



Design Phase Extended for Transformational Jackson YMCA *Final Design Refinements Underway Before Project Start*

JACKSON, Mich., May 30, 2023 – Progress continues on the transformational Jackson YMCA, with final design refinements underway, similar to final choices being made before start of new home construction. The Jackson YMCA Board, Leadership and external consultants all express confidence in the transformational project.

“We are committed to being good stewards of community funds. By increasing time for design and breaking down the subcontractor work differently, we hope to make the project more accessible and attractive to local bidders, increase transparency and reduce costs,” said Jackson YMCA CEO Shawna Tello. She also noted that as a result of this bid refinement process, the groundbreaking event expected for May could not occur. That event will take place prior to the start of construction.

Kyle Oberdorf, Project Manager for Granger Construction, noted that once the design refinement, funding, bidding, and contract awards schedule are established, Granger will revise the construction milestone schedule and re-bid some of the work. That process is now underway. Oberdorf added that with these proposed shifts in schedule, phasing and bid scopes, contractors who did not bid initially may be in a better position to bid. The project team also intends to expand the bid invitation to more potential bidders to increase engagement.

Separately, “Gro, a company nationally recognized for YMCA facility design and development consulting, continues to support our new YMCA project. Gro was recently re-engaged to collaborate with Granger in this final stage of design. Gro officials recently came to Jackson again and toured our facility to get additional first-hand knowledge of our members’ evolving needs,” said Tello.

Granger remains in contact with Michigan companies interested in bidding on respective trade categories. All interested parties are encouraged to reach out to Granger Project Manager, Kyle Oberdorf (koberdorf@grangerconstruction.com), to ensure they are included in distribution of bidding documents.

The YMCA’s successful capital campaign supports reimagined use of its current, large facility, with the vision of a healthy living campus in the heart of downtown Jackson. The YMCA, recently celebrated its 127th year of service in Jackson, raised more than \$25 million in pledges and contributions, the largest amount for a Y in Michigan’s history. Donations to the

Y's capital campaign are still appreciated. For more information, visit www.JacksonYMCA.org or contact Shawna Tello.

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About the Jackson YMCA:

Since 1896 the Jackson YMCA has worked to provide opportunities for individuals of all walks of life. The Y serves men and women of all ages, religions and economic backgrounds through programs focused on youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. A volunteer board of directors provides leadership to the Association, a member of the national organization: The YMCA of the USA. Visit www.JacksonYMCA.org.

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