

# Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Phase 2 Improvements Project Update July 3, 2024

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## PROJECT TIMELINE:

- ESB MACC Groundbreaking for Phase 2 Improvements / Move-Out Began– 12/10/22.
- Parking Lot Closure – 3/10/23.
- Contractor Mobilization/Pre-construction Inspections – Began 3/11/23.
- Permitting (Site) – Approved on 7/25/23.
- Bidding & Negotiation (GMP1/Site) – Executed contract on 8/28/23.
- Construction (site) – Underway since 8/28/23.
- Permitting (building) – Approved on 3/4/24.
- Bidding & Negotiation (GMP2/Building) – Executed contract on 3/7/24.
- Construction (Site + Building) – Currently underway.

## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS:

- Foundation work continues with the installation of grade beams for the south and north wing. The foundation slabs are expected to be poured this month.
- The existing elevator is under demolition while a new elevator slab is being formed.
- Austin Energy (AE) Chilled Water District Cooling Network is preparing for chilled water to flow through the lines in late August with piping supported, flushing completed, pumps installed and equipment ready for energizing.
- Electrical disconnects have been installed, and the housekeeping concrete pad is ready for the boiler equipment in the Pump Room at the Central Utility Plant.
- Mock-ups such as samples of stucco, sealed concrete floors, brick detailing, and metal railings are being evaluated for adherence to the design.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Foundation system is ongoing with concrete pours continuing. Work hours will adhere to the City's noise ordinance. Ordinance information can be found [here](#).
- 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. 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) has met with the art selection panel for a second round of deliberations.
- 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/department/emma-s-barrientos-mexican-american-cultural-center](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/emma-s-barrientos-mexican-american-cultural-center)

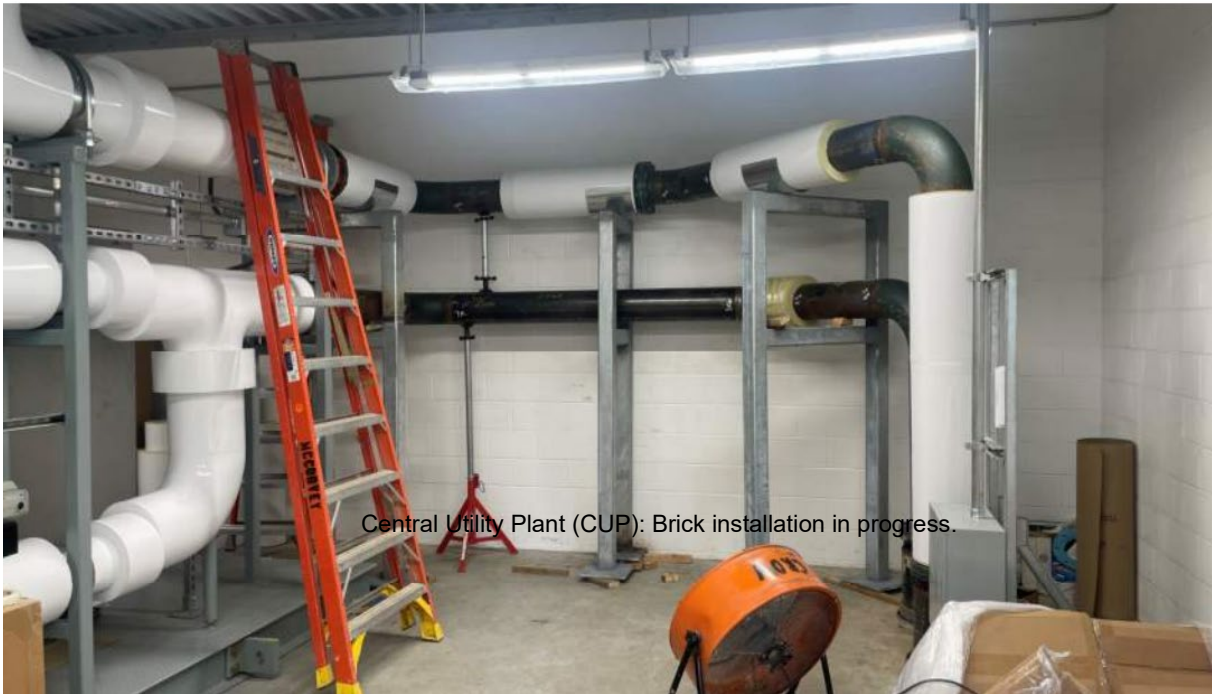
For project updates, visit the project website: [www.austintexas.gov/MaccPhase2](http://www.austintexas.gov/MaccPhase2)



Central Utility Plant (CUP), Pump Room: Pumps installed.



Building Addition: Concrete for grade beams and steel reinforcement partially poured.



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

Central Utility Plant (CUP), Mechanical Room: Chilled water piping supported and insulated.



Building Addition: Concrete for elevator pit slab poured.