



September 15, 2023

Friends,

As a reminder, the City (in partnership with City Council) issued \$200 million in bonds to facilitate catalytic community projects in three focus areas (Activating Memphis 3.0, Improving Our Parks, and Revitalizing Citywide Assets) all across our city.

From time to time, I think it's important to give an update on how these [Accelerate Memphis](#) projects are moving along. Just to call out a few —an update on **Historic Melrose**.

The building has a new roof for the first time in about 50 plus years.

Before



After



Brick and masonry repair on the North side and preparing new windows.



New administrative offices are being built over top of old basement with tower for two elevators on right side.



We're framing a new addition to add more library space and the crumbling back wall has been replaced.



Phase 1: First floor with branch library and genealogy center will be complete this December 2023.



This building historically has meant so much to the City and to the Orange Mound community, and with these renovations, it will serve as a beacon of hope and learning for generations to come.