



CULTURAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

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PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- Rehabilitation of the O.Henry Museum (HOT Funded)
 - Elisabeth Ney Museum Restoration (2012 Bond)
 - George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center Rehabilitation (2018 Bond)
 - Dougherty Arts Center Replacement (2018 Bond)
 - Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Phase 2 (2018 Bond)
 - Asian American Resource Center Phase 2 (2018 Bond)
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O.Henry Museum Rehabilitation

- Sealed the building envelope
- Replaced HVAC System
- Installed Fire Suppression System
- Installed enhanced security system
- Improved site lighting
- Opens late Spring 2022
- Brush Square Improvements slated for late 2022



Elisabet Ney Museum Improvements

- Balcony to be rehabilitated this spring; substantial completion April 15th
- Restore historic window and doors, seal building envelope
- Enhance lighting, humidity control, HVAC system, fire suppression system
- Replace security system, bathroom fixtures and bridge
- Proposed interpretive plan in partnership with Friends of the Ney
- Will close for up to two years in early 2023

George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center Improvements

- Roof repaired/replaced
- HVAC replacement
- Security system updated
- Fire Suppression System updated
- Security gating and fencing added
- Theater will be renovated with new lighting system, repair of the fly system, additional safety lighting, additional multi-media capabilities in 2022-2024.

Dougherty Arts Center



- Project is in design development phase.
- Enhanced features include: two theaters, two galleries, two ceramics studios, separate schools for children and adults, three event spaces, outdoor seating spaces, nature play area for children, residency space.
- Design will be reviewed by Design Commission 3/28/22 and in an online public meeting 4/5/22, 6pm
- Architects: Studio 8 , Overland Partners, RVI
- Slated to open 2025

Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center

- Now entering design development phase.
- Will double the size of the ESB-MACC with three new buildings
- Enhanced facilities include new Black Box theater, two galleries, artist residency spaces, two separate schools for children and adults, teaching kitchen, space for a recording studio.
- Facility will close during construction 2023-2025 to continue programming at East side sites.
- Architects Miro/Rivera and Tatiana Bilbao





Asian American Resource Center

- Early in the process of confirming the building program through community engagement with multiple language groups and stakeholder groups.
- Trahan Architects engaged to design a space for the performing arts with a gallery and a multi-purpose room.
- Adjacent to the existing building across the driveway to the north.

For More Information

- Visit portal for all construction websites at:

<https://www.austintexas.gov/page/museums-and-cultural-programs>

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