WELLS BRANCH COMMUNITY LIBRARY RENOVATION FACT SHEET

PROJECT OVERVIEW

• Estimated Start Date: **October 2025**

• Estimated Timeline: **10 months minimum**

• Estimated Budget: **$5.3 million**

• Funding Source: **Library general funds**

• Project Initiated: **2019**

• Authorized By: **Library Board of Trustees**

PROJECT TEAM

• Architecture Firm: **720 Design**

• Contractor: **Fransen Pittman**

• Project Oversight:

* **Abbie Joffrain** – President, Library Board & Co-Chair, Architectural Committee
* **Derek Mahnke** – Vice President, Library Board & Co-Chair, Architectural Committee
* **Donita Ward** – Library Director

RENOVATION SCOPE

• Connect the two buildings with a new entrance and create a lobby\*

• Renovate and expand multi-purpose and program rooms\*

• Expand and theme children's room

• Create an enclosed teen area & program space

• Add a new reading room and 3 private study rooms

• Renovate and reorganize bathroom facilities

• Renovate staff breakroom

• New finishes throughout (flooring, lighting, wall finishes, decorative details)

• Replace shelving throughout with lower shelving on casters.

ADVANCE WORK

Prior to construction, we will install the new shelving on casters for the books and media.

With moveable shelving, we can keep the collection accessible during renovation.

DURING CONSTRUCTION

• Library Access: Will remain open; limited closures will occur

• Collection: Will remain available to patrons for browsing and/or circulation by reserve

• Parking Lot: Will stay accessible, with a small section used for construction staging

• Project Staging: Four stages planned (Stage 1 projects are marked with \* in the scope)

COMMUNITY INPUT & FEEDBACK

• Surveys conducted at community events

• Two public open houses held

• Ongoing engagement via social media with committee members

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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