

# Expo Future MERC Update

April 1 to 25, 2025



## Phase 3 major activities, as resolved by MERC and Metro Council

### Representation & memorialization of histories and cultures at the site

- H1. Assess feasibility of HSMC's recommendations
- H2. Develop implementation strategy for feasible recommendations
- H3. Conduct a cultural resources assessment
- H4. Conduct engineering study of Hall A's integrity, reuse capacity
- H5. Discuss engineering findings with community and develop recommendations for future use of Hall A
- H6. Engage with interested Tribes re: memorialization and representation in partnership with Tribal Affairs
- H6. Identify approach to governance and engagement for development of site interpretive plan
- H7. Develop site interpretive plan

### Sports pivot and redevelopment

- S1. Continued analysis and refinement of preferred sports scenario
- S2. Propose interim investment in sports equipment for Halls D & E
- S3. Develop and present criteria for solicitation of public-private partnership by June 30, 2025
- S4. Ensure that the pursuit of sports uses at Expo supports R & M recommendations and does not commodify or harm involved partners and communities
- S5. Make every effort to pursue sports events at Expo (specific to Expo Center staff)

## Work completed in this reporting period

### Representation & memorialization activities

- Expo cultural resources assessment: work on a research-only assessment to identify known and potential archaeological and historic resources is underway and will be completed by June 30, 2025.
- Work to draft scope for Hall A engineering study continues.

### Administrative activities

- FY 25-26 workplan updated in accordance with COO budget, elimination of project manager position
- April newsletter written, distributed

### Sports pivot and redevelopment activities

- Delivered April 3 workshop on public-private partnerships with Assoc. for Improvement of American Infrastructure (AIAI). Eighty-four people attended.
- Staff attended AIAI conference, received valuable project input from experienced P3 developers.
- Work to draft scope for engineering study for Halls D&# sports equipment retrofit continues
- Launched "development" section on Expo Future website, completed development fact sheet.

## Key work planned for the next quarter

- Contractor's completion of Expo cultural resources assessment
- Secure engineer(s) for initial assessment of Hall A and Halls D&E
- Update remaining sections of project website and project fact sheet
- Finalize project governance structure
- Complete Tribal engagement planning with Tribal Affairs staff
- Provide MERC, Council with draft criteria for selection of private development partner