



Talking Stick Resort Arena Renovation Update

This report provides the City Council with information on the progress and next steps regarding the renovation of the City-owned Talking Stick Resort Arena (TSRA).

Summary

Beginning in December 2018 and throughout January 2019, City staff hosted a series of community meetings regarding TSRA infrastructure needs, economic impact and community benefits of the City's downtown. At the Jan. 23, 2019 City Council Formal meeting, the City Council authorized approximately \$230 million in funding for renovations at TSRA. As part of the funding agreement, the Phoenix Suns, operator of the facility, committed to a number of significant private investments throughout the community.

Since approval by City Council in January 2019, the renovation has been in progress and is scheduled to be completed, on schedule, by October 2021. Work will be broken into phases, some of which will require temporary cessation of events at the TSRA during the NBA off-season. The work to be completed in the first year includes expanding space for fans on the event level, remodeling the main entry pavilion, new and improved concessions, and better sight lines into the seating bowl. Major infrastructure work is also included in the first year, from sewer line replacement, to new escalators and more efficient air handlers. Replacement of various building systems as part of the renovation also will make the facility more sustainable. For example, converting to LED lighting is anticipated to reduce lighting energy consumption by 40 percent.

On Feb. 21, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Downtown Phoenix Inc. will host a community forum at WeWork's Block 23 location, where the City and Phoenix Suns will provide an update on the TSRA renovations. This discussion will include anticipated features and benefits of the TSRA's reimagination, as well as renovation impacts, such as the temporary discontinuation of events from approximately April 27, 2020 through Oct. 7, 2020.

Attachment A describes a summary of progress made to date in the TSRA renovations.

Additional progress has been made in the community pursuant to the City's agreement with the Suns for the arena renovation. The Suns have donated \$10 million to charitable organizations that benefit the Phoenix community. Additionally, the renovation contractor, Okland Construction Company, partnered with the Suns and the City to host an outreach event to encourage small and local businesses to participate in the project. More than 100 companies attended the event, and 40 small business enterprises registered to play a role in the project.

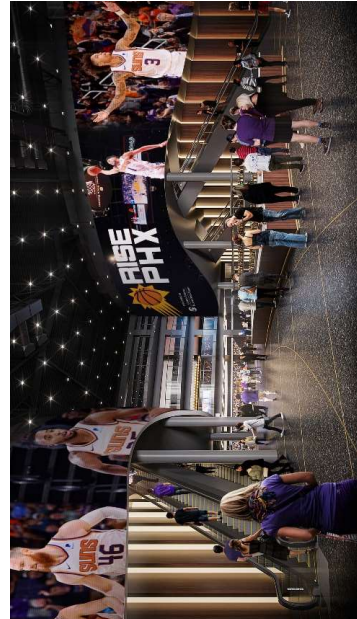
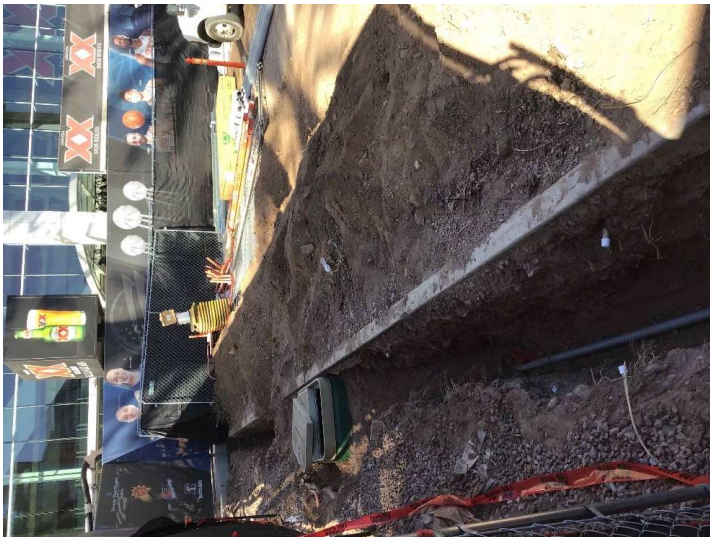
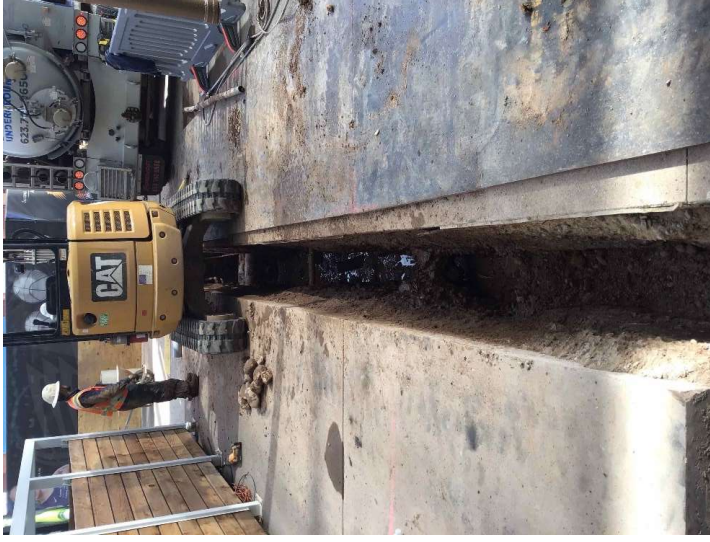
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201 E. Jefferson St.
Council District: 7

Responsible Department

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ATTACHMENT A



Arena Renovation Progress

February 5, 2020

Demolition to Prepare Future Commissary & Loading Dock

Improve efficiency of food service and infrastructure and support facility logistical needs



Infrastructure Replacement

Out with the old, corroded pipes, in with the new



Infrastructure Replacement

Trenching for sewer replacement and new utility hole to access lines for future maintenance



History and Infrastructure Replacement

While digging to install new sewer lines like these, early 20th century bottles were discovered and documented for the City Archaeologist



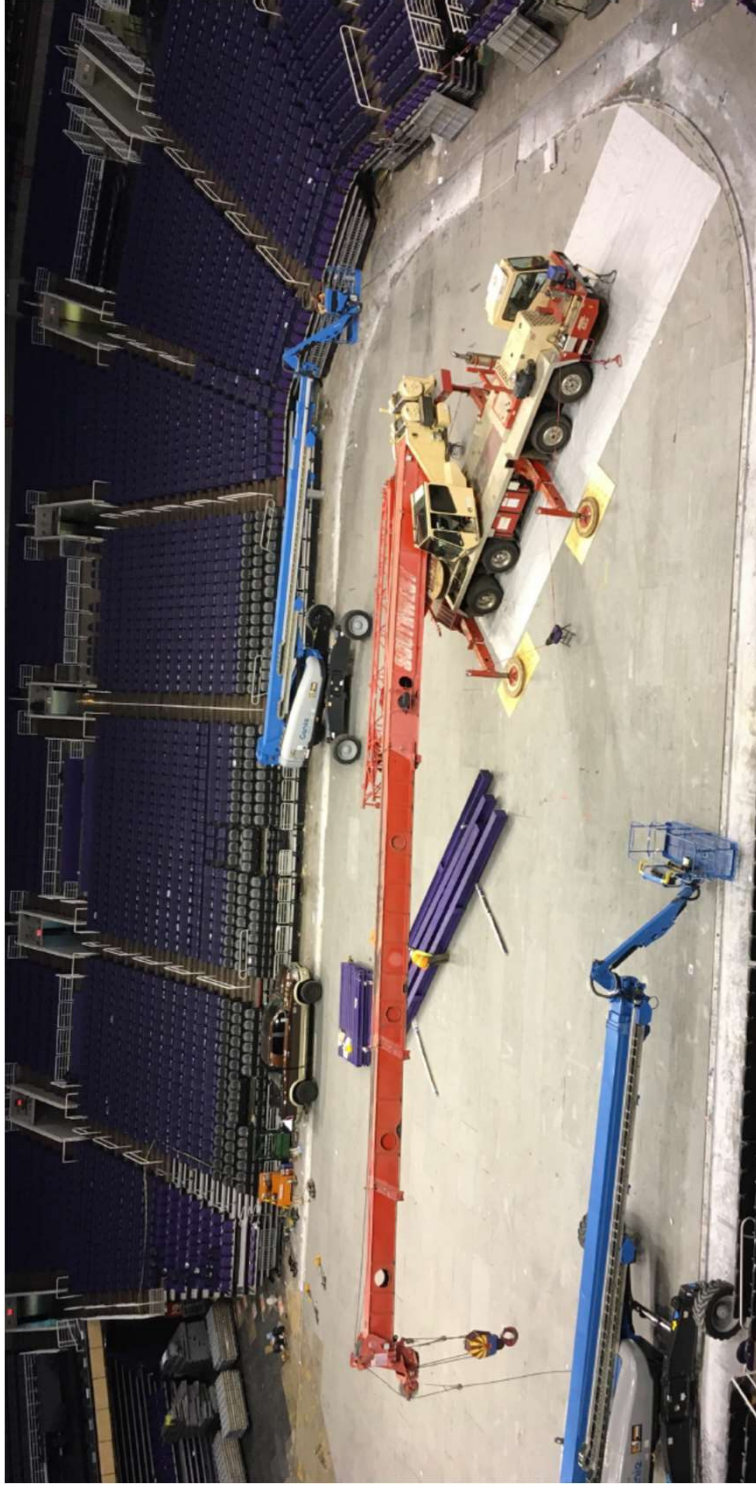
Event Level Demolition

Convert former back of house space to VIP clubs



Rigging Grid Mobilization

Strengthen roof so concerts can stage bigger and better sets / speakers



Rigging Grid Installation

Strengthen roof so concerts can stage bigger and better sets / speakers

