Welcome to the first issue of Greater Columbus Convention Center Construction Connection, a brief monthly newsletter designed to provide our valued customers, community partners and stakeholders with the most recent updates regarding our $125 million facility renovation and expansion now underway and slated for completion in July 2017. Through Construction Connection, we’ll share with you milestones reached, progress made and next phases so you’ll be able to track the aspects of the project of particular interest to you. Additional details about the renovation and expansion and other GCCC happenings will be featured in the next issue of our general newsletter, Conventional Wisdom. We appreciate your patience and support during this project. The result will be worth the wait!

EXPANSION AND RENOVATION

To date, five of the 19 scheduled construction phases have been completed. This is about 26 percent of the total project.

A-Pod Meeting Rooms: The renaming of the current A-Pod rooms will be A-101 = Windows Room, A-102 = Ohio Center A, A-103 = Ohio Center B, A-104 = Ohio Center C.

Business Center: The GCCC Business Center has temporarily moved to the location of the former Verizon store in the Food Court & Shops. Once the renovation of the area around the original location of the Business Center is completed, the former Verizon store will then become the new location for JaVa’s, the espresso bar that is part of the Food Court & Shops and currently located just inside the Nationwide Boulevard entrance. A completely new store is being designed and built for JaVa’s.

Café by Exhibit Halls: The north side of the north café will be out of service August 19 to October 22, 2016, with the south side being out of commission November 17, 2016 to February 1, 2017. Food outlets in that area will not be open for business, so guests will be further encouraged to visit other Centerplate portable concessions and the Food Court & Shops.

Connector: Terrazzo flooring has been installed in the east side of the Connector. Work on the west portion of the Connector will be completed by March 1, 2016. Then, all Connector and second-floor mall walls will be removed.

Exhibit Halls: Hall C and Hall D have been painted. Box-type LED lighting fixtures were installed and are active. The new overhead door at Hall F is now operational. Speaker cabling and A/V upgrades will be performed in February.

Exhibit Hall Show Offices: Work dates for constructing upper-level show offices within Exhibit Halls C and D have been scheduled, beginning in August 2016.
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**Exterior:** Caisson installation began in the north expansion. High Street façade restoration begins in late March 2016. Work in the exterior café area will occur June 15 to July 1, 2016 with all the tables, chairs and trees being removed at that time. Grids in the concrete will be filled in to create a blank surface. Improvements will be made on the north side of the exterior café from August 8, 2016 to October 5, 2016. The remaining area of the exterior café will be renovated from November 17, 2016 to February 1, 2017.

**Goodale Entrance:** There will be no access through the north Goodale entrance doors until the end of the expansion project, which will be July 2017. Guests may enter via the High Street doors.

**Grand Ballroom:** Ballroom specialty ceiling installation and the entire ballroom project will be completed by March 1, 2016. The ballroom will then be known as the Union Station Ballroom. As of today, work in the ballroom is about 70 percent complete.

**Meeting rooms:** The first pod of meeting rooms has been completed. The former B-200 rooms have been renamed Eisenman and Trott in honor of the architects involved with the original design of the facility.

**Nielsen’s Convenience Store area:** The Center Lounge area outside Nielsen’s will be unavailable from February 1 to July 1, 2016. There will be designated pathways to access Nielsen’s, which will remain open for business.

**Signage:** As rooms are renovated, the current signage will be removed. Temporary signage will be erected to indicate room names. When each area is completed, new signs will be in place. These new signs can also be concealed with auxiliary signage during the transitional period if clients have promoted the former names of the rooms to their attendees.

**Terrace Ballroom:** The start date for the renovation of this area has been moved to March 21, 2016.

**Triple escalator:** in December 2015, following the completion of ceiling and wall renovation, the scaffolding was removed above the triple escalator leading to and from the exhibit halls. Carpeting will be installed in the main escalator area between the period of February 1 and February 4, 2016.

**Virtual tour:** You can watch our virtual tour of the expansion and renovation at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5rCiJo9eCrU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5rCiJo9eCrU)

**Wall-breaking ceremony:** The wall-breaking ceremony was held October 20, 2015 to officially commemorate the launch of the project.
Hyatt Regency Columbus: Work continues on schedule in the main concourse, with completion expected February 29, 2016. Concierge desk work was completed. The Union meeting rooms have been renovated. In the Presidential meeting rooms, general work and lighting-fixture installation is finished, with the phase to be completed on February 1, 2016. In the Taft Concourse, the Taft Rooms will be out of service from April 4 to July 1, 2016. The Franklin meeting room phase begins March 11, 2016.

GOODALE GARAGE

The Goodale Garage Topping Out Ceremony was held October 27, 2015.

Goodale Street reopened for vehicular travel on December 21, 2015.

Elevator construction will be completed by February 5, 2016.

Art tile installation continues in the elevator lobbies.

LED fins are being installed at the garage site.

All floors of the garage will open to the public in mid-February 2016, with the first guests to be welcomed February 15, 2016 to the 800-space, eight-level garage.

The pedestrian access to the Convention Center from the new garage during the facility renovation and expansion will be to travel west on Goodale Street to High Street, then turn left and enter the closest GCCC building door that is available along High Street in an area not undergoing renovation.