

A Message from Leadership



Welcome to the first edition of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas Master Plan Newsletter — your front-row seat to the transformation reshaping our city’s future!

This is one of the most exciting developments in Dallas history, and you should feel that energy. Every quarter, we will bring you project milestones, behind-the-scenes progress, and a growing calendar of community events, town halls, and engagement opportunities designed to put your voice at the center of this work.

Transparency is not a checkbox — it is our operating system. More updates. More events. More opportunities for you to shape what comes next.

This is your project. Let’s build it together.

Service First, Now!

Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert
City Manager
City of Dallas

MILESTONES



Completed

- Closure of DART station
- COE Pre-enabling Work
- COE yard lightning protection
- GMP-2 approval

Ongoing

- Pre-enabling truck ramp
- Enabling demolition activities
- Hazardous materials abatement of the TXCN (Texas Cable News) building
- Reunion garage OSHA compliance work
- Interior demolition
- Major demolition



Reunion Garage Make-Safe Work



Hall D Demolition

Project Update

January and February marked significant momentum for the project, with several major milestones achieved and enabling work advancing steadily across the site. Early in January, the DART station closure was completed, allowing critical pre-enabling activities to move forward in support of upcoming mobilization. Interior demolition progressed throughout the month, with an emphasis on LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) salvage and removals, and temporary separation walls between Halls C and D were completed. Temporary ramp work began, and the street closure plan was successfully implemented in mid-January.

SAFETY TIPS



In Texas spring weather, clear skies can turn into storms in minutes.

Keep an eye on the forecast and be prepared to pivot when conditions change.

Stay alert. Stay safe.

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Agency Coordination

Coordination remained a key focus, with the project team working closely with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), Union Pacific, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), FIFA, Oak View Group and the City of Dallas permitting and traffic management teams. Team members also participated in a City Council briefing to provide project updates. Additional efforts included coordinating the refeeding and future relocation of antennas located on the vertiport.

Construction activity accelerated in February as pre-enabling and enabling work continued. Deep foundations supporting the truck ramp and the suspended ramp slab were completed, along with fencing to enclose the DART cocoon. Demolition efforts expanded in Hall D. With interior demolition and LEED salvage ongoing, heavy equipment mobilized to support upcoming structural and exterior façade demolition. Hazardous materials abatement began at the former Texas Cable News building, and demolition work started at the Reunion Garage to prepare it for trade parking use. Refeeding of FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) antenna communication cabling from Hall D to Hall A was also successfully completed.

Major Demolition

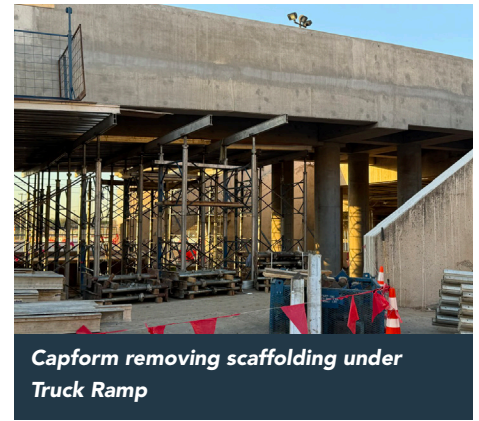
Major demolition activities began in late February and ramped up significantly into March, marked by the start of major demolition of Hall D on March 13. This phase includes the mobilization of large-scale equipment, such as excavators, along with a coordinated trucking operation to haul off and recycle building debris. Initial efforts have focused on separating the building at Lamar and isolating Halls A, B, and C to allow for the continued operation of the FIFA International Broadcast Center, while demolition progresses outward from the active facilities. The demolition of Halls D, E, and F is anticipated to span approximately eight months.

In preparation for this work, interior demolition and material salvage had been ongoing for several weeks, supporting the project’s LEED goals, and temporary separation walls were constructed to maintain safe and efficient operations. Road closures implemented beginning January 16 enabled the installation of project fencing and the safe commencement of demolition activities. Ongoing communication and coordination with neighboring properties have continued throughout this transition into major demolition.

Construction Parking

Throughout March, the project team also continued preparing the Reunion Garage for construction parking, while project trailers began arriving on site mid-month to support the expanding field operations. Temporary loading dock ramp construction remains in progress, with all elevated work being completed this month. The remaining approach work will be completed and open in late April.

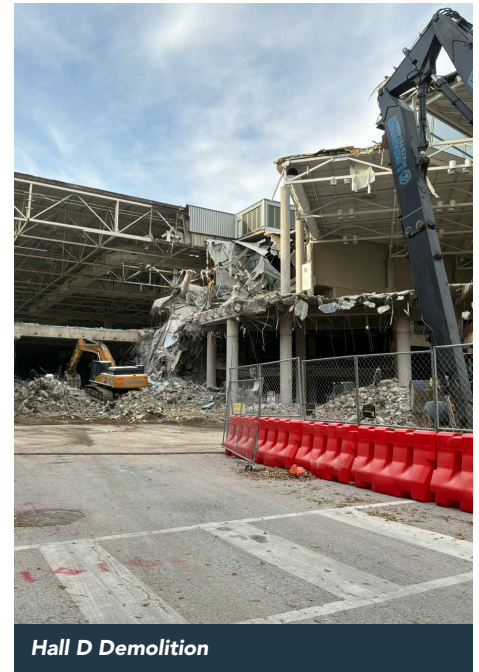
Overall, the first quarter of the year has established a strong foundation for upcoming phases, with visible progress on site, continued collaboration among key partners, and steady advancement of enabling and demolition activities, culminating in the transition to major demolition in March.



Capform removing scaffolding under Truck Ramp



Capform preparing to pour concrete in retaining wall



Hall D Demolition



Demo cleaning up saw cut/stair demo

Sustainability

By partnering with Interface, Shaw, and Armstrong, the project team successfully diverted 151,500 lbs of material from the landfill, by sending 77 pallets of acoustic ceiling tile and 71 pallets of carpet tile back to the manufacturers who will then turn that material into new products.

This circularity effort resulted in a carbon emissions reduction of 142 tons CO₂e. To put this in perspective, this reduction is equivalent to:

- Eliminating 362,000 passenger vehicle miles traveled.
- The carbon sequestered by 2,347 tree seedlings grown for 10 years.

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The impact you made returning 4,936 square yards of EcoLogix® carpet.

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Approximately **1,660 gallons** of gasoline were saved, which is enough to drive **37,900 miles** in an average car.



Approximately **32,600 pounds** of CO₂ were saved, which is equivalent to planting nearly **14 acres** of trees.

Kelly Fall, Executive Vice President/Commercial Division

2/20/2026

Date

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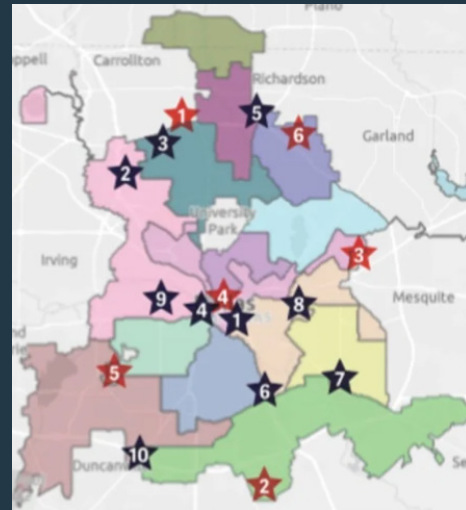


Carpet and ceiling tile ready for Circularity



Our Workforce Development Program

Workforce Development is the strategic process of identifying employer hiring needs, recruiting community members, delivering industry-recognized training, and connecting graduates directly to jobs — all in one integrated pipeline. Unlike traditional job training programs, our model is demand driven: we forecast real labor needs from approved trade partners and train to meet those needs on schedule. Every participant who completes our program earns industry-recognized credentials and is connected to verified employment opportunities.



100+
Program
Graduates

16
Training
Locations

4
Construction
Programs

4+
Funding
Sources

Managing Partners



Our collaborative model unites four key partners to move Dallas residents from recruitment to employment. Workforce Dallas recruits community members citywide through neighborhood networks and job fairs. Dallas College delivers NCCER, OSHA 30, and trade certifications across 6 campuses and 10 workforce centers. Goodwill Industries provides wraparound case management to remove barriers and keep participants on track. The project team connects graduates to verified jobs on KBHCCD Master Plan projects and across North Texas.

Community Workforce Programs



Our community partner organizations bring their own construction training cohorts through Dallas College. Each partner manages their own cohorts and student relationships. The project team supports all participants with job placement services, connecting graduates to positions on KBHCCD Master Plan projects and local North Texas construction projects.

Workforce Spotlight

JULIE F. GUTIERREZ TEAM MEMBER



Julie is the President of Core CMCI, one of the partner firms on the project. Founded in 2015, Core CMCI provides a full suite of construction services including commercial construction, architecture, engineering, and project management.

As a Board Member of the Regional Hispanic Contractors Association, Julie facilitates industry connections, contractor engagement, proactively supports workforce development initiatives and promotes program success.

LINDAMOOD SUBCONTRACTOR



Lindamood, Inc. is a majority woman-owned demolition and earthwork contractor with over 50 years of experience delivering complex, high-profile projects with safety, precision, and efficiency.

At the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, Lindamood has completed most of the selective demolition scope, as well as major structural separations between Halls C and D and the Omni walkway. Following the successful installation of sand protection along Lamar Street, the team is now demolishing the Hall D lobby and the Hall D exhibit slab adjacent to Lamar. Once the slab is removed, Lindamood will begin demolition of the Exhibit Hall D roof and roof trusses as work continues to advance on this transformational project.

Community Outreach Events



2026 HARD HAT CONSTRUCTION EXPO FEBRUARY 18, 2026

The Hard Hat Expo is one of the largest and most diverse construction expos in the Southwest, connecting owners, general contractors, and certified minority-owned construction businesses. Our team was asked to present and promote workforce development and provide project updates.



DALLAS COLLEGE WORKFORCE CENTER – REDBIRD FEBRUARY 5, 2026

This event introduced GMP 1 and provided guidance on small and local participation. Stakeholders were informed of Dallas College’s programming including additional funding opportunities available through the Texas Workforce Commission. Contractors also gained insight into opportunities to upskill their workforce and expand their training pipelines.



RHCA ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 17, 2026

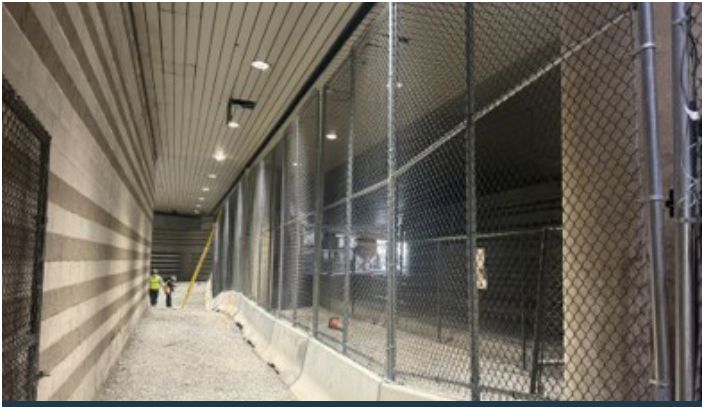
Our project team shared workforce efforts and updated the small and local participation requirements. Steve Whitcraft spoke about GMP 3 that will be the biggest package thus far.



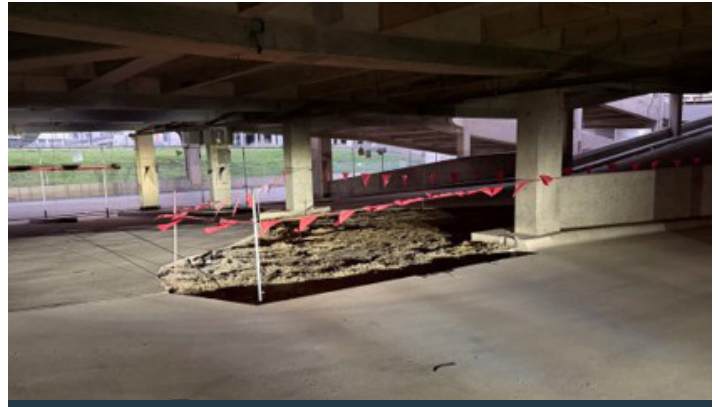
RHCA BUILD & BITE, WOMEN WHO BUILD MARCH 25, 2026

Our team celebrated the women leading and advancing Architecture, Engineering, and Construction across our region.

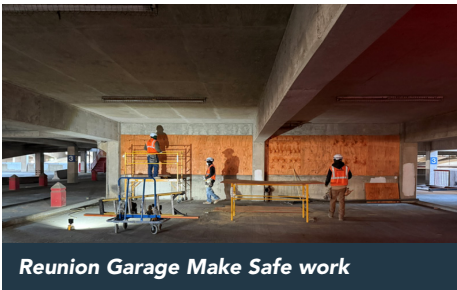
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Cocoon Fencing



Concrete Repairs



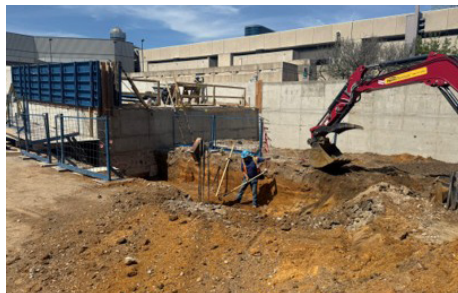
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Reunion Garage Temporary Lighting



Pre-enabling Work - Truck Ramp



Hall D Demolition



Overall Site Photo

IN THE NEWS



[Dallas' new convention center will be built with birds in mind](#)

Source: KERA News

[Major demolition has begun at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas](#)

Source: WFAA

[Major Convention Center Expansion and Renovation Projects](#)

Source: Northstar Meetings Group

[Dallas prepares to be the broadcasting hub for FIFA World Cup 2026](#)

Source: KERA News

[Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center demolition begins](#)

Source: Fox 4 News

[Level Up Downtown: The Epic \\$3.7 Billion Glow-Up of Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center](#)

Source: The Agency Dallas

UPCOMING



Events

RHCA Pillar Awards & Construction Expo

Date: 5/14/26

Time: 8:00 – 11:00am

Location: Renaissance Dallas

RHCA Golf Tournament

Date: 5/18/26

Time: 7:00 – 2:00pm

Location: Renaissance Dallas

Build Fort Worth Construction Expo

Date: 6/24/26

Time: TBD

Location: Rogers Memorial Center

6th Annual Roland Parrish Celebrity Golf Tournament Benefiting Parrish Charitable Foundation

Date: 9/4/26

Time: All day

Location: Golf Club of Dallas

Bidding Opportunities

GMP3 Community Outreach Series

Date: End of April

More details to come!

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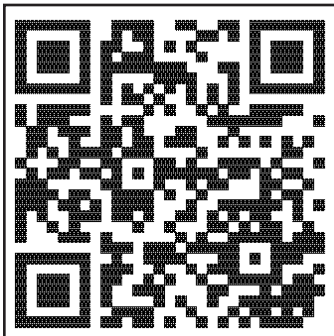
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