

Keeping Eyes On Prize

Construction Causes Some Headaches In Short Term But New Facilities Are Coming

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All the construction around Alamo Heights is at new “heights” and one can’t seem to drive anywhere without seeing road workers and construction crews. This new wave of construction has been sometimes inconvenient for citizens as well as school staff and students. The construction at school has cut off a lot of the usual routes students take to class.

“My first period is English and my second is crossfit, so I have to walk all the way across campus,” junior Ira Wilson said. “Because I can’t walk through The Oaks, it takes me an extra five minutes.”

“My whole day is ruined,” senior Sarah McFarland said. “The construction in general puts me in a bad mood because of how hard it is to get anywhere.”

On the other hand, lots of students are excited about the changes that will be coming after the construction is finished.

“I think the new buildings are going to be exciting,” junior Georgia Tipton said. “I’m excited for the new cafeteria and courtyard.”

The new cafeteria will feature grill, deli, entrée and pizza parlor areas. New menu items will be available, including sushi, pizza, and deli selections. Instead of students being late from driving to a restaurant just to wait for their food and drive all the way back, students will be able to get their food and eat on campus and make it back to class on time.

“I’ve heard that next year we could possibly have lots of different food options,” junior Kendall Johnson said. “If so, I’m excited for the new cafeteria to be finished.”

With multiple construction projects spread throughout the Alamo Heights area, there has been a noticeable change in traffic. Road work on the intersection of North New Braunfels and Austin highway has made traffic congested and slow. Students who usually take these roads home have expressed much annoyance and stress. The inconveniences of construction at school have seen a rise in student stress. Students have expressed how annoyed they become with these longer walks to class. Some think that all this work was not worth the negative impact on their learning.

“It’s ruining the high school experience for everybody,” junior Blake Burke said. “The freshmen won’t ever get to experience The Oaks, and all the changes won’t be done until we graduate.”

Even with all the inconveniences, the construction headaches will be worth it in the end when new, updated facilities are completed,

“We go through this now but it will be worth it in the end,” sophomore Marco Nilsson said. “It will be nice to have better food and a nicer place to eat.”

