

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.

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

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The Office of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design team held a virtual community meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 28, 2023, about the Douglas MacArthur modernization project. The recorded presentation and presentation slides are available on the [Douglas MacArthur Modernization](#) webpage under *updates*.

**There are no community meetings scheduled for April.**

## PROJECT UPDATES



### **The High School Project: Minnie Howard Redevelopment**

Underground utility work continues onsite and on West Braddock Road, including Washington Gas. Two cranes are operational onsite and setting steel in multiple areas of the building and will continue on the south side. An additional crane will be onsite during deliveries of roofing materials but will not remain. Underslab utilities and slab-on-grade pour will occur on the site's northeast side and the pool. Concrete pours at the gym and bleachers are nearing completion. Excavation at the pool area is also nearing completion. Roof materials have been delivered, and the first layers of the roof have begun and will continue. Exterior building studs will start on the north side, and building enclosures will begin in the coming weeks. Interior partition layouts, preparation for above-ceiling utilities and spray fireproofing have started. Installation of interior metal studs and drywall has also begun. Submittals and fabrications are continuing 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.

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### **Douglas MacArthur Modernization Project**

Masonry work in the courtyard is close to completion and the efforts are shifting to the east facade. Windows installation is ongoing and curtainwall installation started on the north facade. Site preparations for the fields had resumed and bus loop curb and gutter had been installed. The kitchen equipment installation and mechanical, electrical and plumbing work are in progress. Interior wall close-ins are nearing completion. Ceiling grid, bulkheads, ceramic tile and lighting installation, painting throughout the building are ongoing.

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## **EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT UPDATES**

### **Alexandria City High School**

- Perimeter fence surveying is ongoing and material delivery will be completed by the end of the month.
  - A meeting with neighbors was held on Mar. 18, 2023 to discuss the existing fence, trees, obstructions, etc.
- The architect is finalizing the TV studio equipment pricing scope.
- Auditorium: carpet removal and installation was scheduled to commence over Spring Break.

### **Charles Barrett Elementary School**

- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) renovation project: submittals are ongoing.

- Luxury vinyl tile (LVT) design is ongoing for lobby flooring. Color selections will be reviewed with the administration.

### **Cora Kelly Elementary School**

- Library: lighting upgrade is on schedule for summer.

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

- HVAC renovation work is ongoing in phases; structural steel design is being finalized. Control wiring and piping work was scheduled to commence during Spring Break. Summer crane and roof-top unit delivery have been scheduled.
- Drainage/stormwater management (SWM) component phasing is being explored and scheduled.
- The civil engineer is reviewing hardscape profile options for parking lot resurfacing.
- Gymnasium lobby renovation: flooring installation, painting and graphics commenced over Spring Break.

### **George Washington Middle School**

- Field Renovation: design work is progressing. Coordination with the City of Alexandria is ongoing to address area-wide SWM concerns. Community update is available on the [Non-Capacity Projects](#) webpage.
- Security safety vestibule: material ordering has commenced; checking with multiple vendors for timing on long lead items (aluminum framing, glazing), security equipment/conduit/wiring ordered and was installed over Spring Break, and the vestibule is in place from a safety standpoint.
- Gym floor engineering assessment: site reconnaissance is complete, scope of work and testing refined, and subsurface investigation is being scheduled.

### **John Adams Elementary School**

- Parking lot/drive asphalt milling and repaving commenced over Spring Break.
- LVT flooring fabrication is ongoing. Installation is being scheduled for summer.
- Stairwell painting has been scoped and a requisition is submitted.

### **James Polk Elementary School**

- SWM improvements have been scoped for: slope from the bus loop to prevent scouring (swale enhancements, HDPE piping placement, sodding) and tying modular downspout directly to underground SWM piping. The first phase, swale enhancements, commenced over Spring Break.
- Restroom: renovation pricing is underway with an additional stall being added to boys restrooms, new partitions, new ceiling grid/tiles and new wall coating.

### **Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy**

- Site Improvements: parking lot upgrades anticipated in the summer. Comprehensive site planning, including stormwater, playground and field, is ongoing.
- Library mural art design changes are ongoing.
- Kitchen renovation: design is complete, funding has been secured and invitation to bid (ITB) is scheduled.

- Elevator pit and oil separation tank were added to ITB as an alternative.

### **Mount Vernon Community School**

- SWM improvements are being scoped for phasing. Yard inlet on the east side of the school to collect sheet flow is a priority and is being priced for anticipated summer construction. The remaining phases will be updated as they progress. MVCS will have summer school this summer, limiting some construction activity.
- New chiller is scheduled for summer delivery and installation.
- Library renovation window film installation is complete; materials for summer phase III are being ordered.

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

- Security safety vestibule/main lobby renovation: finish material has been reviewed and selected with administration.
- Lobby flooring asbestos abatement was completed over Spring Break.
- Media Center renovation scoping/design is ongoing (coordinated with lobby components).
- Roof-metal-seam awning installation (at gymnasium entrances) was completed over Spring Break.
- Window replacement ITB package is complete and posting is scheduled.

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

- HVAC testing and balancing was completed over Spring Break.

### **William Ramsay Elementary School**

- SWM improvements are being scheduled for the south side of the school to correct erosion and scouring along stairs and the steep slope of the hillside. The runoff is causing blockage of drains with mud collecting on the courts and sheet flow washing away playground mulch and creating erosion and drop-offs at pavement edges. Components are being phased and will commence in the summer.
- Building envelope pilasters and window component investigation are scheduled for summer.
- HVAC rooftop unit installation continued over Spring Break.
- Kitchen renovation design completed, funding secured and ITB is scheduled.
- Lobby flooring asbestos abatement was completed over Spring Break.