



## **Maryland Department of General Services Project to Secure the Government Campus Utility System Now Underway**

### **Lawyers' Mall Q & A**

#### **Q: What is going on at Lawyers' Mall?**

A: The Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) has begun a multi-phased project that includes full utility replacement, plaza replacement, new landscaping, and other improvements to Lawyers' Mall underground infrastructure. The Annapolis government campus' utilities (power, steam, chilled water, domestic hot water) are distributed from the Annapolis Campus central plant, with an infrastructure that varies in age. Portions of the system were last replaced in 2005 and 2011. The overall project will include full utility replacement, plaza replacement, new landscaping, and other improvements.

#### **Q: Why does this need to happen? Why was it made emergency status?**

A: The oldest sections of the steam system is deteriorating and releasing steam, which requires our central plant to compensate for the steam loss. Not replacing the oldest section of the steam distribution system will eventually result in an operation failure to produce heat or hot water for the Annapolis campus.

#### **Q: What is phase 1 of the project?**

A: The first phase of the project is estimated to last at least a year and includes the utilities from the front of the House Office building across College Avenue. The current project replaces the oldest remaining section of the steam distribution system.

#### **Q: What is the budget? How much is this going to cost? Where is the money coming from?**

A: The estimated budget to address the multi-phased infrastructure is approximately \$11 million, this includes the steam line infrastructure as well as design and reconstruction of Lawyers' Mall. The project has been in state construction plans since 2013. Currently the project is in the 2019 Fiscal Year Capital Budget as a standalone project under the Board of Public Works.



**Q: Will construction affect the surrounding roads?**

A: At various times during construction, traffic patterns will be rerouted or modified on State Circle and College Avenue. Large machinery, construction equipment, or temporary utilities may also obstruct State Circle during construction. Upon completion, roads, walkways, and plazas will be restored.

**Q: Will construction continue during session? Will construction affect demonstrators in Lawyer's Mall?**

A: Construction in Lawyers' Mall will continue during the legislative session. During the construction period, DGS will provide alternate locations for demonstrators.

**Q: How can the public view pictures of the construction?**

A: Please click link below for live video of Lawyers' Mall:

<http://webcampub.multivista.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=aPublicWebcam.page&WebcamPublicPageUID=8C9B08A1-274F-450F-9632-F435C9313493>

**Q: What will happen to the status of Thurgood Marshall, Donald Gaines Murray, and the Anonymous Children Representing Brown v. the Board of Education?**

A: Please click link below to learn more about the protection of the Lawyer's Mall artistic property.

<https://dgs.maryland.gov/Documents/ThurgoodMarshall-FAQ.pdf>