



## Jefferson HS Modernization / Project Update / March, 2024

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This message is part of a regular series of updates from the Jefferson Project team to keep you informed as the Jefferson Modernization project moves through its reassessment phase. You can read previous updates [here](#).

Since [our last update](#), the Project Team has been working to document detailed site conditions and City requirements at the north end of the Jefferson campus, and to understand how those conditions will impact site and building layouts. Because the building will move to a new location on the campus, the team must take a new look at traffic patterns, potential construction boundaries, existing easements, existing trees, adjacent buildings, access and security, among other things. Gathering this information takes time but informs what will be possible in the upcoming design.

In February, the Project Team attended a Design Advice Request meeting with the City's Historic Landmarks Commission. A Design Advice Request is an optional request for preliminary, advisory feedback from the Historic Landmarks Commission prior to submission of a Historic Resource Review. We requested feedback regarding potential pathways to demolishing the 1909 building, which is currently classified as a "contributing resource" to the Piedmont Conservation District. Commissioners expressed support for the Team to request reclassification of the 1909 building to "noncontributing resource" through a historic resource designation removal review. A 120-day demolition delay would follow. The Project Team is now working on next steps to pursue this request.

The Project Team has been mapping out key project dates for the design, permitting, construction and completion of the new plan. Understanding schedule is critical to understanding the cost of the project, because costs go up over time. The contractor, Anderson Construction, and a separate independent cost estimator, Rider Levett Bucknall, are both developing updated construction cost estimates for us. The schedule and project cost

estimate will be provided as part of the new plan presentation to the School Board's Facilities & Operations Committee on March 20th and the full School Board on April 2nd.

The Project Team is working with Jefferson's administration team to develop an engagement plan for the upcoming Jefferson design that centers student voice as well as internal and community stakeholder input. The proposed engagement plan will also be provided to the Board for discussion in April.

For additional project information please visit the [Jefferson Modernization website](#). If you have a question or comment for the Project Team please email us at [JHSBond@pps.net](mailto:JHSBond@pps.net)