

Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Phase 2 Improvements Project Update February 5, 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 is 75% complete.
- Brick installation is ongoing and progressing to the north addition.
- New electrical panels energized for the new building additions.
- Test cleaning of exterior precast panels.
- Installation of major mechanical equipment.
- Preparing interior exposed concrete floors for final finish.
- Framing interior soffits, doors, and windows.

Site Tour:

- The City of Austin invites the MACC Advisory Board to a construction tour on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at noon (12:00pm) to witness the progress firsthand. The building is projected to be completely enclosed with climate control. The site is still very active but the City wants to offer this last opportunity for a tour to show how the building and grounds have transformed from a vision to a reality.

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. The artists are working on the conceptual design during the first quarter of the year. Please visit [AIPP website](#) for more announcements regarding the planned community engagement for this project.
- Concrete pours and large 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. The parking lot is the construction access point for the east side of the creek delta. There are trail detours because of the trail enhancements. Additional 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

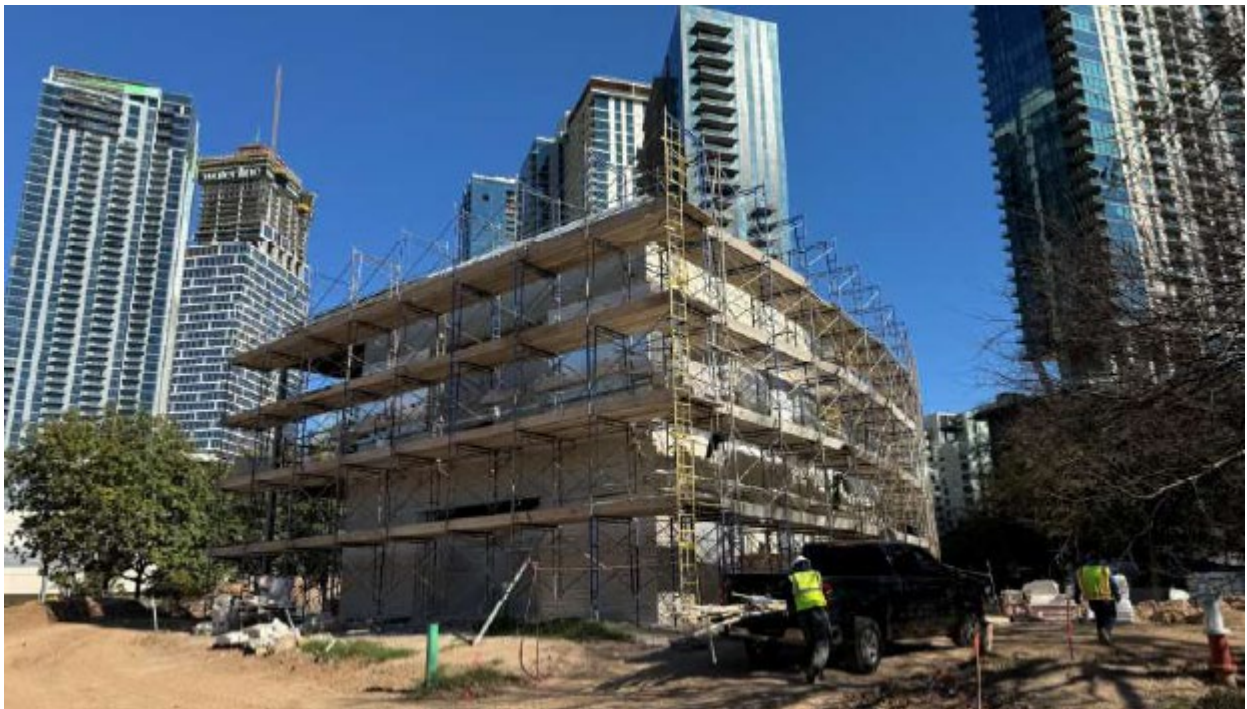
For project updates, visit the project website: www.austintexas.gov/MaccPhase2



Zocalo: Retaining Wall concrete work in progress.



Zocalo: Retaining wall for re-installation of Snake Path.



South Addition: Brick installation in progress.



South Addition: Close-up view of brick work detail



Existing Building: Successful test cleaning of precast panels.



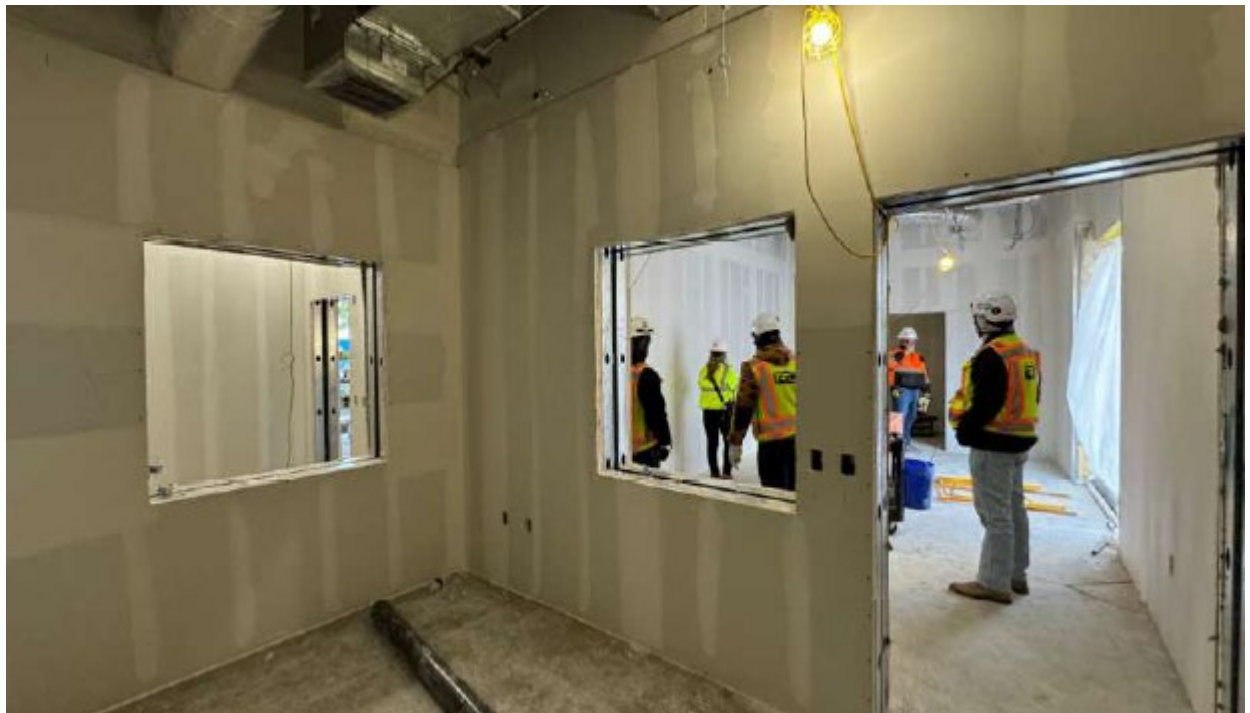
South Addition: HVAC equipment installation



North Addition: Preparing concrete floor for final finish in Art Room.



South Addition: Framing soffit at Dance Studio.



South Addition: Drywall installation at Music Lab.