

# Multnomah County Central Courthouse Project

FACT SHEET | NOVEMBER 2018

## A critical facility for our community

Most Multnomah County residents will enter the Central Courthouse at one time or another — for everything from jury duty to paying a parking ticket or serving as a trial witness. Did you know, for example, that more than one in 10 county residents receive a jury summons each year?

Built between 1909 and 1914, the existing Central Courthouse is structurally and functionally obsolete. The Central Courthouse doesn't meet current seismic codes. Its unreinforced masonry walls mean the courthouse has a safety ranking of "poor." Limitations of space and century-old design also create regular security concerns for court personnel, crime victims, witnesses and the general public because in-custody defendants walk through the public pathways.

The new courthouse will incorporate 21st century best practices in operations, security, and design. It will be capable of adapting to changing needs over a planned 100-year useful life.

## A safer, more accessible Central Courthouse

Multnomah County needs a new Central Courthouse to provide a safe and functional facility for critical services and due process. The new Central Courthouse will:

- Accommodate the high level of use expected by all user groups.
- Incorporate best practices for design of a courthouse.
- Meet current seismic codes to remain functional even in a major catastrophe like an earthquake.
- Be accessible for all by including stairless entry ramps and elevators.

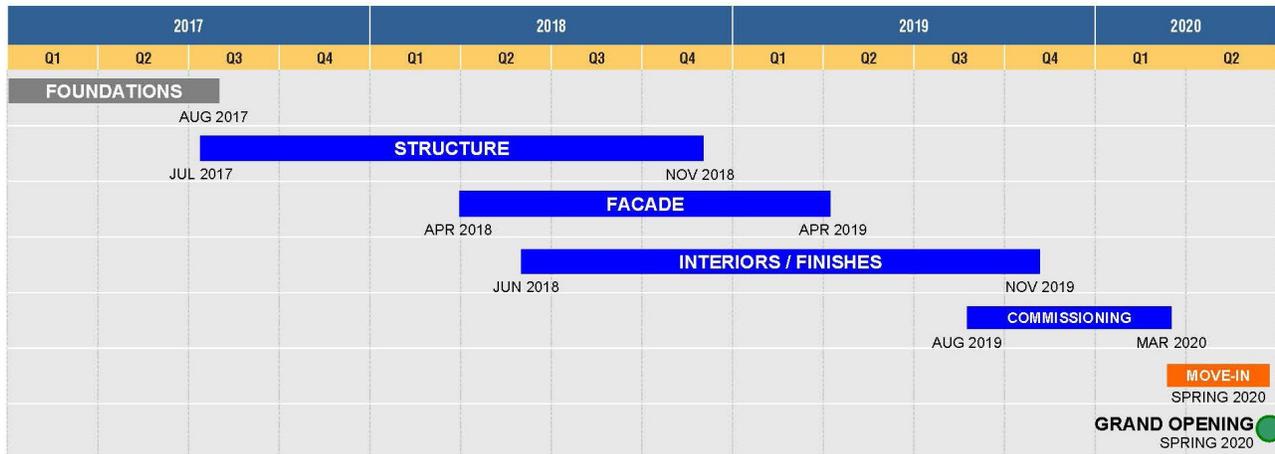


The new courthouse will join Portland's skyline and serve the community for the next 100 years.

## Schedule

The new courthouse is under construction at SW First Avenue and SW Madison Street, at the west end of the Hawthorne Bridge. In November 2018, the building will reach its full 17-story height. A team lead by SRG Partnership designed the courthouse, while Hoffman Construction is the Construction Manager/ General Contractor (CMGC).

The project broke ground in October 2016. The concrete structure is complete. The exterior facade will be complete in Spring 2019. The courthouse will include 44 court rooms and cost approximately \$324 million. The new courthouse is expected to open in late spring 2020. The project is funded by Multnomah County and the State of Oregon.



## Learn more and stay involved

Public input has, and will continue to inform project development. Feedback received to date was factored into the selection of the project site. Courthouse users – including employees, lawyers and judges – have informed the interior design of the new courthouse. The project has held open houses, conducted surveys, and met with bike and pedestrian groups and local businesses.

To stay informed during construction:

- The web: [multco.us/central-courthouse/](http://multco.us/central-courthouse/)
- Twitter: @CentralCourthou
- Facebook: [Multnomah County Central Courthouse](https://www.facebook.com/MultnomahCountyCentralCourthouse)
- Contact the project team and sign up for project updates by emailing [courthouse@multco.us](mailto:courthouse@multco.us)

The public will enter the new courthouse at 1st Avenue and Madison street.

