

**Department of Capital Projects**  
**Board of Regents Report for March 2023**

The Department of Capital Projects (DCP) is working to prepare for a busy construction season this year. January and February have been packed with meetings and processing of construction related paperwork to ensure supplies, materials, equipment, and other construction related items are in order. In addition, DCP is working with the business office balancing out accounts in preparation for project close outs on some and audits in general. The Annual Report for Title III Part F is also coming due so DCP is working to reconcile the account and prepare to submit the report. DCP is coordinating with New Mexico lobbyist office regarding three requests for funds which are in the mix for the spring NM Legislative session.

The Tsailie land lease is nearing the final approval so DCP is coordinating with Operations and Maintenance Department to install a new fence line around the property once the lease is finalized. Other projects like the Yearout Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract solar farm, the cell tower placement and other projects are on hold pending the approval of the lease. One other project that is on hold is the Navajo Immersion Camp. This is going to be located midway between Circle Drive and Navajo Route 12, approximately half a mile south of the east entrance road. The project is still in the planning stages with an anticipated construction of at least five hogans in the area.

The Crownpoint Center boundary line on the east side needs to be addressed as well. The coordinates for the boundary and the fence lines in the area encroach on Dine College property so the boundary needs to be redefined and coordinates corrected.

DCP is working the NM Department of Higher Education regarding the five-million-dollar bond sale for the Shiprock South Campus Student Services center. DCP will be prepared to proceed into the Architectural and Engineering phase of the project as soon as the bonds are sold and NMHED. This new construction at the south campus will be designed to bring the rest of the student related offices such as financial aid, and others which are still located on the Shiprock north campus to the south campus.

DCP is preparing to schedule a series of meetings to enter into the design phase for the new construction at the Tuba City center. This project will be funded by the Eight Million Dollar grant received from Arizona last fall. There was an initial meeting held regarding this project where the dialog was a general discussion on what the building might entail.

DCP has been working with Yearout and the business office has been working with Tallsalt Financial advisors to identify the best way to finance phase II, solar farm and LED lighting installation to complete the Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract and all upgrades across the main campus. DCP and the Business Office will decide on the best approach and make the recommendation to the College Board and Administration soon.

The DCP currently has fifty-six active projects on the docket. These projects vary in terms of scope and magnitude. Some of the projects are quick projects and others are multiyear projects. With the advent of summer, DCP is working to ensure all necessary paper work is in place for ongoing and upcoming projects. DCP is also working on RFP development for seven projects which will go to bid. The procurement process for all seven projects is expected to take up to a month and half at the minimum to complete. Although actual construction is slow at the moment, DCP is inundated with administrative tasks for all projects so we're prepared to continue moving the projects forward as the construction season picks back up.