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## Nippon Paint Project Underway... bcc to Council Members

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Dear Council Members:

Per the below notification to the Tubman Steering Committee, the Nippon project is on track for construction start next week.

Please email me if you have any questions.

Have a great weekend. Stay safe.

Charita--

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Dear Tubman Steering Committee Chair and Members:

Due to the Chattanooga region's rising COVID-19 cases, the late-November Groundbreaking Event for Nippon Paint Automotive Americas was postponed. As many of you were aware, a number of representatives were scheduled to travel to Chattanooga from other states and countries.

Sometime in the first quarter of 2021, preferably Spring, Economic Development staff will work with the company to select another event date. In the meantime, construction is slated to begin on the future LEED certified manufacturing facility. Heavy equipment and fencing appeared on the site today as civil engineering contractor SSOE begins moving dirt and soils to level and prepare the site for construction.

As project manager, Mr. Prakash Patel mentioned during his introductory Zoom meeting with the Tubman Steering Committee in mid-October 2020, the project will happen in five phases beginning in December 2020 with anticipated completion in December 2021.

- **Phase I** - Civil Engineering to survey property, set-up fences and mobilize machinery, prepare the ground soils, grading, navigation of underground streams, and mitigation of natural waterways to allow for the laying of building foundations and internal road structures.
- **Phase II** - Structural Engineering to begin building the steel framing and bones of the buildings to provide structural integrity and support for internal and external equipment systems.
- **Phase III** - Mechanical Engineering to begin installation of the building mechanical systems including electrical, natural gas systems, compressed air system, chilled water & cooling water systems, hot oil systems, and steam system.
- **Phase IV** - Equipment installation to begin the installation and calibration of equipment and set-up plant automation system used in the formulation of automotive paint and autobody coverings.
- **Phase V** - Proceed with mechanical punch list(s), water runs, chemical loading and trial/pilot batch run(s).

We will provide regular project updates to the Steering Committee - as the designated point of contact to relay information to the broader neighborhood. If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly. See below for today's photo of the site.

Best regards,

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