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## CIP Newsletter- February 6, 2023

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Welcome to the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Newsletter. It is a priority for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) to keep the community informed about our current capital improvement projects. This newsletter is distributed on the first Monday of every month and includes major updates from some of our ongoing projects.

Read on to learn more about upcoming community meetings and the latest project updates.

### The High School Project: Minnie Howard Redevelopment Virtual Community Meeting

Monday, Feb. 13, 2023

6:30-7:30 p.m.

[Join Meeting Here](#)

This meeting is an opportunity for the project team to provide an update on the Minnie Howard redevelopment project. Representatives of ACPS and the Minnie Howard Project team will be on hand to answer questions submitted during the virtual community meeting. The team will consider and use these questions to inform updates or FAQ pages on the website. Spanish, Amharic, and Arabic interpreters will be available during the webinar.

If you cannot attend the virtual community meeting, the presentation will be available online, and all feedback received will be shared with the relevant staff and decision-makers on this project. Please send your feedback to Arte'a Funderburk, CIP communications specialist, at [artea.funderburk@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:artea.funderburk@acps.k12.va.us).

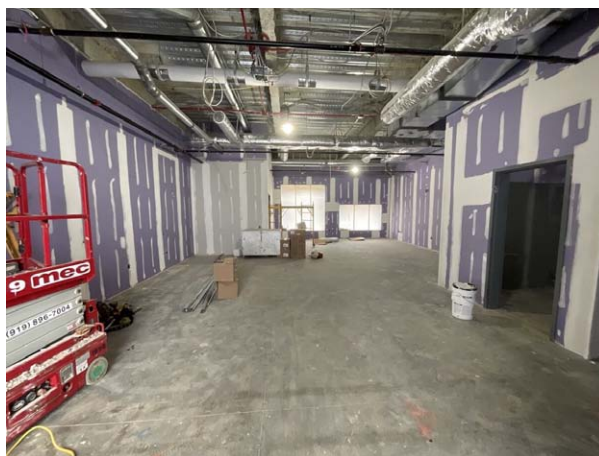
## The High School Project: Minnie Howard Redevelopment



Underground utility work is continuing onsite and on West Braddock Road and is expected to continue through the end of February. Two cranes are operational onsite and setting steel in multiple building areas. Waterproofing and backfilling of new walls are ongoing throughout the building areas. Concrete slab on grade will be poured in place, and concrete slab on metal deck will continue throughout February. The building façade mock-up is nearly complete and located near the construction entrance. Interior partition layouts, preparation for above-ceiling utilities, and spray fireproofing have begun. Submittals and fabrications are ongoing for all upcoming work. The contractor has been approved for extended work hours as required for concrete work and will request extensions as needed for large concrete slab pours.

Community members can send questions, comments, and concerns to the project email: [hsproject@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:hsproject@acps.k12.va.us). Gilbane is also hosting a [website dashboard](#) to provide project updates.

## Douglas MacArthur Modernization Project



Mechanical room painting and installation of equipment hangers in the kitchen are complete. Exterior brickwork continues in Area B and has begun in Area A. Area C roofing is nearing completion, and temporary heat has been established as most work is now taking place inside the building. Air, vapor and water-resistive barrier installation is ongoing in multiple building areas. The walls in Area B are closed in and finished and Area A & C walls are prepped for close-in inspection. Cafeteria wall framing and overhead MEP (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing) in Area D continue. Furniture procurement is in the final stages.

### ***Alexandria City High School***

- Parking garage sealing is complete; close-out is in progress.
- Perimeter fence submittals one through four have been approved, materials are ordered, and fence/pier / property corner stakeout is scheduled for 2/10..
- Studio equipment upgrade is being scoped/priced.
- Auditorium flooring - carpet replacement is scheduled for Spring Break.

### ***Charles Barrett Elementary School***

- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) renovation project- fabrication of units is ongoing for construction work for this upcoming summer.
- Luxury vinyl tile (LVT) options for the entrance lobby are being scoped/priced and will be shared with the principal (asbestos remediation completed).

### ***Cora Kelly***

- Library lighting upgrade scheduling/coordination is underway.

### ***Francis C. Hammond Middle School***

- HVAC renovation work is ongoing in phases; structural assembly submittal is in progress.
- Drainage/stormwater management (SWM) repair design is complete for interior courtyard (which also affects cafeteria / stairwell), components are being priced and design options will be shared with school administration.
- Hardscape pricing is ongoing for the parking lot scheduled for summer 2023.
- Gymnasium lobby renovation - structural glazing tile block coating is complete and flooring installation has been scheduled.
- SWM retention vault work is completed (PVC drainage piping, sand filtration, etc.).

### ***George Washington Middle School***

- Field renovation - design work is ongoing; project funding has been delayed due to competing priorities and in alignment with the City's lighting project. Construction will not begin before summer 2024; community updates will re-commence once funding is obtained for fiscal year 2025.
- Gymnasium lobby renovation - painting (frames, HVAC grilles, doors), maple accents with logos and plaques are completed.
- C-Wing offices and lounge LVT installation and painting are complete.
- Security safety vestibule - security upgrades have been designed/coordinated with the architectural package; cost estimate received from the contractor.

### ***John Adams Elementary School***

- Parking lot/drive asphalt milling and repaving is rescheduled for Spring Break; scheduling/coordination is ongoing.

### ***James Polk Elementary School***

- SWM improvements are anticipated for summer 2023.
- Restrooms renovation materials choices are underway.

### ***Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy***

- Stormwater and hardscape design is ongoing.
- Library mural art design is ongoing.
- Kitchen renovation design ongoing - construction documents commenced.
- Elevator pit and oil separation tank repairs/redesign commenced.

### ***Mount Vernon Community School***

- SWM improvements are being scoped for phasing.
- New chiller fabrication ongoing; expected delivery and installation next summer.

### ***Naomi L. Brooks Elementary School***

- Security safety vestibule/main lobby - drawings were submitted for permit.
- Lobby flooring asbestos abatement is being priced and scheduled.
- Media center renovation scoping/design commencing.
- Roof - additional change order scope scheduled for Spring Break.
- Window replacement historical components design is complete; plans will be submitted for permit.

### ***Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School***

- New carpet squares were installed in all first and second-floor break-out study areas.

### ***William Ramsay Elementary School***

- SWM improvements are anticipated for summer construction.
- Building envelope scoping is ongoing per the engineering report.
- Remaining roof-top unit installation is scheduled for Summer Break.
- Kitchen renovation- design is ongoing; construction documents are being finalized and submitted for permit.
- Lobby flooring asbestos abatement is being priced and scheduled.

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