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Improving Trial Court Facilities: Shasta—New Redding Courthouse

In October 2008 the Judicial Council adopted an updated Trial Court Capital Outlay Plan and a list of 41 projects to be funded by SB 1407. AOC staff has completed a funding request for 15 projects, 13 of which have initial funding included in the FY 2009-2010 Budget Act. Approval of these projects mark important progress toward implementing needed improvements for courts across California.

Funding for this project—the Shasta—New Redding Courthouse—has been included in the FY 2009-2010 Budget Act.

Shasta—New Redding Courthouse

A new Redding Courthouse is proposed by the AOC for initial funding of \$7.0 million for FY 2009-2010. The new facility will house 14 courtrooms. The estimated total cost for this courthouse of approximately 173,350 gross square feet is \$211.8 million (escalated to construction mid-point in summer 2013). Both the City of Redding and the County of Shasta have shown their interest in partnering with the State on the construction of a new courthouse in Redding. Such a partnership could result in donated land or reduced land costs. This project is ranked in the Immediate Need Project Priority Group of the Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan and is one of the highest priority capital-outlay projects for the judicial branch.

Lack of Security, Severe Overcrowding, Poor Physical Conditions, and Reduced Access to Court Services

The County of Shasta is served by three existing trial court locations within the City of Redding. These court facilities are functionally deficient, overcrowded, and among the worst in the state in terms of security. The existing facilities will remain incapable of meeting the region's growing demand for court services. The overcrowding and lack of proper security at the existing facilities and the public's hindered access to

court services are among the reasons why the proposed new Redding Courthouse is urgently needed.



Prisoner Being Escorted in Public Corridor

Local Government Collaboration on Project

The City of Redding City Council adopted a resolution to donate a site adjacent to City Hall for the new courthouse. Additionally, the County of Shasta Board of Supervisors has written a Letter of Intent supporting the donation of county land near the existing downtown courthouse. These commitments may result in reduced land costs to the state and allow the project to move more quickly into the design phase.

Long-term Funding Needs

The enactment of SB 1407 was the major first step in funding 41 urgently needed courthouse improvement projects across the State of California. The Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan includes another 112 projects for which funding has not been secured. California judicial branch will continue to explore additional, alternative means to fund the state's sizable need for courthouse infrastructure improvements while it implements the 41 projects to be funded by SB 1407.

More Information

A project feasibility report for the New Redding Courthouse, dated July 1, 2008, was prepared by AOC staff. This report documents the poor functional and physical conditions of the existing Main Courthouse and Annex, the Justice Center, and the Juvenile court facilities in Shasta County, explores options for how best to meet the

needs of the court and of the public, and estimates the cost to construct a new facility. This document can be downloaded from the following Web site:

www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/documents/pfr-shasta.pdf

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