

Bayou CCAP Construction Update

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Architect: Cannon Design

Builder: Kitchell Construction

Completed Milestones:

- Construction Documents – 90%
- Office Relocations

In Progress:

- Final Construction Documents
- Initial Lab Clean-Outs and Relocations
- Variable Air Volume box changeout preparation

Next Steps:

- Demolition for new classrooms
 - Start of Variable Air Volume box changeouts
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- Faculty and Staff office moves are complete. College of Business personnel consolidated into existing CoB areas and CSE moved into the Bayou 3321 Suite. Demolition will begin shortly in the B3525 and 3521 Suite areas in preparation for creating new teaching labs in these spaces.
 - Lab cleanouts and moves continue. All lab chemicals and biological specimens have been relocated or disposed of. Kitchell has taken control of much of the B33 and B35 lab spaces as a few final equipment relocations are pending. Construction barriers have been set up around this area.
 - Construction barriers have also been set up around the B3400 and B3604 areas. Demolition will begin soon in these areas as they are prepared to house new classrooms.
 - In support of the third-floor construction, there will be a significant amount of utility work in the ceilings of the second-floor West side of the building. The execution of this work is in the final planning stage, and occupants of these areas should be prepared for construction disruptions to start soon.
 - One significant component of the entire project is the replacement of about six hundred “Variable Air Volume” (or VAV) air conditioning units throughout the entire building – all floors and all areas. This overdue update to Bayou’s air conditioning system is needed to improve control and energy efficiency throughout the entire building. These VAV units live above the ceilings of offices, hallways, classrooms, and in every corner of the building. The typical time to change out a single unit varies from two to five days, and while individual space disruptions will be minimal, most every space in Bayou will be affected in some way.
 - An early step of preparing to change out the VAV units is performing asbestos abatement as needed around the units. This typically involves very small quantities of well-contained material. In order to make the process as efficient as possible, the abatement contractor will be using portable abatement platforms like the one pictured below (top left). This allows for the safe and complete enclosure of the area being cleaned while easily moving from area to area. Expect to see these platforms pop up and come down all around Bayou on all floors of the building during the next few months.

