

Baltimore City Schools Coordinating Committee Meeting on School Construction: Agenda

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Prepared by Jaffa Weiss and Eli Pousson, Department of Planning.

House-keeping

- Attendance
 - Eli Pousson
 - Larry Flynn
 - Tarek Bolden
 - Cyndi Smith
 - Renee Stainrod
 - Debra Brooks
 - Shay Wireman
 - Chris Ryer
 - Nichole Stewart
- Review and Approve Minutes of April 19, 2023 (see [April 19 Meeting Notes](#))
- Review revised agenda format
 - Agency updates
 - Design and construction updates
 - Additional topics

Agency Updates

School walking routes (DOP/DOT)

- 2023 INSPIRE Area Sidewalk Repairs
 - a. Contract work delayed from initial estimate of early/mid-summer; now expected to start early fall and be complete by December
 - b. Total cost higher than expected: \$1,083,515 (original budget was \$900K)
- Recent Crosswalk Installation/Repair Work
 - a. **Billie Holliday ES and Katherine Johnson Global Academy:** new crosswalk installation design plan/contract approved in late June 2023
 - b. **Frederick ES:** emergency replacement of deteriorated crosswalks at multiple intersections completed in late May 2023
 - c. **Dorothy I. Height EMS:** Planning for new intersection safety upgrades in progress w/ DOT
 - d. **Medfield ES:** Waiting on response for call for bids to install new sidewalk connection from Medfield ES to Medfield Recreation Center
- ADA ramp installation/repairs
 - a. DOT is working with contractor to survey existing ramps along primary walking routes for the 3 INSPIRE areas where we have sidewalk repairs scheduled for later this year (Highlandtown EMS 237, Cross Country EMS, and Com. John Rodgers EMS)

INSPIRE Planning (DOP)

- John Ruhrah EMS INSPIRE Plan
 - Adopted 6/8
 - Starting quarterly meeting to support implementation in September
- Govans ES INSPIRE Plan
 - Briefing scheduled for 7/20; expect Planning Commission adoption in September
- REACH! Partnership + Harford Heights Building INSPIRE Plan
 - Expect adoption at 8/10 Planning Commission hearing
- Commodore John Rodgers INSPIRE EMS
 - Community school coordinator (Grace Goldman) leaving this summer
 - Imani Jasper and Eli Pousson plan to share info re: school time capsule

Other topics

- REACH! Partnership School at Lake Clifton Building: Water Infiltration
 - Site visit w/ 5/25 + 6/12
 - Follow-up meeting w/ DPW + BCPSS – 6/26
 - DPW explained identifying leaks in service lines near school is infeasible until sinkhole at Lake Montebello is fully repaired
 - DPW stated that previously reported drain/pump upgrades at The REACH Partnership School may have resolved issue
 - Michael Hall (BCPSS) offered to reach out to principal to seek feedback re: persistence of water leak issues
 - Email from Mike Hall on 7/14
 - Mike believes that the field was saturated (at time of inspection) due to the water main leak on the smaller main running from Harford Road and St. Lo Drive that has since been repaired per 6/26 discussion with DPW
 - At this time, Mike does not believe there are any open request regarding City School's concerns relating to water infiltration issues at the Lake Clifton Building
- Umbra Street Park Improvements (John Ruhrah EMS INSPIRE Community Project)
 - Procurement of trash cans and benches in progress
 - Update requested from DOT on 7/10
- Montebello ES Water Infiltration
 - Larry Flyn has requested project manager to share a brief summary of the topic including images, info re: where treated water is entering the building, history of the issue, consequences for the building/construction
 - Larry will share info w/ DOP staff to relay to DPW for consideration + discussion re: next steps

Design and Construction Updates (21st Century/MSA)

School name	Status	Recent updates	Scheduled Opening
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Com. John Rodgers EMS	Design process (Beginning of design development)	No changes since process meeting	Summer 2025
Cross Country EMS	Under construction (on schedule)	No changes since process meeting	January 2024
Frederick Douglass HS	Design process (completed schematic design phase; on schedule)	Notes on discussion re: building circulation patterns below	SY 2026/27 (see 11/1/2022 summary)

Additional material

- May 22, 2023 Process Coordination - [Meeting Notes](#)

Miscellaneous topics

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- Update re: close-out process for 21st Century School warranties
 - o All 5 of schools opened 2 summers past; Patterson HS; MSA and BCPSS is working together on end of warranty walk throughs

21st Century Schools Community Outreach

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- Recent meetings
 - o Cross Country Construction
 - Update Meeting, June 1, 2023 – [download](#)
 - Planning ribbon-cutting for December 13, 2023, 2:00 pm
 - o Frederick Douglass & Joseph C. Briscoe
 - Outreach
 - Community Meeting, July 5, 2023 – [download](#)
 - Community Conversation, April 26, 2023 – [download](#)
 - Forming a design work group; sent out an invitation for members
 - Hosting an upcoming meeting for the Garrison Community regarding the Frederick Douglass swing space
 - Discussion re: student transportation
 - Stakeholders shared interest in securing dedicated MTA tripper busses to support student transportation to school; recent conversation with City Council member and Del. Rosenberg supportive of additional MTA transportation support; MTA staff have been invited to upcoming meetings + info re: community concerns re: transportation have been shared
 - Forest Park HS has a different bell-time (which should help avoid a conflict during start/end of school day); BCPSS neighborhood/community engagement teams will support outreach to Forest Park community organizations
 - **Next steps re: MTA supports**
 - o Renee
 - Forward notes from meeting with school community to DOP
 - o Eli
 - Share site plan for Garrison and Forest Park and map of area bus stops and routes with Frank Murphy + Eric James for consideration/sharing w/ MTA

- Discussion re: circulation in building area
 - Expected changes include a new bus lane for drop-off on side near attached side with Briscoe; MSA expects minimal effect on Warwick; no changes to parking lot entrance on Mondawmin side
 - Chris (DOP) noted potential opportunity to improve pedestrian safety and circulation near Mondawmin side
 - DOP is hosting a bi-weekly meeting with DOT planning and MTA planning (focused on Red Line coordination but could include other topics)
 - **Next steps**
 - **Larry:** Ask project manager to send DOP a link to download schematic designs for presentation to MTA planning staff re: Mondawmin grant-funded upgrades
 - **Eli:** Add Briscoe/Douglass circulation design to agenda for upcoming DOP-DOT-MTA coordination meeting
- Com. John Rodgers EMS
 - BCPSS is working to reschedule upcoming community meeting
 - Forming a design work group for stakeholders to directly connect with the design team, review project status, and share ideas/feedback
- High Schools
 - City and Poly/Western: Forming design work groups as well
- Other outreach
 - Dates/prep for Back to School night events
 - Walter P. Carter ES – September (date TBD)
 - Cross Country EMS – September (date TBD)
 - Robert W. Coleman ES – September 15, 2023

Next Scheduled Coordinating Committee Meeting: **Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 9:00am**