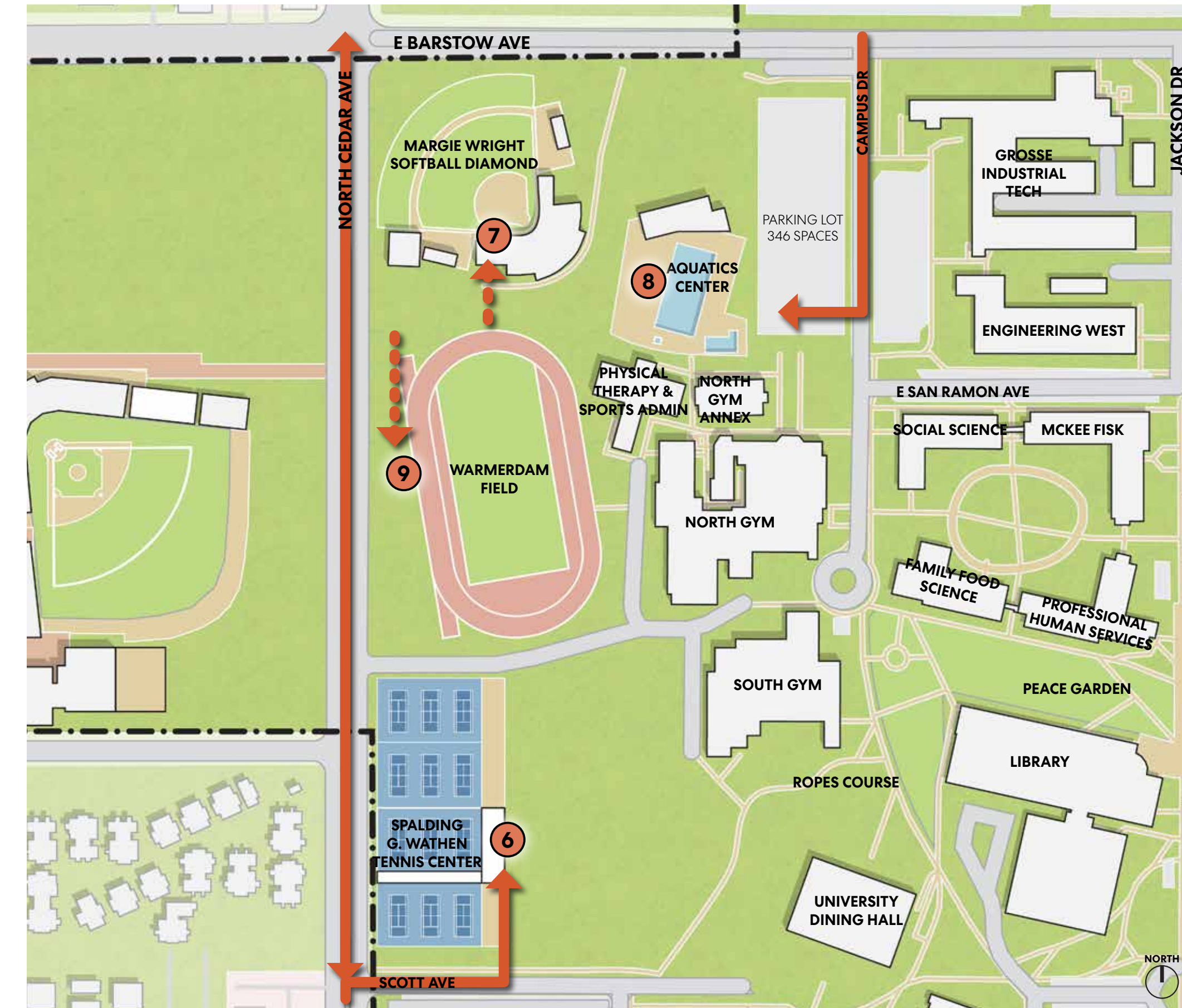
Region 2: Cedar District Overview

The Cedar District follows the western edge of the campus from E Barstow Ave to Scott Ave just south of the Tennis Complex. These athletic facility improvements are primarily about improving the spectator and fan experience for each sport.

The Cedar District consists of four major renovation and addition projects: The tennis clubhouse addition on the east side of the new championship court, the new softball hospitality deck addition, on south west end of the current stadium seats, the new 10M dive tower on the south end of the pool, and then the Track and Soccer stands along the west side of Warmerdam field.

Region 3 Cedar District

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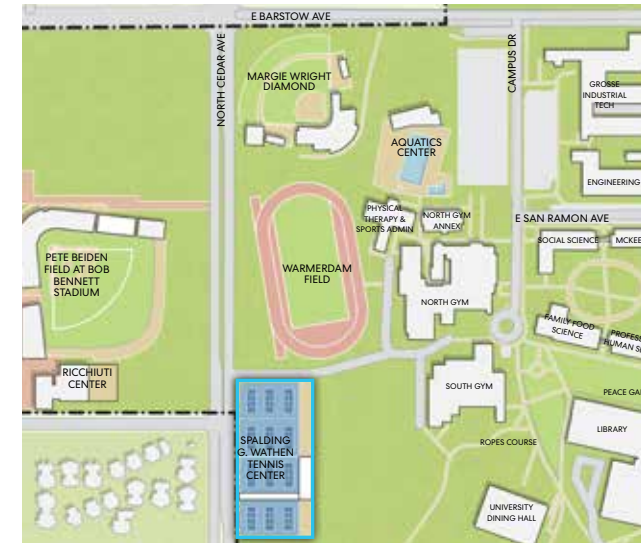
Spalding G. Wathen Tennis Center Tennis Clubhouse and Championship Court



The tennis court clubhouse is east of the new championship court. This clubhouse will have women's tennis locker rooms, visiting team locker room, and restrooms for spectators.



Tennis Courts Today



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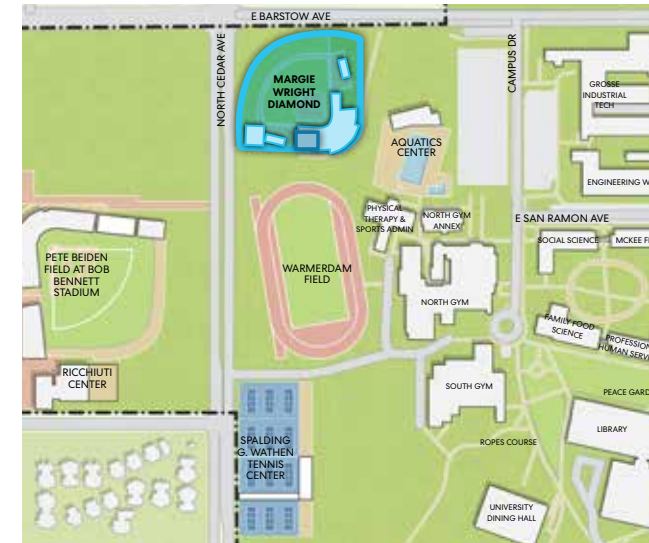
Margie Wright Diamond Softball Hospitality Deck



The new softball hospitality deck provides additional seating and becomes a multi-functional event space for the fans and the softball team.



Softball Field Today



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Track and Soccer Field

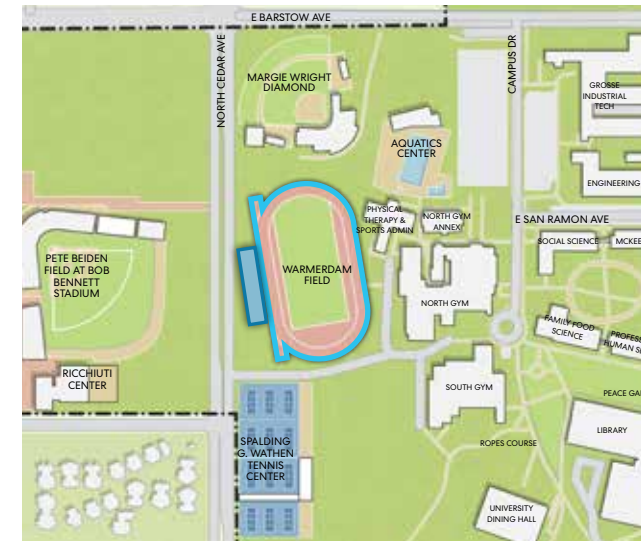
Track and Soccer Team Facilities



The proposed track and soccer complex will relocate throwing and vault activities to the track perimeter and locate a new soccer field to the interior. New spectator seating will be shaded and elevated. Below the seating will be home and visitor team facilities as well as public restrooms and concessions.



The east side of the track and soccer field is an under utilized area with no sun-shading, the proposed stands will add both a shaded element for spectators as well as public restroom and locker access.



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Aquatics Center

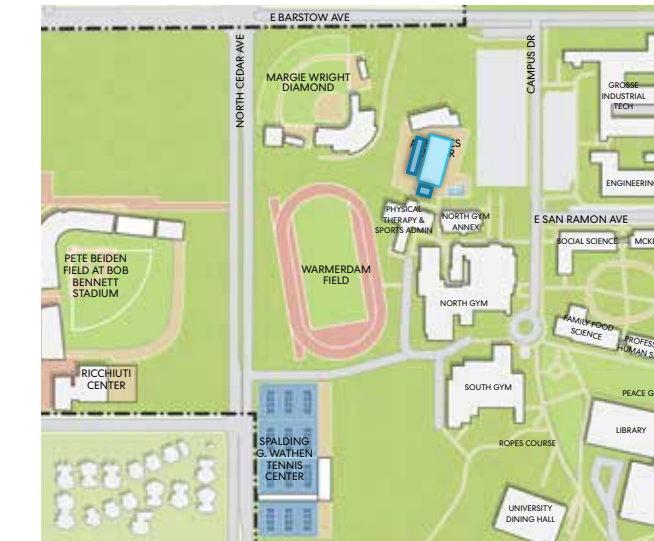
Dive Tower and Spectator Pavilion



The new dive tower will be located on the south end of the aquatics center. The 10M dive tower will be the marquee feature of the aquatics center, an eye-catching image against the sky. The dive tower will attract top tier talent as well as allow the center to host multiple events and competitions. There will also be an enhancements to the aquatics spectator seating pavilion, and the locker rooms. In addition to adding the dive tower there will be a new aquatics center video board.



Today the south end of the pool has no dive tower



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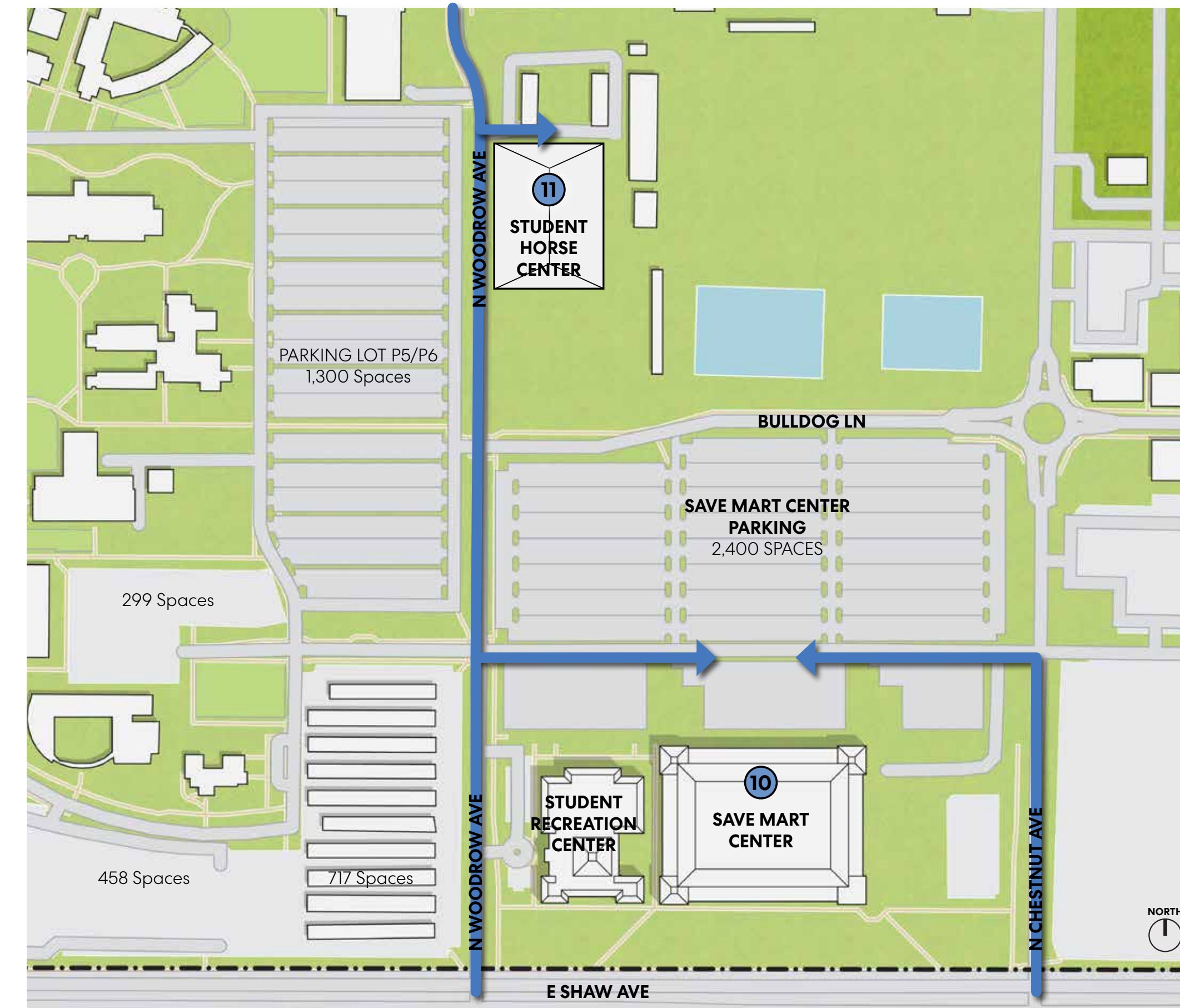
Region 3 is on the east side of the campus and runs along the east side of N Woodrow Ave. The primary improvements are the Save Mart Center renovated basketball operations office and the strength and training room, and a new cover for the equestrian show arena.

The basketball operations office and the strength and training room which will be located in the existing shell space of the Save Mart Center. In this shell space will have expanded functional spaces dedicated to the Basketball Operations team.

Today the Fresno Student Horse Center is located on the north east side of campus along the east side of N Woodrow Ave. This sprawling, open-air equestrian center will receive a new roof structure to provide shading and weather protection for fans and athletes. The new structure will allow the nationally-ranked Bulldog Equestrian teams to train and practice at an elite level.

Region 3 Save Mart Center & Student Horse Center

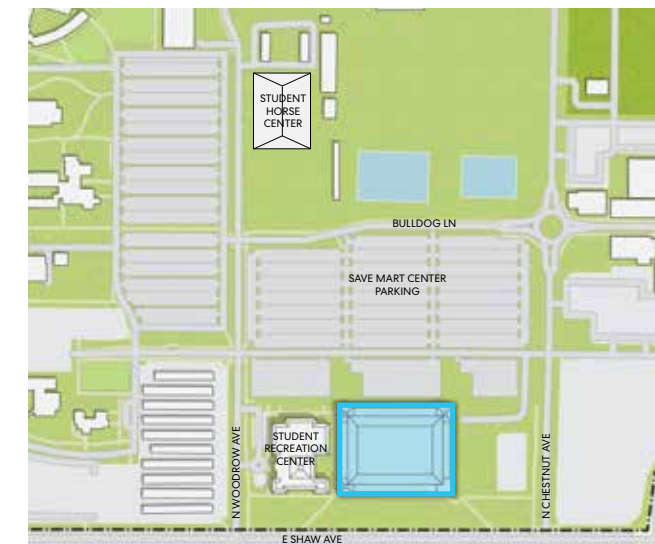
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Save Mart Center Basketball Operations Interior Office



The renovated basketball operations office and basketball strength training will located in the existing shell space of the Save Mart Center - this new shell space will have expanded functional spaces to serve both men's and women's basketball operations.



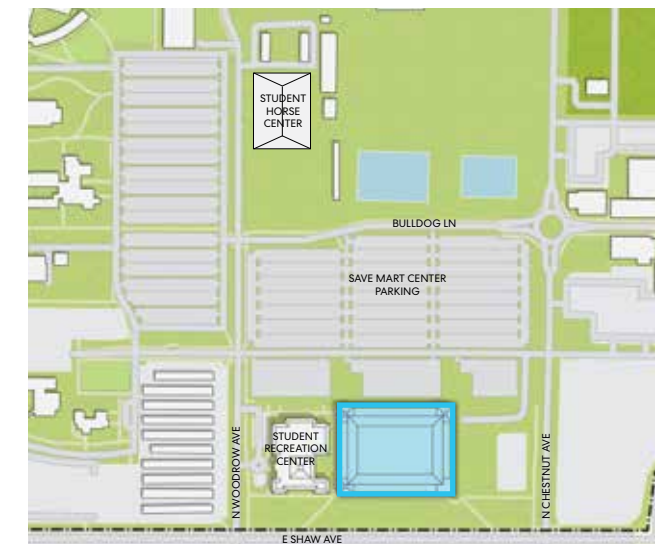
Region 3 Key Plan



Save Mart Center Strength Training



The renovated basketball strength training space will located in the existing shell space of the Save Mart Center.



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Student Horse Center Equestrian Arena



The new 250' by 350' structure will allow the nationally-ranked Bulldog Equestrian teams to train and practice at an elite level. This sprawling, open-air equestrian center will receive a new roof structure to provide shading and weather protection for fans and athletes. The structure is open air on the bottom half which allows for better daylight and climate comfort for fans and athletes.



Student Horse Center today is open-air with no shading or covered canopy elements.



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