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Bexar County-owned AT&T Center renovations to begin this summer

Commissioners approve $101.5 million package

Commissioners Court on Tuesday, April 21, approved a development agreement with Spurs Sports & Entertainment to complete a $101.5 million package of renovations and improvements to the County-owned AT&T Center. The project, which will begin in June, is intended to enhance the fan experience at all levels of the AT&T Center and includes improvements to technology and infrastructure that will keep the arena a successful and competitive operation.

The County’s $85 million portion of the project will come from the voter-approved visitor tax, which is a combination of a 5 percent short-term motor vehicle rental tax and a 1.75 percent hotel/motel occupancy tax. Spurs Sports & Entertainment will contribute $16.5 million.

“The AT&T Center renovations are the last of the entire $415 million visitor tax program that we asked voters to approve in May 2008,” said Commissioner Paul Elizondo. “At that time, the arena was not yet 10 years old and we made a commitment to wait until we reached that milestone.”

The renovations will include more inviting spaces for fans such as new concessions and bar areas, reconfiguring the home team locker room, installation of all-new seating arena-wide and expanded entrances and renovated concourses to allow for better entry and movement through the facility. Technology improvements include a brand new center-hung video board that will provide a state-of-the-art, high-definition display; audio-visual upgrades throughout the arena; and Wi-Fi enhancements. A majority of the renovations are expected to be complete by October 30, 2015.

“We’re appreciative of the support Bexar County and our additional partners have provided as we continue to move forward in this renovation process,” said Lori Warren, Spurs Sports & Entertainment SVP of Corporate Finance and Strategy. “The majority of these renovations will begin at the conclusion of the Spurs and Rampage seasons. We’re excited to be able to present an all-new AT&T Center to our fans this fall.”
The development agreement, which also has to be approved by the Community Arenas Board, sets goals for participation by local minority, women- and veteran-owned businesses.

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