

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - ESB-MACC Phase 2

1. Q: Has a Master Plan been completed for ESB-MACC?

The Austin City Council adopted the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (ESB-MACC) Master Plan on May 24, 2018. This plan is now referred to as the 2018 Facility Expansion Plan and presents design recommendations to better meet the current and future needs of the center. The Plan incorporated current needs and consideration of the evolving neighborhood. This project identifies the priority items for Phase 2. Future phases will address the remaining items not constructed in this project, such as a performance theater.

2. Q: What are the priorities identified in this 2018 Facility Expansion Plan?

The current ESB-MACC facility has insufficient space to host the numerous community activities available or desired; staff and storage areas are inadequate in providing support. The existing space is in need of updates and expansion to better meet present and future needs. The connectivity to the Ann Richards and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trails, Lady Bird Lake, pedestrian walkways, and surrounding neighborhoods need to be improved to activate the plaza and draw interest to the facility.

Based on information received from the public, the 10 most important stakeholder issues identified in the 2018 Plan were:

- More classrooms and studios
- Access and view to Lady Bird Lake
- More gallery space
- Shade structure at the Zocalo
- Larger performance space
- Adequate parking
- Café
- Gran Entrada (The Grand Entrance)
- Outdoor amphitheater
- Teaching/Industrial Kitchen

3. Q: What is the Design Phase?

There are two stages in the Design Phase. The Schematic Design process is the first step of design in which the Architect consults with the client to determine the project requirements, goals, and constraints.

Design Development is the next step. During this process, the schematic plans are reviewed, revised, and expanded to incorporate all the details and specifications required for construction. Project components are investigated in detail, codes are reviewed, and materials are selected.

4. Q: Has a design firm been selected?

An architectural design team has been awarded the design contract. The Joint Venture team consists of Miró Rivera Architects (Austin) and Tatiana Bilbao Estudio (Mexico City) leading as the primary design consultant.

5. Q: Has a general contractor been selected?

Rogers-O'Brien Construction Company is the awarded general contractor providing pre-construction and construction services.

6. Q: What are the enhancements/changes included in this ESB-MACC Phase 2 project?

This Phase 2 project considers the addition of practice and performance space, classrooms, galleries, office/support space, dedicated storage space, teaching kitchen, as well as, landscaping and gathering spaces. The proposed renovation includes enhanced safety features, rooms with natural light, better visibility of the building, improved connection with the lake, a closed/controllable perimeter of the zocalo with a shaded structure and better wayfinding.

7. Q: How is this ESB-MACC Phase 2 project being funded?

Primary funding for Phase 2 of the 2018 Plan project was obtained through approval of the 2018 General Obligation Bond Election, Proposition B, Libraries, Museums and Cultural Arts Facilities with \$27 million allocated for the ESB-MACC. Additional funding was provided from the remaining unused balance of Proposition Four of the 2006 General Obligation Bond Election, as well as rental proceeds from 64/70 Rainey Street.

8. Q: What is the timeline for completion of the project?

- 2018 May: ESB-MACC Facility Expansion Plan adoption
Nov: Bond 2018 passes
- 2020 Feb: Use of CMAR (Construction Manager at Risk) approved by Council
Nov: Architect & Engineer under contract
Dec: CMAR under contract
- 2021 March: Building Programming completed
April: Design Phase starts
Sept: Community Engagement for Schematic Design starts
- 2021 Design Phase Complete - Fall 2021
Production of Construction Documents – Winter 2021
- 2022 Summer: Site work starts
- 2024 Summer: Substantial Completion of Construction
Fall: Grand Opening

9. Q: What construction company will complete the project?

Rogers-O'Brien Construction Company was awarded the construction contract in December 2020.

10. Q: Have community engagement meetings been held for Phase 2?

The previous Building Programming Phase consisted of small group discussion meetings. Covid-19 restrictions required the meetings to be held virtually. During the Building Programming Phase of the project, key stakeholders were identified and consulted to determine whether the 10 priorities identified in the 2018 Plan were still valid priorities.

- Small Group Discussions and Community Meeting
 - ESB-MACC Advisory Board: December 14, 2020
 - Youth Programming Group: January 28, 2021
 - Visual and Performing Artists: February 1, 2021
 - Education and History Stakeholders: February 2, 2021
 - Legacy Stakeholders and Community Leaders: February 4, 2021
 - Spanish Speaking Community Meeting: February 6, 2021
 - Community Engagement Virtual Meeting: Late September and early October 2021 for Schematic Design Review (Weekday Evenings & Saturday Daytime). Series of three meetings to be announced.

- SpeakUp Austin – Community Survey open from January to February 2021
- Comment Cards open from August 2021 to Fall 2021
- Data collection and processing Fall 2021

Once construction begins, the community will receive updates on construction status via Community Communication Forum of designated community leaders and monthly newsletters.

11. Q: Are there other opportunities to submit community input?

Comment cards are available for submission. A comment card can be attained by:

Website: www.austintexas.gov/MaccPhase2

Emailing Community Engagement Consultant Bobbie Garza-Hernandez bobbie@pinkpr.biz.

For additional Project Specific Information contact: Capital Delivery Project Manager, Heidi Tse (Public Works Department) heidi.tse@austintexas.gov or Project Coordinator, or Christina Bies (PARD) christina.bies@austintexas.gov.

12. Q: How will community input be incorporated at the Design Phase of the project?

The Project Team will listen and acknowledge concerns identified by community feedback and explain how their input influenced design decisions. The design team will present a schematic design concept during the September & October meetings, that responds to the input received from the stakeholders and community from the meetings held in February 2021. Subsequently, the design process will

continue into Design Development, and feedback will be received and analyzed for potential incorporation. The project team will provide regular updates during the remaining phases of design and construction of the project.

13. Q: How can I receive updates on the ESB-MACC Phase 2 Project?

Website: <https://www.austintexas.gov/MaccPhase2>

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14. Q: Will the ESB-MACC be open during construction?

The City will do its best to keep the building open, throughout construction, to the greatest extent possible, without compromising public safety. Parking, programs and rental space may be effected. Public safety is paramount. Therefore, MACC users will likely experience inconveniences and periodic interruptions due to construction activities.

15. Q: There are other nearby construction projects that may happen at the same time. How will those impact the project?

The project team is actively working with the nearby development partners such as Waterloo Greenway Conservancy, the Austin Transportation Department and The Trail Foundation to ensure coordination and minimize disruption. For information on any of those projects, you may visit their websites via austintexas.gov. As nearby private development happens and is proposed to the City, the project team will collaborate with those developers, to minimize disruption of the center.