EAST LANSING, MI (WLNS) – Work continues to be ahead of schedule for the $730 million project known as F-RIB.

The project is located on the campus of Michigan State University. As 6 News’ Nick Perreault explains, the university is as excited as the president when he announced his $100 million budget recommendation this week.

Crews continue to work on the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams or F-RIB on the MSU campus.

Though most of it remains hidden, underground.

“That facility then will be filled in with the instrumentation that will be the F-RIB, it’s what’s known as civil construction.”

Later will come technical construction. Both are able to continue with the announcement of $100 million set aside by President Obama in his budget unveiled Monday.

“We’ve been enjoying great support, both in the house and senate from both parties and we anticipate that that will continue,” said Mark Burnham, MSU, VP of governmental affairs.

Michigan State’s vp of governmental affairs says while under the contract with the Department of Energy, they have until 2022 to complete the project.

They are running ahead of schedule, but that could change if the funding structure fails to pass congress.

“Then we’d have to see what would happen to the schedule, therefore the longer it’s drawn out it can cost more money.”

Over the next three years, Mark Burnham says MSU is expecting $100 million each year to continue the project. “Thusfar we’ve been able to get the congressional support for the last several years to keep us on track and it is our hope and anticipation that we’ll be able to do that again this year.”

Burnham expects the current underground work to wrap up in the next year, then continue construction on the actual facility building.