

Baltimore City Schools Quarterly Coordinating Committee Meeting on School Construction: Notes

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

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Housekeeping

- Review and Approval Minutes of Jan 15, 2025
 - Approved

Agency Updates

- Patrick McMahon, new INSPIRE Planner

School walking routes (DOP/DOT)

- INSPIRE Area Sidewalk Repairs
 - a. December 18, 2024: Paniagua Enterprises, Inc. selected as awarded contractor; work set to commence in late January or early February.
- Other route improvements
 - a. ADA Ramps
 - i. INSPIRE is in process of conducting equity analysis to prioritize ramp selections, aiming for a contract during Summer 2025
- Other topics
 - a. Next DOT-BCPSS Coordinating is scheduled for Jan 15 (this afternoon)

INSPIRE Planning (DOP)

- Upcoming plans (Eli/Jaffa)
 - Medfield Height ES – Adopted on November 7 by the Planning Commission
 - Robert W Coleman ES – Intent of bringing draft for Planning Commission adoption to follow in March 2025
 - Northwood ES – INSPIRE aiming for adoption by Spring 2025

Design and Construction Updates (21st Century/MSA)

School name	Status	Recent updates	Scheduled Opening
Com. John Rodgers EMS	Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- BPW approval of GMP 1 on Oct 2- GMP 2 completed- Demolition and abatement have started	December 2026
Frederick Douglass HS	Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- BPW approval was in July- Project is currently under construction- Demolition near completion; interior construction underway	Aug 2026

		- Construction of new building scheduled for mid May 2025	
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- **Built to Learn (Maureen)**
 - Status of new BCPSS website
 - No ETA on website being up, still in process
- City College (100 percent design development reviewed by City Schools and MSA, CHAP meeting held Jan 2025; approval with some minor conditions)
 - Follow up from DOT Traffic re: comments on this plan
 - Onsite, there will be a physical intervention to push for a right turn onto Loch Raven Blvd
 - DOT has informed that there is no funding for a light; DOT agrees it's an important safety feature
 - Qiana can create a rough cost estimate for JH for submission for funding
- Poly Western
 - Status of RFQ and RFP for architect selection
- Architect has been selected for A/E (GWWO), approved by MSA Board 1/7/25
 - Status of slip lanes at City (Alameda and 33rd) and Poly (Falls and Cold Spring)
 - Qiana to confirm status of study of closures at these sites
- Other updates
 - **Frederick Douglass & Joseph C. Briscoe**
 - Northwestern Building Swing Space
 - Functioning well in Northwestern Building
 - Mid February – Next meeting for Advisory Council

High Schools from May 15, 2024 - Baltimore City Quarterly Meeting on High School Planning and Construction

Building Name	Status	Design	Relocation to Swing	Construction	Grand Opening	Swing space
Frederick Douglass High School	Construction	SY 22/23 - SY 23/24	Summer 2024	SY 24/25 – SY 25/26	Summer 2026	Northwestern Building
Baltimore City College	Design	SY 23/24 - SY 24/25	Summer 2025	SY 25/26 - SY 27/28	Summer 2028	University of Baltimore
Western High School	Design	SY 24/25 - SY 25/26	Summer 2026	SY 26/27 – SY 27/28	Summer 2028	Northwestern Building
Baltimore Polytechnic High School	Design	SY 24/25 – SY 25/26	Summer 2028	SY 28/29 – SY 29/30	Summer 2030	Northwestern Building

- March (date forthcoming) – CJR and Douglas
- May 21 - City College Final Design Pre-Con

Next Scheduled Coordinating Committee Meeting: **Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 9:00am**