

Design Concept Statement

The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) is consolidating, replacing and relocating its current training facilities at Treasure Island and 2310 Folsom Street, San Francisco to a new 8-acre site at 1236 Carroll Avenue in the Hunters Point/Bayview neighborhoods. This new Division of Training (DOT) campus is a state-of-the-art training environment serving the recruitment and in-service training needs of the fire department. The project is at the concept design level, with current design focused on general site organization, functional distribution, and conceptual building massing.

This campus master plan emulates the character and organization associated with traditional learning campuses. The overall site distributes compatible uses into function-based quadrants: 1) administration & traditional classrooms; 2) fabrication and tactical classroom; 3) simulation training; and, 4) personal vehicle parking. Clearly defined campus circulation organizes the flow of students and instructors, visitors and staff. Educational *quads* offer shared courtyard areas that sponsor outdoor classroom activities, ceremonial gatherings, and other educational activities. Campus building locations and configurations facilitate and support optimal learning and training environments. The campus perimeter offers a respectful and responsive transition from the campus realm to the neighboring community. The overall vision for this campus master plan balances the learning and training objectives of this institution with the unique qualities of this evolving San Francisco neighborhood.

SFFD's new DOT campus emerges as one of the first major developments in this area of the larger, evolving San Francisco neighborhood. As a response to the catalyst role, the DOT campus has focused on responding to *anticipated* future development in the area, utilizing information available on potential future neighboring projects. The Carroll Ave frontage serves a civic presence, creating a new urban edge and respecting the planning principles, site lines and massing of the proposed housing developments across the street. The site's eastern boundary will respect and enhance the proposed visitor's center for the Candlestick Point Recreational Area, addressing the potential park access area with a landscaped edge and activity view zones that dovetail the training site to the adjacent public spaces. In general, the new campus presents an opportunity to redress a derelict former industrial site, while respecting and acknowledging the anticipated future context.

This project offers community and public benefits to the neighborhood. The presence of the San Francisco Fire Department in this area will serve as community compass and represent the values of community and public service. The investment in the buildings and campus can reinforce and inspire new urban development in the industrial area. Design of this site perimeter—through landscaping and view corridors into the campus activities—will send a good neighbor message. This new campus will anchor the existing and emerging community and will do so consistent with the unique qualities of this San Francisco neighborhood.