

Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Phase 2 Improvements Project Update January 8, 2025

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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 approval by Austin City Council on 8/29/24
- Topping Out – Topmost structural beam was lifted into place on 9/11/24.
- Building dry-in – Process of ensuring the building envelope is weather sealed is expected mid-February.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS:

- Site retaining wall at Zocalo installation continues.
- Brick installation is ongoing at south addition and will be followed by north addition.
- Waterproofing and flashing at the outdoor terrace is in progress.
- Auditorium re-roof begins this month after the south and north addition roof details are constructed.
- Interior framework for mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire systems are proceeding.
- Interior insulation and drywall are being installed as each building system passes inspection.
- Doors and windows are ordered.
- Elevator has been ordered and expected delivery is in January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- City Council approved artists, Katherine Telley and Ruben Esquivel, to design and fabricate artwork for the ESB MACC Phase 2, Art in Public Places (AIPP) project is scheduled for a kick-off meeting this month. Please visit [AIPP website](#) for more announcements regarding the planned community engagement for this project.
- Concrete pours and steel/crane deliveries will continue. Work hours will adhere to the City's noise ordinance. Ordinance information can be found [here](#).
- The Confluence, a separate public/private partnership project has increased activities at the ESB MACC including concrete pours. The parking lot is the construction access point for the east side of the creek delta. Additional information can be found [here](#).
- Temporary & partial Rainey Street closures are planned for dismantling of cranes for various private development in the Rainey District. Detailed and updated information can be found [here](#).
- The MACC round-about and driveways continue to experience elevated traffic and congestion due to the volume of work in the area by other developers. Please exercise caution in this district.
- 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

For project updates, visit the project website: www.austintexas.gov/MaccPhase2



Zocalo: Retaining wall construction in progress.



South Addition: Brick work and roof downspouts outlets installation in progress.



North Addition: Outdoor terrace waterproofing and flashing underway.



North Addition: View of roofing progress.



North Addition: Overhead ducts installation of mechanical systems.



South Addition: Teaching Kitchen receiving drywall and insulation after passing inspection.