

Chinatown Branch Renovation Survey

The Library is committed to renovating the Chinatown/Him Mark Lai Branch Library, to provide the community with a modern library positioned to meet the current needs of the community. We estimate this project that will take approximately 2.5 years to complete. We were at the beginning of the design phase when the project was paused due to the budget circumstances and the COVID19 emergency. While the Library is eager to restart the project, we also recognize that the Chinatown community has been living with the impact of major construction projects and may be feeling fatigued by the many disruptions!

For that reason, we are checking in with the Chinatown community to learn your preference for when this construction project will begin.

1. Are you familiar with the planned renovation of the Chinatown/Him Mark Lai Branch?
 - Very familiar
 - Somewhat familiar
 - Not Very familiar

2. How important is renovation of the Chinatown/Him Marl Lai Branch is important to the community?
 - Very important
 - Somewhat important
 - Neutral
 - Less important
 - Not at all important

3. How urgently needed are improvements at Chinatown/Him Mark Lai Branch Library?
 - Very urgent
 - Somewhat urgent
 - Neutral
 - Less urgent
 - Not at all urgent

4. Do you have a preference for when the construction would start?
 - In 2-3 years
 - In 4-6 years
 - In 6 or more years

5. Portsmouth Square is also scheduled for renovation in the next few years. Given that the Chinatown/Him Mark Lai Branch Library is also an important community center and would close for two years while under construction, would you prefer that the Library delay its renovation until after Portsmouth Square is renovated?
 - I am comfortable with these construction projects happening at the same time
 - I would prefer for the Library renovation project to happen after Portsmouth Square is renovated

6. The Chinatown/Him Mark Lai Branch Library renovation includes the following goals:
 - Ensure ample seating and spaces dedicated for adults, seniors, teens and children
 - Maintain the community meeting room and improve space for library classes and programs
 - Expand access to technology: computers, printers and high-speed internet
 - Improve building systems to enable the library to serve as a public respite space from heat waves and poor air quality
 - Restore the historic Carnegie Reading Room

7. What other features would you like to see at your library?