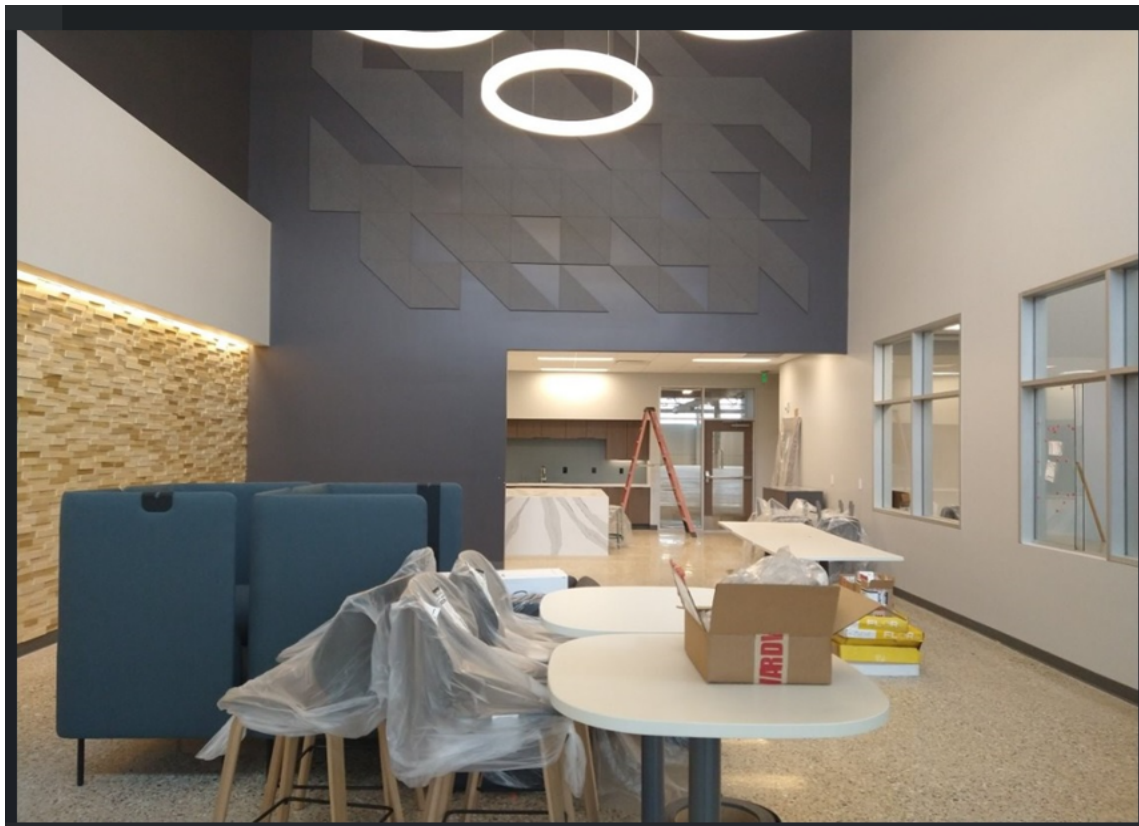


BATA prepares to move into new operations center to better service its community

The Bay Area Transportation Authority has almost completed the construction of a brand new \$30 million operations center, which will improve service efficiencies and consolidate its operations, administration and maintenance workforce into one central campus. Construction of the 80,000 square foot facility began in April 2023 and BATA staff and vehicles will start moving into the new facility at the end of July with plans for it to be fully operational by mid-August. The new operations center will feature parking for up to 100 vehicles inside a climate-controlled bus garage with automatic doors that open in 2.5 seconds. Other features include a new break room for staff, 6 state-of-the-art mechanics bays, digital dispatching, and on-site training and fitness rooms. Funding for the project is made possible with a 2020 discretionary grant award from the FTA 5339b program as well as nearly \$10 million from MDOT capital funds. BATA has partnered with the Traverse City Housing Commission to create one of the first and largest rural transit-oriented development projects in the Midwest. The housing portion of the project started construction in June 2024 and will include multifamily buildings with more than 200 apartments and 15 single-family homes through a Habitat for Humanity partnership. Other features of the project include preservation of more than 20 acres of green space, a park and ride lot and bus transfer area and the potential for a café and standalone childcare facility. Learn more about the project at www.bata.net/newhq.



BATA new HQ progress: BATA's newly constructed facility, with new parking lot lines painted.



BATA new HQ break room: Spacious break room for staff members.



BATA new HQ kitchen: Well laid out kitchen to help staff with meals.