

DESIGN NARRATIVE & CAMPUS SITE PLAN

Roche Campus

This new 45,000 SF Forum building for the Roche Ventana Medical Campus features many attributes which align with Town Of Oro Valley’s Design Standards as outlined in Addendum A.

The building’s façade includes a continuous envelope around 3 block volumes of varying heights. The different volumes adopt the ‘form follows function’ principle, establishing a programmatic hierarchy while maximizing usable area of natural daylighting to reduce building energy use. This articulation also reduces the visual impact by moderating the massing to reduce scale and provide visual interest. The massing incorporates a stepped facade through tapered overhangs at the roof, creating variations at the roof line; and second floor level, to help provide self-shading if effort to reduce cooling energy load. All major glazed areas are shaded by the building’s overhangs.

Use of local masonry block units on the façade as a primary material complements local context and the architectural vernacular of the region. The use of three substantially different materials in the development (glass, block, and metal) help to provide variation and visual interest; while the color selection and texture of each material show consideration for both the neighboring buildings and the project’s striking backdrop of the Santa Catalina Mountains.

Attachment 1- Location Map

