



# 5888.005 Faulk Building and History Center Renovation

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Community Update

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# Project Overview and Goals

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Figure 1. Original AHC Exterior View\_Photo by COA

The Austin History Center (AHC) is the local history division of the Austin Public Library system, with a mission to procure, preserve, present, and provide the historical records that constitute Austin’s unique history. It was constructed as the city’s first permanent public library in 1932, and as a Texas Historic Landmark, the building has remained a source of civic pride for Austin since its inception.

With an ever-growing collection, the AHC facility has struggled with capacity and unmet space needs for several years. A 2008 City of Austin resolution supported the rededication of the currently vacant Faulk building, former John Henry Faulk Central Library, for expansion of the AHC.

The passed Proposition B in the 2018 Bond approved funds for this project and intended to create a centralized but adjacent campus between Faulk and the AHC buildings to provide adequate storage space and staff work areas, security for collections, and enhance environmental collections controls for the Austin History Center’s extensive collection materials.

# Project Status Update and Current Scope

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Figure 2. Faulk Building- Exterior View

The project is currently in Construction Documents and anticipated to start construction in Fall 2022. It focuses on the Faulk building systems upgrades and archival expansion as well as predominantly exterior work for the Austin History Center. To achieve the program goals, the current scope of work includes:

## **Faulk building:**

- a) MEP and Plumbing Upgrades to Building
- b) Elevator Upgrades
- c) Some Asbestos and Lead Abatement
- d) Demo/Refinish of 2.5 Floors for Archives and Offices
- e) Upgrading to ADA compliance.
- f) Archive Storage Furnishings
- g) Upgrading IT and Data
- h) Fire Suppression System for 2.5 Floors
- i) Exterior Façade Cleaning

## **Austin History Center:**

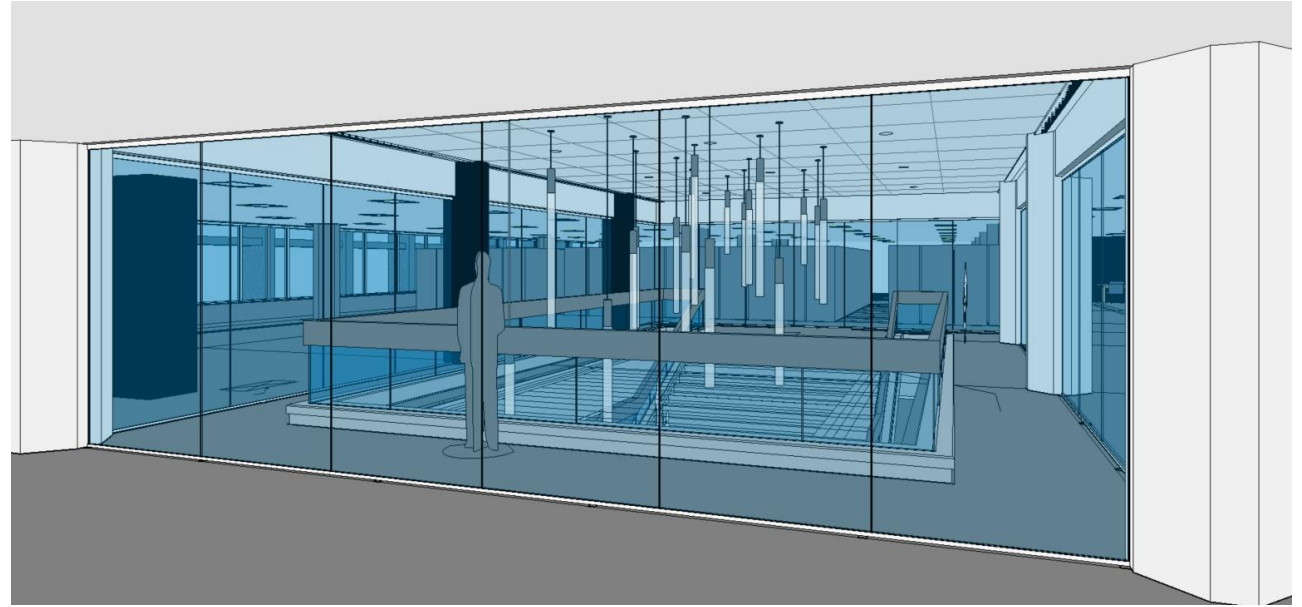
- a) Repairing Exterior Stonework
- b) Refinishing Exterior Windows
- c) Repairing some exterior lighting
- d) Replacing existing ADA Lifts

## **Exterior Site Work- Both Buildings:**

- a) Upgrading to ADA compliance.
- b) Some new Landscape
- c) New Employee AHC to Faulk parking lot access.

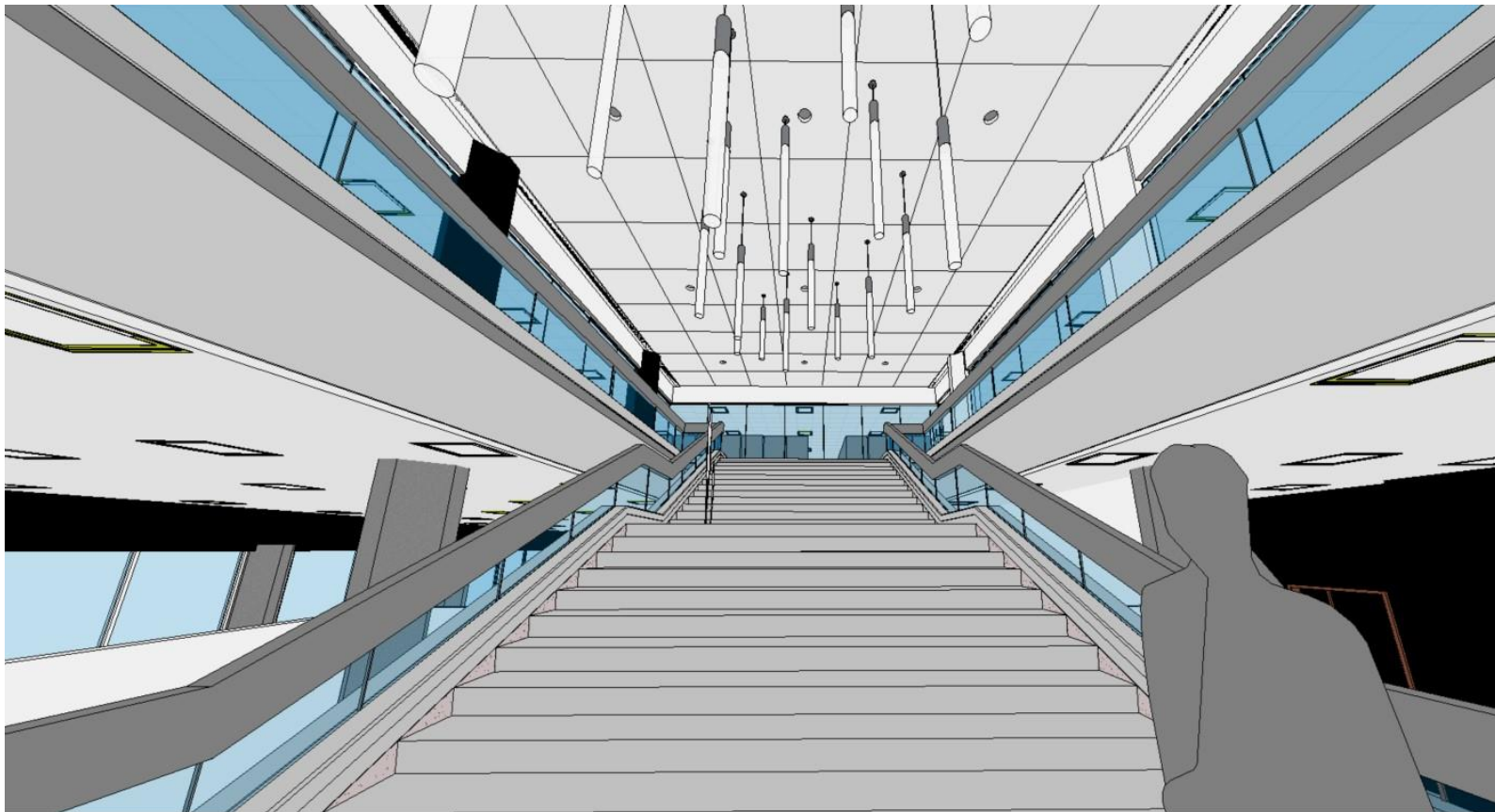


*Figure 3. Preliminary Design - Faulk Interior 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor View looking SE*



*Figure 4. Preliminary Design - Faulk Interior View looking West*

# Interior Faulk Design Images



*Figure 5. Preliminary Design - Faulk Grand Staircase looking West*

# Interior Faulk Design Images

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