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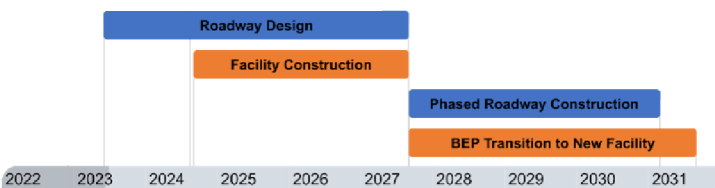
BEP Replacement Facility Quarterly Newsletter

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This Quarter's Focus: ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

This quarterly newsletter is a collaboration between the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District, with the intent to keep the community informed of the progress on the BEP replacement currency production facility at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). USACE signed an interagency agreement with BEP in March 2019 to coordinate this replacement effort, including environmental assessments and design and construction oversight for the Main facility and supporting structures, parking and stormwater management facilities, roadway access and improvements, utility connections, security systems, and access control.



Proposed schedule for identified roadway improvements

- Roadway improvement design includes improvements for six intersections, with construction expected to start in 2027, following the construction of the BEP Currency Production Facility (CPF).
- Roadway improvement design is in progress, with concept design expected for completion in DEC 2023. USACE is contracted to perform the roadway improvement design with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) managing the execution of the construction.
- Three intersections (6, 7 and 8) are located along Edmonston Road. Proposed improvements include roadway widening, signalization modification and stormwater upgrades.
- Three intersections (12, 13 and 14) are located at the intersection of B.W. Parkway and Powdermill Rd. Proposed improvements include turn lane improvements, new traffic signals and stormwater upgrades.
- Intersection 10 at the BEP CPF access road will be built with the construction of the facility.
- Offsite roadway improvement agency engagement continues with National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), Prince George's County Department of Public Works (DPW), Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), National Park Service (NPS) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

What is the Bureau of Engraving and Printing?

BEP is the bureau within the U.S. Department of the Treasury responsible for designing and printing U.S. currency notes at the request of the Federal Reserve Board. BEP currently operates currency production facilities in Washington, D.C. and Fort Worth, Texas. BEP's current Washington, D.C. facility is more than 100 years old and limits BEP's ability to modernize its operations, so BEP, in coordination with USACE, is planning the construction and operation of a more efficient, modern facility at BARC to meet currency production needs.

Project Status Updates



Environmental

BEP completed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), with the Record of Decision (ROD) signed in October 2021. A Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) is currently ongoing. The purpose of the EA is to evaluate the potential impacts to traffic and utilities mitigation. The development of the Supplemental EA has been extended to incorporate the six proposed off-site roadway improvements in progress.



Upcoming Events & Milestones

- Fall 2023: NCPC Final Submission NCPC Review
- Fall 2023: 30% Offsite Roadway Design Submission
- Early 2024: Public Review of Draft BEP Traffic and Utilities Mitigation Supplemental EA
- Summer 2024: Completed supplemental NEPA documentation for traffic and utilities

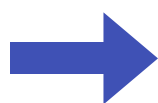
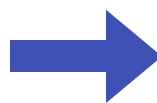
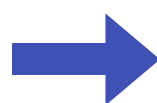


Design

BEP and their design partners have completed the schematic (15 percent), concept design (35 percent), and preliminary design (65 percent) of the replacement facility, which includes the building footprint, interior layout, and facility site design. Final Design to be completed December 2023.



Estimated Project Schedule



Site Preparation: Existing building demolition/hazardous material safe removal and disposal

Design Complete

Construction Start

Construction End

Fully Operational

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