

# Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center

## Phase 2 Improvements Project Update

January 10, 2024



### CURRENT PROJECT PHASE:

- Construction (site) – underway
- Permitting (building) – resubmission 1/5/24 of round 2 revisions per Development Services Dept
- Bidding & Negotiation (Guaranty Maximum Price for Building Package, aka GMP2) – anticipated contract execution in Jan 2024

### CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS:

- Construction of a fully enclosed building at the central utility plant has steel beams and decking for a new roof.
- Four trees in the Zocalo were successfully transplanted with a temporary irrigation system in place.
- Short term trail re-route (12 weeks) for a portion of the south segment of the Ann and Roy Butler hike-and-bike trail running parallel to existing trail has been installed with fencing and crushed rock base. This is due to the installation of the piping from the biofiltration ponds (large rain gardens) to the shoreline to control storm water. The pipe runs below the Hike & Bike Trail. A [map](#) is provided on the [project website](#). [Austin Parks & Rec](#) has posted this map on their social media to help spread the word.
- Brick grout mock-up or a small temporary installation of the brick with mortar for the central utility yard building was approved.
- Austin Energy (AE) Chilled Water District Cooling Network Connection project will be back-filling or covering up the pipes in the 12' deep trench with excavated dirt in the parking lot.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Art in Public Places Call for Artist(s) for the MACC AIPP Phase 2 Improvement project is now closed as of 12/19/23.

## SCHEDULED MILESTONES:

- Construction began – **August 28, 2023**
- Anticipated completion of all major construction activity – **Summer 2025**
- Anticipated grand opening – **Fall 2025**

Please note that as in any construction project, schedules are projected as accurately as possible, but all dates are subject to change due to the nature of construction and weather.

## TOUR:

- The City would like to invite members of the Board to an escorted tour of the site with the team to witness the exciting progress at hand. Safety is paramount so personal protective equipment (hard hat, safety vest, closed toe shoes, etc) must be worn.

For information on MACC programs and staff relocations during construction, visit the MACC webpage: [www.austintexas.gov/department/emma-s-barrientos-mexican-american-cultural-center](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/emma-s-barrientos-mexican-american-cultural-center).

For project updates, visit the project website: [www.austintexas.gov/MaccPhase2](http://www.austintexas.gov/MaccPhase2)

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Central Utility Plant: Steel beams & decking installed.



Central Utility Plant: Brick mortar mock-up





Zocalo: View of progress.



Zocalo: Temporary trail in progress (Southbound view)





Site: View of relocated tree# 4679 (left) & #4689 (right)



Site: View of relocated tree# 4669 (left) & #4688 (right)