

UCAMA Construction Report #2

Because of the number of inquiries we have received regarding the progress of our new museum facility on Jasper Avenue, UCAMA has decided to prepare month end construction reports. These reports will be sent out to our friends and supporters until Phase 1 is complete.

Work is progressing well. The concrete stairwell on the southwest corner of the building facing Jasper Avenue has been poured and the forms removed on the basement level. The stairwell can be seen in the right foreground of the photograph. Steel rebar has been added to form columns in the western half of the basement and concrete forms have been poured around the rebar. These columns will be used to support the first floor. You can see the blue columns on the right back the panoramic shot of the construction site.



The second photograph shows a portion of the extensive steel beam shoring system used to support the historic brick walls during construction as well as workers building the form for the stairwell.

What is not visible in these photographs is the new construction that is taking place in the former alley on the east side of the building. Steel interlocking plates will be installed next to the side walk which will allow for an efficient foundation construction.

The city is in the process of approving the storm water and sewer connections to the main lines under Jasper Avenue which will then allow the remainder of the basement floor slab to be poured.

The architects have reported that modifications to the shoring and a new construction method should allow a large section of the first floor slab to be poured shortly.

Stay tuned for further updates next month.

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