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Senator Chris McDaniel, Co-Chair  
Representative Jason Petrie, Co-Chair  
Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue  
702 Capital Avenue  
Frankfort, Ky 40601

Dear Senator McDaniel and Representative Petrie,

During my testimony before the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriation and Revenue September 18, 2024, I provided an update regarding the progress on the 3 major components of the Capitol Renovation project occurring on the Capitol Campus, the Capitol Dome Restoration, the Capitol Renovation, and the Temporary Chambers. At the conclusion, you requested that I submit to you scheduled activities or anticipated “milestones” for major projects occurring on the Capitol Campus. This document should provide the current anticipated schedule that I have been provided by EOP Engineering and Messer Construction, working through the Finance and Administration Cabinet’s Department for Engineering and Contract Administration.

**Capitol Dome anticipated schedule of major milestones**

- Through end of 2024 Drum limestone cleaning and repairs.
- Spring 2025 Lantern removal, concrete slab and collar, roof hatch, new lantern steel. Concrete dome shell repairs and waterproofing installation. Terra Cotta shipping, mock-ups, and installation.
- Mid 2026 Upper scaffold removed. Gallery slab replacement and roofing.
- Fall 2026 Remainder of scaffold removal.
- Early 2027 Project close-out.

**Capitol Renovation anticipated schedule of major milestones**

Electric and Early Equipment Procurement

- 10/24 Historic lighting, electric gear and HVAC equipment – Finance-DECA review for bid.
- 01/25 Bid package contracting and release.

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**Site and Building Utilities**

- 11/24 Finance-DECA review for bid preparation.
- 1/25 Bid package contracting and release.

**Selective removals, Structural Demolition**

- 12/24 Finance-DECA review for bid preparation.
- 3/25 Bid package contracting and release.
- 6/25 Construction start - demolition.

**Building Renovation**

- 1/25 90% documents prepared for submission for Phase C; Finance-DECA review for bid preparation.
- 6/25 Bid package contracting and release.
- 7/25 Construction start.

**Temporary Chambers**

- 10/24 Installation of ceiling tiles, lighting and paint.
- 11/24 Flooring installation; restroom partitions; casework doors and hardware.
- 12/24 Installation of plumbing and fixtures; final devices; final inspections/punch lists and; substantial completion.

As I testified on September 18, 2024, as preliminary work on the project was undertaken, more detailed information came to light regarding the condition and needs of the 114-year-old historic building. Some of the restorations are more expensive than originally estimated. Where we were originally told a restoration could occur, upon further examination, it was determined replacement would be needed. Yet, moving forward with the budget as estimated in 2021 and funded in 2022, we have worked with the engineering/design firm to determine what is required for building preservation, occupant and visitor safety and security, and code compliance to move forward with current estimates, staying within project scope and budget. We have diligently worked to move the project forward to this point within the budget provided, while addressing unanticipated issues.

While we have done much to anticipate, identify and account for potential issues, we must recognize this is a unique historic building project. In similar projects, invariably, new issues arise once the project moves to the demolition/construction phase. The current plan does not provide for new, unexpected issues that could not have been predicted or additional expenses that may only be known at this phase. While we are optimistic, we are also realistic that in this historic building project, we will uncover issues that will need to be addressed.

Thank you,



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Secretary

CC: Jennifer Hays, Committee Staff Administrator