

**San Antonio Public Library
Construction Update
January 23, 2008**

2007 Bond Branch Library Renovations

Description: Various repairs such as roofs, HVAC, parking lots, exterior and interior finishes, etc.

Funds: \$2,750,476 (Total Funds)

Location/ District: Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 10 (Bazan, Collins Gardens, Cortez, Johnston, McCreless, Memorial, Oakwell and Pan American Branch Libraries)

City Architect: William Hensley

Project Architect: To Be Determined

Design Enhancement: None

Construction Contract: To Be Determined

Estimated Completion Date: To Be Determined

City Architect William Hensley and Library Capital Projects Manager Rich Walker are currently preparing a project scope of work by evaluating the needs and priorities of each location.

Two branches have already realized improvement using these funds. Oakwell received a new roof, parking lot resurfacing, ADA-compliant sidewalks and upgraded exterior lighting; and Cortez received carpet replacement and interior painting.

John Igo Branch Library

Library Administration and the Library Foundation are working on plans to complete the special reading area under the Heritage oak tree adjacent to the library.

Central Library Roof, Skylight Replacement and Exterior Coating

Description: Replacement of the roof and skylight and repairs to exterior leaks

Funds: \$1,650,000 plus \$1.5 million Capital Funds for exterior coating

Location/ District: 600 Soledad Street / District 1

City Architect: Chester Slimp

Project Architect: Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc.

Design Enhancement: None

Construction Contract: To be determined

Estimated Completion Date: Design completion February 2008

Work on testing of exterior surfaces and roof areas began on July 13 and is now complete. Preliminary tests show that major portions of the roofing material are saturated with water, and many places on the vertical surfaces which were tested are also demonstrating moisture content. Laboratory testing of the core samples made on exterior walls and at window areas are also now completed. Other areas of investigation included mechanical areas, fountains and pools.

With all of the information gathered and testing completed, the consultants are now working on providing a report to document the deficiencies. Their report will also include recommendations for appropriate repairs and corrections. From the report they will provide design and repair specifications. After priorities are decided the next step will be to prepare bid documents and begin the process of selecting contractors to make the repairs. At this time, the project is not expected to require the closing of the Central Library.

Landa Branch Library

Project Description: Repairs and replacement of the roof to this historic branch library; restoration of the grounds and garden

Project Funds:

Roof \$85,000 donation; \$40,000 matching City Funds;

Garden \$1.3 million donation

Location/ District: 233 Bushnell Avenue / District 1

City Architect: William Hensley

Project Architect: The Arizpe Group, Inc.

Design Enhancement: None.

Construction Contract: McNeil Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc.

Estimated Completion Date: The roof was completed August 2007

Estimated Re-opening: Early 2008

The branch remains closed during the Landa Garden renovations. The gardens project has been delayed by about 30 days. This will impact the re-opening date, now projected to be March or April 2008. There is now substantial work completed on the driveways, parking areas and sidewalks, and extensive landscaping additions are underway. This project will bring about renovations to the parking areas and landscaping, plus a new pavilion.

Roosevelt High School & Public Library

Description: Construction of a new library at the existing Roosevelt High School to serve both students and the public

Funds: 2003 Bond \$900,000

Location/ District: 5110 Walzem Road / District 2

City Architect: None

Project Architect: James S. Davis, Partner with Garza, Bomberger & Associates

Design Enhancement: None.

Construction Contract: To be determined

Estimated Completion Date: 2009

Library staff have met with North East Independent School District architects to review design documents and have been pleased with the results. A recent meeting with the stakeholders in this project provided updated schedule information. Demolition of the current library building is scheduled for April 2008. Construction of the new building is estimated to start in June 2008 and move-in is planned for August 2009, with opening for the school year scheduled later that month.