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Project Update

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Dodgeville Public Library Renovation and Expansion

The City of Dodgeville is pleased to share regular updates on the ongoing renovation and expansion of the Dodgeville Public Library. The project, which represents a significant investment in the community's educational and cultural future, continues to move forward on schedule.

Project Background

In 2014 a space needs study conducted by the Dodgeville Public Library Board of Trustees found the library "critically overcrowded" and recommended a 20,000+ square foot library. In February 2020, the City of Dodgeville passed a referendum for a \$7 million library, but the COVID pandemic paused these plans. In 2024, the City of Dodgeville was awarded a \$4.25 million grant from the State of Wisconsin to help fund the new library. Plans were developed for a library that will serve the people of Dodgeville and the surrounding area for the next generation. Thoughtful consideration went into improving efficiencies, creating a resilient space for emergencies, and developing a welcoming space that reflects the historic downtown - all while making choices to keep costs as low as possible.

Budget Outlook

The total project budget is \$8.95 million, supported by a \$4.25 million Flexible Facilities Project Grant, a \$1 million contribution from the Dodgeville Public Library Foundation, and \$3.7 million from the City of Dodgeville. To date, the project is 59% complete, and the City has been reimbursed \$3,368,325 million in grant funds. A reimbursement request of \$881,648 is outstanding.

Two change orders were recently approved - \$78,806.08 for a retaining wall, and \$14,509.76 for electrical and HVAC work associated with the elevator modernization. An additional change order to address hail damage to the original building's roof is forthcoming. The project remains under budget and updated figures will be shared each month.

Construction Progress

Addition - Masonry and air barrier work is ongoing. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work continues in the addition. Window installation should start shortly.

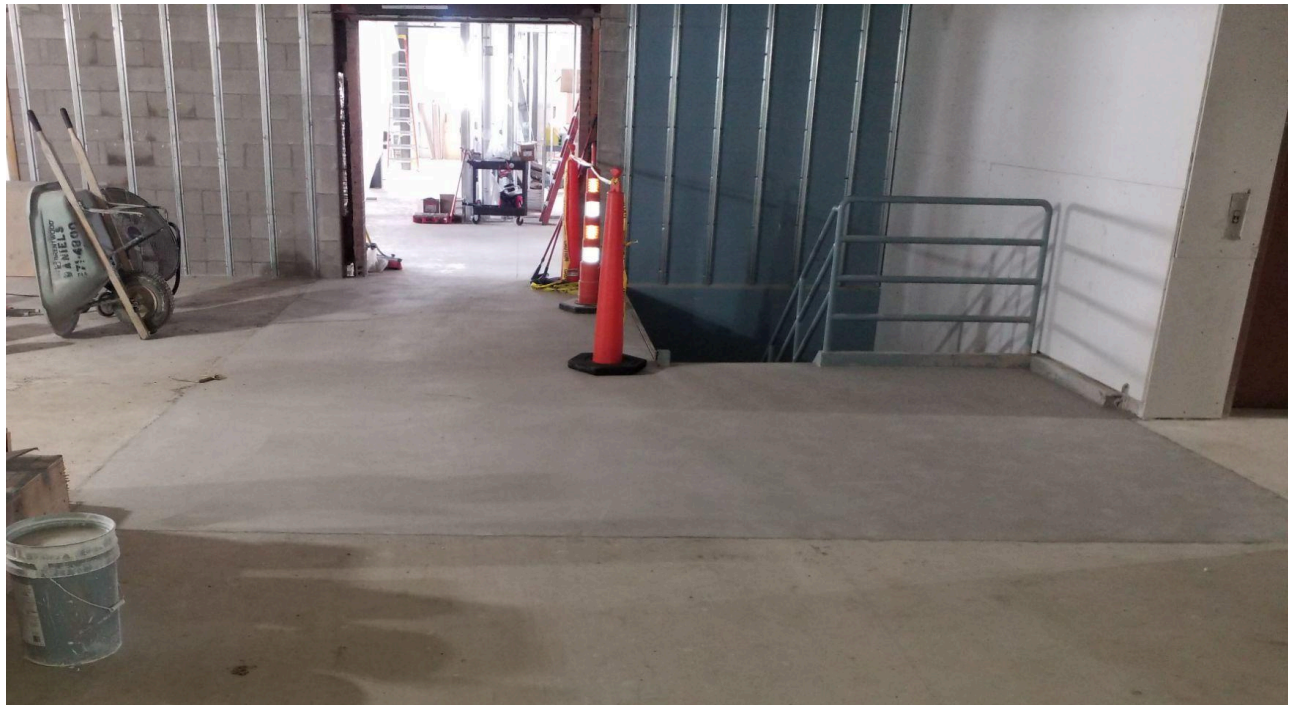
Existing Building - Painting has started on the main level. Cabinets and bathroom vanities are being installed.



Southwest corner showing brickwork and mechanical room exits



Looking northwest out of new front entrance



Main level looking west from existing library space at stairwell and former main exit door with addition beyond.