



May 6, 2024

### Virtual Community Meetings

There are no upcoming meetings scheduled in May at this time.

Welcome to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Newsletter. It is a priority for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) to keep the community informed about our current capital improvement projects. This monthly newsletter includes major updates from some of our ongoing projects.

Read on to learn more about upcoming community meetings and the latest project updates. Community members who do not receive these updates can subscribe to the CIP Newsletter [here](#).

## CAPITAL PROGRAMS, PLANNING & DESIGN PROJECT UPDATES

The ACPS Office of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design manages new facility projects (capacity projects) from initiation through the end of construction. The office is committed to modernizing school facilities at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

### The High School Project: Minnie Howard Redevelopment



Construction entrance and curb cut site work will be completed in May. Installation of the temporary bus loop is ongoing. The Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued in April, with the contractor expected to finish the remaining tasks for the Final Phase 1 Certificate of Occupancy by early June. The contractor is addressing punch list items and conducting final cleaning in all available spaces. Additional commissioning testing and equipment start-up will continue throughout May. Furniture has been delivered, set up and the punch list process initiated. Phase I has met all project expectations for the contractual schedule. The

contractor is preparing all necessary documents for substantial completion. ACPS staff and city partners will begin moving into the facility later this month, with public operations in the new building in July. Phase II pre-construction work has commenced, with planning and submittals undergoing design team review, with a tentative start date of June 2024.

### Patrick Henry Project- Phase III



The old school structure has been demolished, and debris removal is finished. Site grading for the future parking lot is currently in progress. Underground StormTech chambers have been installed to manage runoff. Concrete stairs and handicap access ramps to the adjacent residential property to the east have been erected. Construction of curb and gutter islands and sidewalks is ongoing. Stormwater management (SWM) pipes have been delivered to the site, and coordination for fire line services is underway.

### 1703 N. Beauregard Swing Space



Interior demolition work has been completed, and the contractor has been demobilized, which is the process of winding down and removing equipment from a construction site. The Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) is now focusing on interior construction and scheduling for the project. Work is expected to resume in May. The commissioning team is currently engaged in the onboarding process.

## EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT UPDATES

ACPS is modernizing its school facilities in a process that is expected to take place over the next 10 years. The Office of Educational Facilities is responsible for non-capacity projects that include building upgrades, such as heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), roof and safety and security upgrades. Project updates can be found on the [Office of Educational Facilities](#) webpage.

### **ACPS Transportation Facility**

- Summer asbestos remediation is being planned and scheduled.

### **Alexandria City High School- King Street Campus**

- Stadium audio- the contractor has mobilized to the site and commenced excavation for pole placement behind visitor bleachers. Home side excavation will commence after early May track meets, followed by rebar installation and concrete pour with 20-day curing.
- Cistern: awaiting material delivery. Material delivery is anticipated for Fall. Installation will be scheduled in accordance with school administration.
- Audio/Visual (Studio/Board Room/Aud.) - an invitation to bid (ITB) meeting and site walk were held. Questions received were answered with an addendum. Bids will be received early May.
- Planetarium - utility condition assessment in plenum has been conducted to observe conditions and coordinate with renovation. All furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) have been removed from under the planetarium dome and painting of the existing dome is scheduled for early May.
- Practice Field - the discus and shot put rings have been relocated. Access to the new turf will be delayed for at least another month due to low temperatures keeping the grass dormant.

### **Charles Barrett Elementary School**

- Summer asbestos remediation is being planned and scheduled.

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

- Courtyard: the courtyard option has been selected, allowing the engineering to refine the SWM design to drain the courtyard.
- Summer asbestos remediation is being planned and scheduled.

### **George Washington Middle School**

- HVAC- chiller ITB questions received were answered with an addendum. Bids are due in early May.
- SWM/pavement- the engineer refined the civil drawings to address the underground SWM; plans are being priced.

### **James K. Polk Elementary School**

- SWM/pavement- the engineer refined the civil drawings to address the topographic fall toward the building at the dock and gym entrance; plans are being priced with SWM and paving.

### **John Adams Elementary School**

- New flooring has been ordered for the auxiliary gymnasium and is scheduled for summer installation.

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

- Kitchen renovation- installation of the public announcement (PA) speaker system has commenced. Contents in the elevator equipment room have been relocated to allow for removal of existing equipment and conversion to a new art storage room. Seamless sheet flooring has arrived and installation will begin in early May.

### **Mount Vernon Community School**

- New chiller and solids separator coordination and planning are underway for summer installation.

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

- Kitchen renovation- staging and delivery of materials are ongoing, and demolition has commenced.
- Pavement- asphalt milling and repaving of a major segment of the parking area, the travelway and bus loop was completed over Spring Break.
- Summer asbestos remediation is being planned and scheduled.

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