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Welcome to the latest edition of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority e-newsletter. With just a few months to go in the construction of Target Field, we have many exciting things to highlight.

The most recent milestone of the project and perhaps one of the most significant is the installation of the field. In just a matter of days (actually nights), crews transplanted [2.5 acres of sod](#) from an old riverbed in Colorado and transformed Target Field from a major construction project to a Major League Baseball field. You can see clips of the process and other project updates on the updated [Target Field video tour](#).

While we continue to hit all of the scheduled milestones, there is still a great deal of work to be done before Opening Day. The Ballpark Authority is working closely with a number of public partner agencies to ensure additional pedestrian improvements around the ballpark are constructed before the end of the year. In addition, crews will complete Target Plaza and the pedestrian bridge to 1st Avenue by the end of October. This dynamic public space will provide a seamless, at-grade connection between the ballpark and downtown Minneapolis and is one of several innovative project features that will improve access for those with disabilities and enhance everyone's game-day experience. In many areas, [Target Field is surpassing state and federal disability standards](#).

We are also pleased to report that [St. Paul muralist Craig David](#) has started installing the first of three very detailed stone murals that will adorn the Fifth Street Panels, located along the ballpark's northeast side. This public art project will enliven the pedestrian experience for both baseball fans and transit users.

To read more about these developments, please click the underlined words above. Thank you for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Steve Cramer, Chair

Dan Kenney, Executive Director