

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
Campus Facilities Planning Committee
Agenda Item Description Form

- 1. ITEM:** E. Cullen Performance Hall Stairwell Exit To North Side of Building Exterior
- 2. REQUESTING DEPARTMENT:** FP&C
- 3. CONTACT NAMES & PHONE NUMBERS:** Barry E. Simmons; 713-743-9073
- 4. PRESENTER:** Barry E. Simmons
- 5. RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Action Requested: Approve the addition of an additional exterior doorway on the north side of E. Cullen Performance Hall, Building 517

6. SUMMARY:

The University of Houston Fire Marshal Office noted that the E. Cullen Performance Hall stairwells do not meet National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code 101 as 50% of the existing stairwells do not directly exit to the exterior of the building.

A conceptual design of the project was prepared by one of the University's Continuing Services Agreement (CSA) Architect/Engineers, Stantec, in April 2015.

The conceptual design was discussed with Facilities Planning and Construction, Planning Department and VenuWorks to determine "best" option to exit one of the two existing stairwells to the exterior of the building. The least disruptive option was to exit the north stairwell to the north side of the building and into a parking lot shared by E. Cullen, Building 516, and E. Cullen Performance Hall, Building 517, Parking Lot 1D.

A rendering of the proposed exit is provided for review and approval to renovate the north exterior of the E. Cullen Performance Hall to accommodate the stairwell exit.

- 7. PROPOSED START DATE:** To be coordinated with Auxiliary Services and VenuWorks calendar.
- 8. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** E. Cullen Performance Hall North Side Rendering and Conceptual Design