



New Downtown Campus



Kress Updates High Falls Business Groups

MCC President Anne M. Kress updated members of the High Falls Business Association and High Falls Business Improvement District on the new downtown campus' progress at their Jan. 21 meeting.

Kress overviewed the project's timeline, progress to date and potential campus features, but above all emphasized the college's interest in and commitment to being a positive, contributing member of the High Falls neighborhood.

Noting his multiple perspectives—chief executive officer of project developer LaBella Associates, which is located in High Falls, and a member of the MCC Foundation board of directors—Sergio Esteban said, “We are so happy to have MCC as a neighbor. LaBella is creating a campus that we are not only proud of as engineers and architects, but also pleased to have in our neighborhood.”

High Falls business representatives in attendance expressed interest in and support for the new campus. Questions and comments touched on class patterns, parking and transportation, safety plans, potential for growth, and opportunities for synergies between the campus and the neighborhood.

Kress' presentation complemented Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks' remarks to about 450 attendees at the Rochester Downtown Development Corporation and Rochester Rotary Club luncheon on Dec. 10. County Executive Brooks highlighted MCC's campus as an example of the positive changes happening in the city of Rochester.



MCC President Anne M. Kress discusses the project's progress with the High Falls Business Association and High Falls Business Improvement District.

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– Sergio Esteban, chief executive officer of LaBella Associates



Links to follow project's progress:

MCC: <http://www.monroecc.edu/downtown> provides the college's vision for the campus, a timeline of key events in the project's life, news clippings, a photo gallery and an architectural animation.

DiMarco Constructors: <http://mccdowntown.dimarcoconstructors.com> features regular project updates and images showing interior work underway.



Budget:

\$72 million

Project timeline:

• **Spring-Summer 2014**

Discussions among architects, MCC and Monroe County project leaders, and MCC employees about the college's vision for and needs within the new campus

• **Spring-Fall 2014**

Design development

• **Winter 2014-Spring 2015**

Separation of infrastructure from Eastman Kodak Co. and Carestream Health Inc.

• **Spring-Summer 2015**

Construction contracts awarded

• **Fall 2015-Spring 2017**

Construction

• **Summer 2017**

Move-in

Project partners:

DiMarco Constructors
LaBella Associates
Monroe County

First Phase of Interior Work Underway



Ceilings, carpet, furniture, light fixtures, exit signs and some utility conduits (left) have been removed to prepare the area for asbestos abatement.

Below, the area before asbestos removal activities began.

Work on the building's interior is underway to prepare Monroe Community College's new downtown campus for main construction.

The first phase of the interior work, which began in December, includes:

- Separating MCC's future campus from the adjoining buildings owned by Eastman Kodak Co. and Carestream Health Inc., including the separation of utilities and connecting bridges.
- Performing selective demolition, such as ceiling removal.
- Abating asbestos.



Under the oversight of the project's construction manager DiMarco Constructors, several local contractors are doing the work: Environmental Construction Group, Crosby-Brownlie, Naval Construction Services, Eastcoast Electric, and Steve General Contractor.

The project is moving forward in partnership with the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services and is on schedule for a fall 2017 opening.

Agreement Reached to Use Local Labor for New Downtown Campus Project

A project labor agreement with 16 local unions will be implemented for MCC's new downtown campus.

The agreement was announced by Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks at a news conference on Feb. 9. Joining her were Rochester Building and Trades Council President Dave Young and MCC President Anne M. Kress.

A project labor agreement (PLA) ensures local jobs and the lowest cost for the best quality workmanship. An economic benefits analysis shows the potential cost savings of using the PLA for MCC's new downtown campus to be \$644,000.

"We are designing this campus to meet local educational and training needs, so it's only appropriate that we build it

with the local workforce," Kress said.

Monroe County has negotiated and implemented PLAs for other MCC projects, including the 2010-11 renovation of The Gleason Hall of Science and Technology and the 2007-08 construction of the Louis S. and Molly B. Wolk Center for Excellence in Nursing.

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