

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE: August 25, 2017
TO: Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairman, Transportation, Public Works, and Transit Committee
FROM: Greg High, Director, AE&ES Section, DAS-Facilities Management Division
SUBJECT: **Informational Report – Courthouse Complex Planning Phase III Update**

Background

Facilities Management Division is providing an update to the Courthouse Complex Planning Program – Phase III to summarize progress to-date and provide information on next steps in the Phase III project. Facilities Management Division will continue to provide updates throughout Phase III of the program, as well as all future phases, on a regular basis.

The Phase III project was divided into two major tasks. Task A consists of preparation of a master space plan, for approval by the County Board. Task B consists of development of implementation strategies. The consulting team, led by Venture Architects, includes expertise in planning, design and construction of judicial and general government facilities throughout the country.

Initial Findings

The consulting team has been working with District Court and County staff to validate information collected in Phase I and Phase II. The consulting team has also been refining scenarios for master space plans, and has started looking at potential options regarding transition space. Among their initial findings, as to be presented in the attached PowerPoint presentation:

- A new criminal courthouse should be located at the site of the existing Public Safety Building, as originally recommended in Phase I of the Courthouse Complex Planning program.
- A new criminal courthouse should provide for 26 criminal courtrooms, in accordance with State of Wisconsin Supreme Court design guidelines
- The nine criminal courtrooms in the Public Safety Building should be relocated to the Historic Courthouse during the Transition Phase
- To accommodate relocation of the criminal courtrooms during the Transition Phase, nine civil courtrooms should be relocated from the Historic Courthouse to temporary facilities
- In addition to the scenarios presented in Phase II, a few new scenarios have been developed to accommodate general government functions in the Historic Courthouse, new leased space or new County building(s)
- Preliminary stacking diagrams of a new criminal courthouse provide graphical representations showing potential adjacencies, connections to existing facilities, and accommodations for security
- Potential swing space facilities have been identified to provide a benchmark for future selection parameters

Future Project Activities

The consulting team will continue to refine the master space plan, based on input gathered from key stakeholders. The consulting team also refine implementation strategies, including working with the Comptroller’s office on preparing financing options.

Phase III Project Schedule


The anticipated project schedule is as follows:

August 24, 2017	Project Advisory Group First Review of Recommended Plan
September 13, 2017	Informational Update to TPWT Committee on Master Space Plan Status
Late September/Early October 2017	Publicly-noticed meeting to present Draft Master Space Plan
October 2017	Project Advisory Group Final Review of Recommended Master Space Plan
Third/Fourth Quarter 2017	Project Advisory Group First Review of Implementation Strategies
October 18, 2017	Informational Update to TPWT Committee on project status
October 31, 2017	Final Recommended Master Space Plan
November 29, 2017	Potential TPWT Vote on Master Space Plan (For Approval)
Fourth Quarter 2017	Recommended Implementation Strategies to TPWT Committee
December 14, 2017	Potential County Board Approval of Master Space Plan
First Quarter 2018	Present Final Implementation Strategies to County Board
First Quarter 2018	Potential County Board Approval of Preferred Implementation Strategies
Second Quarter 2018	Project Complete

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of the AE&ES Section, DAS-Facilities Management Division respectfully requests that this informational report be received and placed on file.

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Attachments: Informational Report PowerPoint Presentation

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