

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
Campus Facilities Planning Committee
Agenda Item Description Form

- 1. Item:** *New Football Stadium*
- 2. Requesting Department:** *Facilities Planning and Construction*
- 3. Contact Names & Phone Numbers:** *Fredrick W. Maddox (x3-1245)*
- 4. Presenter:** *PageSoutherlandPage*

5. Recommendation/Action Requested:

This item requests approval of the exterior design of the New Football Stadium, UH Building # 530

6. Summary:

The project will be located on the site of the current Robertson Stadium. The new stadium will change orientation to align with the adjacent buildings and the surrounding campus circulation. In this north by northwest orientation, the stadium will have a better relationship with the campus and also providing a better experience for the fans, while still creating a top tier facility for the players.

With 40,000 seats, the stadium will be significantly bigger than the existing facility. The field will be depressed twenty feet and the concourse raised five feet on three sides to increase the number of seats in the lower bowl. Along the south edge, the fourth side of the stadium will house the club at grade, with an elevated concourse, suites, and press box above. The elevated stands are designed to be expanded in the future, while still maintaining important gaps to preserve airflow and views to downtown Houston.

7. Proposed Start Date: *December 4, 2012*

8. Supporting Documentation Description:

The exterior of the building is composed of two parts. At the base, a series of rectilinear forms house the conditioned and support spaces for the stadium. These forms connect to the campus with both their orthogonal orientation and the brick cladding taken from other campus projects. Above, the back of the stands are wrapped in the “Cougar Cage”, a permeable, patterned metal enclosure which provides a unique identity for the stadium. At the corners of the stadium, red glass elements are gradually introduced to the cage to mark the entry locations.