



Project Description
Isthmus Montessori Academy
March 14, 2022

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The existing Isthmus Montessori Academy (IMA) facility sits on approximately 2.5 acres of land; they are in the process of acquiring the adjacent 2.4 acre parcel. Their existing building is two-stories and 24,405 s.f. (14,466 s.f. 1st Floor, 9,939 s.f. 2nd Floor) – the proposed two-story addition will be 44,435 s.f. (27,432 s.f. 1st Floor, 17,003 s.f. 2nd Floor). The addition will be home to additional academic learning spaces, administrative offices, a gymnasium, and a 300-seat theatre. The parking lot layout will be upgraded to improve the traffic flow of both parental traffic and bus traffic. The exterior fenced-in courtyard space will be home to some playground equipment and some exterior classroom learning spaces.

School hours are and will remain as follows: Staff arrive at 7:30am and most leave at 4:00pm. Children arrive at 8:00am and leave at 3:pm.

The project is located in Urban Design District No. 4 and is in Aldermanic District No. 12 (Alder Syed Abbas).

Design:

IMA and our design team have diligently worked to create an addition that seamlessly blends into the existing structure. The design intent for the addition is to become the main “front door” access to the facility and to provide a welcoming environment for the students, their families, and guests. A central courtyard pathway has been established for this arrival with the northern edge of the facility also containing a separate theatre entrance. The primary exterior building materials are consistent with the existing structure of masonry, glass and metal panel.

The site design is largely driven by establishing a safe and efficient method of student drop off by both car and bus. A new access point off of Pankratz Street has been added to aid in the arrival/departure traffic pattern for all.

C.S.M.:

MSA has been working closely with the County and the Airport Commission on the extended land lease. The location of the existing bike path that cuts down the center of the parcel is being finalized as well as a public sanitary access easement. We are proceeding with an concurrent approval process with the Airport Commission, the County, and the City. A working copy of the C.S.M. is included with this submittal.

Project Schedule:

Construction Start – Early Summer 2022

Construction Completion – Fall 2023

Organizational Structure:

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Thank you for your time in reviewing our proposal.

Sincerely,



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