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BOND completes upgrades to UMass Amherst's McGuirk Stadium

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Seasonal dome 240-foot wide by 400-foot long
by 80-feet high turf facility

Rendering showing videoboard that measures
48-feet wide by 20.4-feet high;
located in the south end zone hospitality plaza

Amherst, MA BOND completed a \$15.5 million improvement project on the Warren McGuirk Alumni Stadium at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The University of Massachusetts Building Authority (UMBA) engaged BOND to provide preconstruction and construction management

services for the construction of a seasonal air supported structure – “a bubble” – and major upgrades to the stadium.

The project was completed in collaboration with architecture firm Perkins and Will.

A brand new 96,000 s/f synthetic turf practice field was installed parallel to McGuirk Stadium, complete with a seasonal air supported structure to accommodate football, soccer, rugby, lacrosse, baseball and recreational sports during the winter months.

Inside the stadium, several improvements were made, such as new high-definition videoboards, scoreboard, sound system, accessibility improvements, and restrooms. A modern hospitality plaza was created in the south end zone, offering fans the opportunity to enjoy the game from field level with food and beverage options.

“These upgrades will have a transformative impact on the stadium and on campus,” said Frank Hayes, COO and president of BOND’s Building Division. “It was a pleasure to work with the UMass Amherst design and construction management team in modernizing and revamping this facility.”

“This project presented an opportunity to benefit several stakeholders,” said Ken Johnson, vice president of education, BOND. “These strategic improvements will have a long-term positive effect on the fan experience, student athletes, the university recreation department and the university as a whole.”

Seasonal dome interior