Low Rise Courtyard Improvements and Stair Replacement – Phase three of the Low Rise Courtyard Improvements and Stair Replacement project will be completed this summer. It includes the enclosed stairs to the 100/200 and 300/400 buildings. Phasing has been necessary due to site constraints and existing underground utilities. Work on this project will be able to begin in early May since this residence hall is now vacant.

Library Planning Study – This project kicked off in August and was initiated to study space requirements, phasing, and costs associated with renovations within the J. Eugene Smith Library. The study began with benchmarking Eastern’s library against peer institutions in COPLAC. Libraries have undergone an evolution since the initial design of the J. Eugene Smith Library in 1996. This study was a master planning effort for the library for the future. Also included in this planning study was space analysis to bring both the Office of Continuing Studies & Enhanced Learning and the Center for Internships & Career Development to the library, right size Advising and the Academic Services Center, and develop a Learning Commons which are becoming an integral part of library services across the nation. Final recommendations were received and approved by the planning committee. The renovation projects will be phased to allow continual operation of the library. Funding is now being identified to kick off design for the project.

Roadway and Walkway Improvements – We continued to repair and replace walkways throughout campus to maintain an accessible campus for students, faculty, and staff. This year we will be repaving and restriping the parking lot at Gelsi-Young Hall and repaving and repairing sidewalks in front of Occum Hall. This project will also include new lighting for the parking lot. We expect that the lot at Gelsi-Young Hall will be offline for approximately one month. The project was bid in early March, and a construction contract has been awarded. We expect to begin construction in May. Notices will be sent out to faculty and staff as areas are taken offline.

Demolition of 392 High Street – The small white residential building adjacent to the Institute for Sustainable Energy has been demolished. We will continue to restore the landscape in this area and create a visual screen to block view of the Grounds Department storage yard.

Replace Gymnasium Bleachers and Re-Finish the Gymnasium Floor – This project was bid in February and was put on hold due to the State’s request to utilize the Sports Center as an emergency hospital if the COVID-19 virus creates a needed for added hospital beds in our area. The project is being split into two projects, the refinishing of the gymnasium floor is out to bid and will commence in
July. The removal and replacement of the gymnasium bleachers will take place next summer. It will require the gymnasium coming offline in May of 2021, and the gym will not be available until mid-August 2021. The gymnasium floor and re-finish will include new layouts for basketball as required by the recent NCAA rule changes. The bleachers are being replaced and will include a section of seating with seat backs. The press box will be re-furbished.

**Occum Hall Fire Pump Replacement** – This project will take place this summer and will replace the fire pump located in the basement of Occum Hall. The fire pump was originally installed when the building was constructed and needs replacement. We expect to move forward with this project as soon as possible to ensure that the sprinkler system is operational for the fall semester.

**Replace Roof 192 High Street** – This project will replace the shingles and waterproofing on 192 High Street. We expect to begin the project in May. Pricing is being requested from several contractors.

**Health Center Interior Improvements** – This project will also take place late spring and into the summer. The exam rooms will be updated, finishes will be refreshed, and improvements to storage will be addressed.

**Winthrop Hall Flooring Replacement** – Carpeting and asbestos tile flooring throughout the corridors, student rooms, and lounges will be replaced with new plank flooring. The project will also include reducing the double occupancy rooms to singles.

**Masonry Repairs Residence Halls** – This project is the second phase of design and construction to address maintenance/masonry repair needs to the exterior skin of several residence halls. This will include High Rise, Neijadlik, and Mead Hall. Design will begin in late summer, and bidding and construction are expected in the spring of 2021.