

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

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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Housekeeping

- Attendance
- Review and Approval Minutes of October 18, 2023 (see [October Meeting Notes](#))
 - Approved

Agency Updates

School walking routes (DOP/DOT)

- 2023 INSPIRE Area Sidewalk Repairs
 - a. No new updates

INSPIRE Planning (DOP)

- REACH! + Harford Heights INSPIRE
 - Final distribution of completed plan
 - Working with community orgs. re: next steps on implementation
- Cross Country Elementary/Middle School
 - Ribbon cutting held December 13, 2023
 - Students have started attending class at new building as of Jan 4, 2024
 - Feedback from neighbors re: traffic and parking concerns in school area
 - DOT is implementing crosswalk daylighting and other traffic calming measures
 - Updating signage on Winner Ave. and around the building to make sure signs are positioned in readable and appropriate locations
 - Principal has urged patience with families as they adjust to the new building; continuing a “kiss and ride” setup for drop-off/pick-up
- Govans ES INSPIRE
 - Adoption at 12/21 Planning Commission hearing
- Recent outreach
 - 10/5 - Medfield INSPIRE Plan Evening Workshop
 - 10/26 - Cross Country EMS 2nd Community Walk
 - 12/5 - Robert W. Coleman Community Organization Meeting (Tarek Bolden)
 - Residents shared feedback focused on safety for the walk to school and interest re: the mural project
 - Plan to follow-up with school coordinator to host in-school mural arts event

Other topics

- Umbra Street Park Improvements (John Ruhrah EMS INSPIRE Community Project)
 - Procurement of trash cans and benches complete as of December 13, 2023
 - Working w/ DOT maintenance division on installation
- Parking restrictions school bus stop near Comm. John Rodgers EMS

- 12/7 request from BCPSS re: relocation of bus stop during demolition/construction
- PABC staff required more info from BCPSS before request can be implemented
- Gail Desch-Jones – gail.desch-jones@bcparking.com – 443-573-2830
- MSA Annual Report to be submitted January 17

Design and Construction Updates (21st Century/MSA)

School name	Status	Recent updates	Scheduled Opening
Com. John Rodgers EMS	Design process	UDAAP hearing: Interior demolition/salvage of existing building fixtures is underway; Building demolition started beginning of 2024; school moved to swing space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50% construction documents under review; design expected to be complete by end of school year or earlier - Construction to start before June 2026 	Summer 2026
Frederick Douglass HS	Design process (completed schematic design phase; on schedule; beginning of design development submission)	UDAAP hearing: 8/3/2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minutes ○ Presentation CHAP hearing: 9/12/2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agenda ○ Feedback shared; request return to present for upcoming CHAP hearing; CHAP hearing: 11/14/2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agenda Construction documents currently under development	SY 2026/27 (see 11/1/2022 summary)

- **Built to Learn**
 - City College
 - Architect is underway; Samaha (same architect as Douglass)
 - Design in progress
 - CM procurement (99% complete; name of firm not public yet but procurement is evaluating the financials)
 - February 2024 meeting for MSA board and BPW after that
 - Poly Western
 - Ready to put out a RFQ and RFP for architect selection

- Waiting on MOU on City before releasing RFQ/RFP for Poly Western (BCPSS is working on edits)
- Finalized swing space plan using Northwestern Building sequentially (Douglass then Western then Poly)
- Planning to release procurement for swing space improvements soon w/ expectation that building can be used by all high schools (upper floors will be improved later; won't be used by Douglass)
- **Frederick Douglass & Joseph C. Briscoe**
 - Notes
 - Updates: discussion re: student transportation
 - Updates: re: circulation in building area
 - Additional updates
 - Meeting w/ MTA / BCPSS in summer 2024
 - Winter analysis of potential service adjustments to meet student needs
 - BCPSS Transportation staff are continuing to work w/ MTA to meet student transportation needs
 - DOT investigation options for Gwynns Falls Parkway
 - Looking at improvements for signalized intersection
 - Brainstorming options for midblock crossing
 - DOP will seek updates re: design/scope for Mondawmin RAISE grant
 - MTA is still working to secure the funds by finalizing grant agreement
 - Interested in coordination w/ DOP and DOT re: public engagement
 - Accessibility improvements w/in ¼ mile of station
 - DOP staff can include slide deck from MTA w/ background info

Miscellaneous topics

- Proposed school-based health center at Frederick Douglass HS (if coordination needed)
 - BCPSS met w/ Sen. Hayes, community partner, and Health Department to discuss possibilities
 - Community partner to facilitate operation of health center would be required
 - BCPSS would have to issue an RFP since the center would need to provide *student* health services
 - Design of the building precludes community access to the building separate from student access
 - BCPSS will move forward with plan to outfit space for student health center use
 - Sen. Hayes exploring

21st Century Schools Community Outreach

- Recent meetings
 - 12/6 – [Cross County Final Construction Update Meeting](#)
 - 12/7 – [Comm. John Rodgers EMS Design Focus Group Meeting](#)
 - 12/13 – [Cross Country Ribbon Cutting](#)
- Upcoming meetings
 - Northwestern stakeholder meeting about the swing space building to be scheduled for the end of January
 - Commodore John Rodgers: Final design workgroup meeting and next community meeting are to be scheduled

- City College: Design meeting to be hosted sometime in February, dates TBD

Next Scheduled Coordinating Committee Meeting: **Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 9:00am**