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# Mayor Offers Media Tour of Municipal

Mayor Cedric Glover on Thursday, July 18 will lead a behind-the-scenes tour of the multi-million dollar makeover the historic Municipal Auditorium is receiving courtesy of the bond issue passed in 2011 by Shreveport voters.

The media walk-through begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Municipal, 705 Grand Ave. Mayor Glover will be joined by city staffers as well as project architects Mike McSwain and James Dean.

The Municipal Auditorium was completed in 1929 as a memorial to the soldiers and sailors of World War I. It is listed with the U.S. Department of the Interior as a national landmark for being the home of the legendary Louisiana Hayride and for its distinctive architecture.

The renovations will bring the building into compliance with all accessibility requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as well as provide improvements to areas such as seating, flooring and air conditioning.

The original project budget was \$4.3 million. That figure was revised to \$5.3 million after the city applied for funding through the state historic rehabilitation tax credits program.

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