



AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY

Construction Update

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Clark Construction is delivering a new Australian Embassy at 1601 Massachusetts Avenue NW. Throughout the building process, we are committed to build safely, be a good neighbor, and keep the community informed of our operations on site. This project update contains information about current and future construction activities.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS:

To pave the way for a new, state-of-the-art building, crews have completed the above-grade demolition of the existing Embassy structure and are currently working on the excavation and removal of the below-grade structure.



Approximate Excavation Timeline

Existing Building Rubble Excavation: anticipated completion early September
Break / Excavate Existing Building Footings: early September to end of September
Excavate for Lowest Level of New Structure: end of September to late October

Excavation crews are currently utilizing hoe ram attachments on excavators to break up larger rubble to allow for removal from the site. Following completion of this work, they will break apart and excavate the existing building footings. We anticipate this work will continue for the next four to five weeks, after which will begin excavating for the lowest level of the new structure. Should we encounter rock during this activity, we will use hoe ram attachments to break it apart. We expect that the noise from these operations will diminish some as crews move deeper into the excavation. **Barring weather or equipment delays, we anticipate the excavation activity to be complete around the end of October.**

During the final phase of excavation (late September thru late October), we will commence work on the new Embassy structure. A tower crane will be installed during this time to support concrete operations.

Your continued patience during what we know is a challenging time has enabled us to move this project forward in the safest and most efficient manner possible. Thank you!

PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC FLOW:

The 16th Street sidewalk has re-opened. We anticipate closing this sidewalk again in mid-September to allow for the installation of a tower crane and initial concrete pours through the end of October. During this phase of work, pedestrians will be routed to cross 16th Street NW at P Street NW, or down O Street NW to continue West of 16th Street NW.

VEHICLE TRAFFIC FLOW:

With excavation underway, an increased number of trucks are now entering and exiting the site. Truck drivers will stage in the western most lane of the 16th Street access road and be flagged into and out of the site via Massachusetts Avenue.

CONTACT US:

We have established a dedicated email address to enable neighbors to reach us with questions or concerns about the project:

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We remain committed to responding to all inquiries in a timely manner.