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# City to Begin Second Phase of Building Improvements at El Paso Museum of Art

## Investment of \$3.5 Million Ensures Museums Adheres to Highest Industry Standards

**EL PASO, Texas**—Today, the City of El Paso announced Phase II of building improvements at the El Paso Museum of Art (EPMA), continuing a significant Capital Improvement investment into the Museum's infrastructure.

"A fully functioning HVAC system is essential to maintaining the precise microclimate required for the preservation of more than 7,000 works of art in our care, some which date to the year 1200 AD," said Quality of Life Managing Director Ben Fyffe. "By investing now in this overhaul of the Museum's infrastructure, we can continue to ensure these priceless artworks are available for generations to come."

Phase II replaces all remaining components of the nearly 30-year-old climate control system, including multiple air handlers on the roof and in the basement that require invasive demolition and removal. The comprehensive nature of the upgrades necessitates a temporary closure of the Museum beginning Wednesday, October 1, to February 2026 with world-class traveling and original exhibitions to be announced.

The EPMA collection assets will be safeguarded in climate-controlled storage during this period.

"We know that our engagement with our community is important and will not stop," Fyffe added. "Although the building will be closed, EPMA will continue delivering its mission through programming in collaboration with other Museums and Cultural Affairs sites, the Public Library, Parks and Recreation facilities, Sun Metro and other community partners."

A comprehensive list of upcoming offsite programs will be available at [www.EPMA.Art](http://www.EPMA.Art) by October 1. The El Paso Museum of Art will also remain active with a presence Downtown during City signature festivals Chalk the Block, Día de los Muertos, and WinterFest.

More information about the EPMA, including current hours and the most updated information about coming closures, is available at [www.EPMA.Art](http://www.EPMA.Art).

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