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Phase 2 Improvements
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March 2023 Update

Current Project Work:

Previous Phase: Design Development (DD) Phase was completed on December 16, 2022.

Construction Document, Permitting Bidding & Negotiation Phase

- The Groundbreaking ceremony was held on Saturday, December 10, 2022, to mark the closing of the MACC and the start of construction for the phase 2 project.
- The MACC has been moving all items out of the facility and placing them in storage or other locations. Staff will be able to turn the building over to the Construction Manager in early March.
- The parking lot will be closed to the public on March 10th and reopen once the project is complete.
- Construction Drawings are in progress and are being completed in two packages.
- In December 2022, the Parks and Recreation Department informed the project team approximately Three million (\$3M) in Parkland Dedication funds will be added to the project's construction budget. These funds may be utilized toward new or improved recreational features which are permanent improvements to the facility and site. Hence, the project team will include the renovation of the auditorium without the restrooms.
- The site permit application was submitted to the Development Services Department (DSD) for regulatory compliance, and comments were received at the end of July. The Joint Venture (JV) submitted the comprehensive site plan package in September 2022. Rounds of comments from DSD and responses from the JV are on-going. Formal response to the latest DSD comments was submitted in late December. DSD is running six weeks behind in formal comments back to the Design Team. All City departments and consultants are working closely to clear all outstanding issues.
- Coordination with nearby projects continues. These include:
 - Parks and Recreation Department (PARC)/Watershed Protection Department (WPD) – The Confluence, Waterloo Greenway
 - The Trail Conservancy - Rainey Trailhead
 - Austin Energy (AE) - Rainey Duct Bank

- AE- District Chilled Water Service Pipe Extension (construction anticipated to begin March 20th and continue for six months)
- Art in Public Places (AIPP)
 - Tejano Trails – Perez Ramos Sculpture - The sculpture was dismantled and placed in storage in February.
 - The AIPP Prospectus for the MACC Phase 2 is being developed. A call for artist for the project is targeted for advertisement in Q1 of 2023.
- Sustainable Design: Tracking both LEED 4.0 BD+C Silver (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and AEGB 3-star (Austin Energy Green Building) certification.
- Continuous communication still happening within City of Austin departments, public and private developments and The Trail Conservancy to coordinate any minor and temporary disruptions to the hike and bike trail.

Timeline:

- Groundbreaking: December 2022
- Design Phase: Concluded December 2022
- Construction Documentation/Permitting/Bidding: Begin January 2023
- Site Construction: Begins Spring 2023
- Construction completion: Late 2024
- Grand Opening: Early 2025

For information on MACC programs and staff relocations during construction, visit the MACC webpage. MACC Phase 2 tab for project updates.