

# **Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Phase 2 Improvements Project Update May 1, 2024**

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## **CURRENT PROJECT PHASE:**

- Construction (site) – Underway
- Permitting (building) – Approved on 3/4/24
- Bidding & Negotiation (GMP2) – Executed contract on 3/1/24
- A design team presentation is targeted for the 6/5/24 Board meeting

## **CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS:**

- Foundation work continues with drill piers. A total of 54 piers will be drilled for the building expansion at both ends at a depth of 60-64 feet.
- The Austin Energy (AE) Chilled Water District Cooling Network is connecting to the campus mechanical system.
- Brick is being laid at the Central Utility Plant.
- The Lady Bird Lake stormwater outfall designed to curb erosion and preserve the riparian zones (an area that acts as a buffer to protect water quality) is complete with vegetation mats installed.

- Demolition work is in progress throughout the exterior and interior of the existing building.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Installation of a pier foundation system is ongoing. The work involves heavy vertical drilling equipment and concrete pours to form the piers. Noise and vibration are associated with these activities. Drilling began with the south wing, followed by the north wing which will continue until the end of May 2024, weather permitting. Work hours will adhere to the City's noise ordinance. Ordinance information can be found [here](#).
- Temporary Pocket Park at 64 Rainey (River St round-about), a separately managed City project to recognize the historic Rainey Street community, has installed a construction fence and begun grading.
- Short term trail re-route for a portion of the south segment of the Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail ended on April 16, 2024, with the main trail re-opened to the public.
- The Confluence, a separate public/private partnership project to stabilize and protect the ecology of Waller Creek, improve water quality, and create a continuous hike and bike trail along the creek is expected to increase activities at the ESB MACC. The parking lot is the construction access point for the east side of the creek delta. Delivery of the Lattice Bridge 3 and its assembly is planned for May. Additional information can be found [here](#).
- The Rainey Street Trailhead Park Improvements Project, a Parks and Recreation Department partnership project with [The Trail Conservancy](#) is purposed to improve connections between Rainey Street and the Trail. This trailhead and park are in the construction phase.
- Art in Public Places (AIPP) is hosting its first ESB MACC AIPP meeting with the art selection panel on May 7, 2024.
- Drone video illustrating ESB MACC site work can be found [here](#).

## 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.

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

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



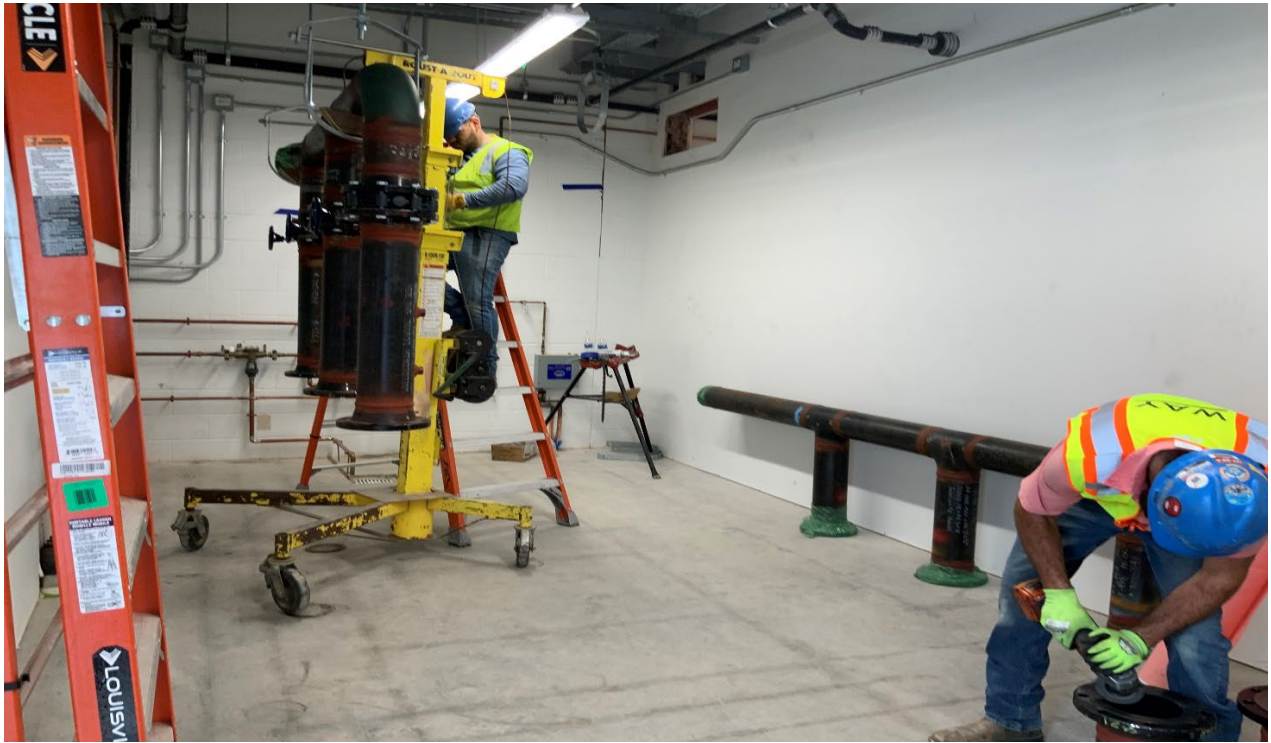
Main Building Expansion (North): Foundation work has begun with drill piers.



Central Utility Plant (CUP): Brick installation in progress.



Site: Lady Bird Lake stormwater outfall with vegetative mats installed.



Central Utility Plant (CUP): Chill water connections in the pump room.



Main Building: Demolition of auditorium sound shell.



Main Building: Exterior metal soffit (ceiling) has been removed.



Main Building: Level 1 protection in place for "Petalos" wall.