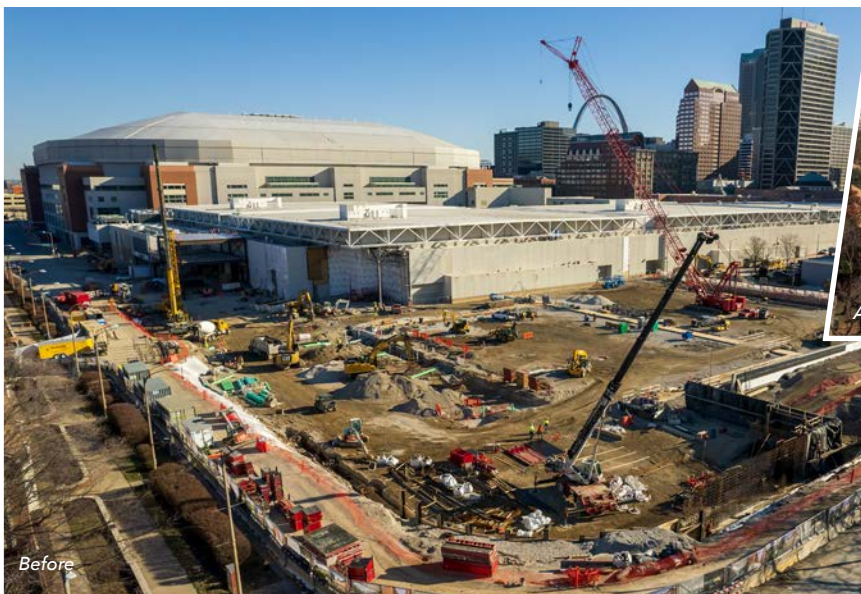


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AMERICA'S CENTER PROGRESS REPORT

We're excited to share with you that the BB 130, sponsored by Alderman Coatar and co-sponsored by Aldermen Clark-Hubbard, Stephens and Guenther, passed unanimously through the Board of Aldermen last Friday. When signed by Mayor Jones, the measure will provide an additional \$30 million to the enhancements and expansion underway at America's Center Convention Complex, bringing the total investment to \$240 million.



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The improvements underway will provide an additional 72,000 square feet of exhibit space and allow for an expansion of America's Center's footprint adjacent to what is presently Hall 4 on the former site of the C-9 parking garage. The exhibit space will feature an attractive new façade, a west entrance and lobby on Martin Luther King Drive and controllable natural light. Adjacent to the new exhibit space, a food farm will grow fresh produce, which our in-house caterer, Levy Restaurants, will use to serve delegates.



To facilitate the seamless movement of freight, we are doubling the number of loading docks on the north side of the complex. The loading docks will also be enclosed, improving aesthetics by concealing the large trucks arriving day and night. Most of these enhancements will be available to our customers between late 2023 and early 2024.



You might recall parking in the circa 1960 privately owned garage adjacent to The Dome and Plaza Entrance that was condemned by St. Louis city due to its condition. Demolition of the garage is complete, the surface has been leveled, and it's awaiting asphalt paving, which will make way for staff and contractor parking in the near term during construction.



The Washington Avenue entrance and lobby will also be improved with new canopies, America's Center branding, a ribbon board to welcome attendees, attractive lighting and carpeting that will extend from the lobby through the gallery serving the exhibit halls. We will also be able to replace the existing (1977) skylights in the second-floor atrium.

Enhancements will be made to create a greenspace between T-REX, Banker's Lofts and the Holiday Inn - in the heart of our downtown innovation district - creating a space for both residents and visitors to gather.

Currently, we're working on details such as the timing of some of these enhancements made possible by the \$30 million appropriation, and we'll continue sharing periodic updates. We want to thank you for your continued support - here's to the future of conventions and events in St. Louis!