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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 67% complete, and the City has been reimbursed \$4,225,000 million in grant funds. A retainage of \$25,000 in grant funds will be held by the State of Wisconsin until project completion.

The project's roofing subcontractor has been engaged to replace the original building's roof due to hail damage. The cost of the roof replacement was covered by insurance. The project remains under budget and updated figures will be shared each month.

Construction Progress

Addition - HVAC systems have been installed and connected to the air handling units. Exterior masonry work is ongoing. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work continues in the addition. Window installation will start shortly.

Original Building - New window installation is ongoing. The opening connecting the two floors is complete. Painting has started on the main level. Cabinets and ceiling grid are being installed. Light inst

Site - a new transformer has been installed and the building is back on permanent power. Work on storm water management systems is ongoing under the future parking lot.



Meeting room



Staff Workroom



Air handling units



Original building - facing east