



Frequently Asked Questions - Construction Information

How long will it take to complete this construction project?

The Center is scheduled to be completed in December 2017 or January 2018.

What hours will construction be taking place?

Construction hours are Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. If construction hours need to be extended, we will comply with the City of Oakland's Construction Hours and Site Requirements, which allow for the work to start earlier and end later. If hours must be extended, we will make every effort to give neighbors advance notice.

How will construction of The Center impact the neighborhood?

Construction trucks will use 27th Street and then turn on to West Street to enter the project site. Trucks will line up on-site to avoid back-up and traffic congestion on adjacent streets. If it becomes necessary to close parking lanes adjacent to the site, OUSD will give neighbors advance notice about the location, dates, and times that parking lanes will be closed.

Who do I contact about construction related issues?

OUSD hired two Neighborhood Construction Liaisons from the neighborhood to ensure local concerns and needs are taken into account throughout the construction process. If you have questions about any construction activities, please contact one of the Neighborhood Construction Liaisons.

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How will I know if the project is on schedule?

OUSD will communicate any significant project schedule changes to the community and post information on the project website (www.ousdthecenter.org).

Can I see what is happening on the construction site online?

Yes. A video camera has been installed on the project site that allows the community to see The Center as it's being built. Access to this time-lapsed video is available on our project website (www.ousdthecenter.org). Tours of the future home of The Center located at 2850 West Street are available monthly on the third Wednesday from 9:00am - 9:30am.

Why didn't OUSD go through the City of Oakland Planning Department to ensure the project could be readily monitored by the City of Oakland?

District projects are exempt from City of Oakland regulation and permitting processes. The District is required to comply with state review and approval processes, including design review through the Department of the State Architect, and a detailed environmental review process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.).

How is OUSD addressing the environmental issues associated with this project?

Various mitigation measures are being taken to reduce all the identified potentially significant environmental impacts to a less-than-significant level to ensure the project is in full compliance with CEQA.

Is OUSD addressing the impact of construction on air quality around the site?

Yes. OUSD and its construction team are making sure that construction activities comply with air quality standards set by the State of California. The State regularly monitors air quality at the site.

Are there any concerns about the quality of the soil in the Instructional Farm?

No. Because the District will remove lead impacted soil from the site, soil in the Instructional Farm area will be of less risk than the yards of surrounding properties. Soil sampling at the construction site showed lead impacted soil above health guidelines at the western and southern portions of the site. This is because the site is located in a part of Oakland that was developed in the mid-nineteenth century when lead paint was regularly used, and because the site used to have houses before construction of the former Marcus Foster School. (Because of the wide use of lead-based paints for more than a century in the vicinity, and to some extent the use of leaded gasoline, lead is a widespread contaminant across Oakland.) OUSD is removing soil containing lead above the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) California Human Health Screening Level (which is 82 parts per million for residential exposure).

Will the new building be environmentally friendly?

Yes. The Center buildings will be green facilities constructed using sustainable building technologies. The Center will feature state-of-the-art equipment housed in an efficiently designed space, and the conversion will incorporate modern innovations in sustainable materials, food warehousing, and waste management. Green building practices and processes will be critical features of the building, operations, and education programming at the Center.

What type of job opportunities are available with this project?

Hiring local contractors and local residents to construct this facility is an important goal. We expect The Center will eventually provide jobs for approximately 200-300 workers in a variety of trades, with priority given to those who live in the neighborhood. For more information about construction opportunities at The Center and construction-related resources, please contact Shevonne May at 510-836-0360 or shevonne@360tcpr.com.

OUSD has also expanded on-going recruitment efforts to ensure West Oakland residents have opportunities for employment with OUSD, generally. This includes hosting job fairs and other recruitment activities at sites within the West Oakland neighborhoods (including Hoover Elementary and McClymonds High School).

How do I sign up to receive telephone calls for any urgent or important construction related updates?

If you would like to receive major construction updates by telephone, please call 510-761-8360 or email thecenter@ousd.org and leave your name and telephone number.

How can I learn more about The Center and get involved?

To learn more about the project, visit www.ousdthecenter.org.



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