

# Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Phase 2 Improvements Project Update August 7, 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.
- AIPP ESB-MACC Phase 2 – Artist(s) selection final approval targeted for August/September 2024.

## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS:

- The foundation slabs were poured for both the north and south building expansion after passing plumbing inspection. The shade structure piers and retaining walls at the zocalo will continue this month.
- The existing elevator has been demolished.
- The mechanical room in the Central Utility Plant (CUP) is being made ready for final connections to the Austin Energy (AE) Chilled Water District Cooling Network. Project engineers are ensuring that equipment is in proper working order and compliant with AE requirements. The new air conditioning system is expected to be connected and operating this month.
- The stucco wall finish on the CUP has been installed.
- Grease trap for teaching kitchen is in place and connected below ground.
- Structural steel erection is planned for this month and marks the beginning of vertical construction.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Concrete pours will continue. Steel delivery is expected this month. 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 has increased 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](#), improving connections between Rainey Street and the trail celebrated grand opening on 7/13/24.
- 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)



Zocalo: One of four foundation piers for the shade structure.



Central Utility Plant (CUP): Stucco wall finish application while in progress.



South Building Addition: Foundation slab.



North Building Addition: Foundation slab.



South Building Addition: Grease trap.