



RHS Modernization Project Director Newsletter #6

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While school may be out for the summer, things will be quite busy on the Roosevelt High School (RHS) modernization project over the coming months. Please read on for more details:

This month marks a year since our first Design Advisory Group (DAG) and project kick-off meeting. The last 12 months have been busy with planning, conversations, and design. To reach this point in the project, over 100 meetings took place within the community, neighborhood, school, and cluster schools to both share progress and gather input on the design. We could not be more grateful for the time and investment from so many to have these conversations. To celebrate all of the work that has occurred, a significant milestone is upon us. Last week on June 16, the School Board heard the presentation for Roosevelt's proposed Schematic Design. (A copy of this presentation and the video shown can be found at RooseveltBond.pps.net.)

On Monday, June 23 the School Board will officially vote on whether to proceed with the Schematic Design for Roosevelt. The Board Meeting will begin at 6 p.m., the current agenda can be found on the PPS School Board website (<http://www.pps.net/departments/board/index.htm>). A refinement of the approved Master Plan from Fall 2013, the Schematic Design lays out the location of all spaces as they are intended to be built, from major spaces like the auditorium and gymnasium to individual classrooms and staff offices. It also includes enough building detail so that the project can be analyzed for cost and adjustments can be made to ensure the project is on budget. The Roosevelt Schematic Design plan, as proposed to the Board, is on budget.

The next phase of the project will be Design Development. At this stage, the Bassetti Architects team will continue to refine spaces and add the building detailing that will bring the design to life through structural, mechanical, and electrical systems, along with furnishings and interior elements. Design development will occur through Fall 2014, before Construction Documents are prepared for groundbreaking in Spring 2015.

Moving into Design Development, conversations will continue with immediate building users including staff, students, custodial, and community service providers to fine-tune interior spatial needs. Community conversations on construction will begin as the contracting team, led by Lease Crutcher Lewis, establishes a Construction Phasing Plan that will carry the project through completion for Fall 2017. The phasing plan will include details on project work hours, delivery access streets, and information about occupant and neighbor safety and security.

To continue the momentum of the Roosevelt modernization through the summer, a number of meetings are also anticipated to share details on the design progress and continue regular informative check-ins with the community. Are you a member or aware of a group that would like to hear more information on the project? Please contact Sarah Oaks (soaks@pps.net) with the group name and meeting schedule details.

We appreciate all of the comments and participation that we have seen from so many over these past few months and look forward to seeing both familiar and new faces as we move forward with the development of our school. As always, please be in touch with any questions you may have by contacting us at rhsmod@pps.net.

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"Go Riders!"*