

Message from the Executive Director, Robert Herrera



Hello to everyone and welcome to another issue of our monthly newsletter. Our featured projects include a look at our agricultural facility support areas, the ground breaking of a new building, and a look at our beautiful landscapes. The staff of Project Development and Engineering really enjoy bringing these projects to you. Please feel free to reach out to any of our project managers for questions on a specific project or I can be reached via email at rh@nmsu.edu to help answer any questions. Thank you, and as always, I hope you enjoy this edition and I look forward to seeing you around campus.

CMT Groundbreaking Ceremony



When something new and fresh presents itself, there will always be a certain buzz that follows. The heavily anticipated introduction of the new, Creative Campus was no different. Honorary guests from all over the state were invited to gather and break ground to welcome DACC's Creative Media Technologies building. Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham was among the honorary guests and delivered a speech thanking everyone's hard work and dedication to make this event possible. Project Manager,

Robert Estrada, has been assigned to manage this project from concept to completion. The program will bring major collaborations among economic and community development, film industries and digital media technologies. PD&E, Facilities and Services were available through the planning process of this event and Arrowhead Park offered their support when needed. DACC also sent out a giant helping hand by having their very own culinary students prepare and distribute catering services throughout the event. Their upper administration and student body went above and beyond to really turn this into a success.

Challenges Within the Industry

Did you know, there have been 67 high-temperature records that have been broken just in the U.S. this past year alone? The summer months are fast approaching, and that means that construction workers and industries will have to take the proper safety measures on the job to reduce heat-related injuries, illnesses, and even fatal accidents. According to, (Matt King, [Protecting Construction Workers Against Extreme Temperatures | EHS Today](#), 2023) between 2011 and 2019, there have been 344 worker-related deaths caused by environmental heat exposure. That may not seem like a high number, but there are many incidents from heat exhaustion that go unreported. In addition to the negative impacts heat may cause workers, there can also be negative impacts to construction schedules to projects. The high-temperatures can cause workers to perform at a slower rate and have more breaks for rest or hydration. To help combat this issue, workers can maintain healthy and safe body temperatures and minimize risk by wearing the proper personal protective equipment (PPE). PPE is used not only to protect and reduce work related injuries on job sites, but it can also keep you safe from the heat. This can even be narrowed down to having the right hard hat and breathable high visibility vests. Hard hat's features such as light-colored and wide brims can block the sun from your neck and face. Educating workers and having OSHA based trainings are great tools to be proactive and have a plan in place to handle dangerous situations. Lastly, employers must allow workers to have an adequate number of breaks, and schedule the more physically taxing labor for the coolest parts of the day.

PD&E Project Map

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Areas Around Campus

Have you stopped to smell the roses every once in awhile lately? We often are too busy with our work and class schedules and forget to take a step back and truly take in the beauty the campus has to offer. Now that spring is here and summer is slowly making its way, there is no better time to take in the scenery around campus. A great spot to stop and admire is Kent Hall in the south courtyard. **PD&E's Yvonne Tellez**, had the pleasure of taking on this landscaping project that was completed earlier this month. Tan rocks and crusher fine were added to the top layer with a row of native trees and bushes to modernize and match surrounding buildings. Red brick pavers were used to replace the existing surface and matched the height of the concrete for ADA compliance. Please stop by!



Roadway and Site Improvements

The importance to sustain and maintain the infrastructure around all campus' is paramount. Everyday, we aim to make it a priority to ensure that our standards as a department meet and exceed the requirements to maintain a healthy and safe campus community. Many are aware, there are multiple construction projects ongoing at the Ag-side of campus. However, a new project you may not be aware of that began early this month is on Knox St. The road that allows access to Ag parking lots and buildings is going through major repairs and reconstruction to the existing asphalt and sub-grade. In addition to the new asphalt paving and striping, are new curb and gutters, new concrete sidewalks, and ADA compliant ramps for accessibility to building entrances. The project will be in three phases beginning from College Dr. to Stewart St., then University Ave. to College Dr., and wrapping it all up from Stewart St. to Gregg St.



PROJECT TOURS:

If you see a project on campus that you are interested in, or are wanting more information on, please call PD&E and schedule a site visit today! Site visits are open to our campus community and can easily be coordinated through any one of our department team members!

