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Improving Trial Court Facilities: Solano—Renovation to Fairfield Old Solano Courthouse

The Administrative Office of the Courts is undertaking a renovation of the historic Old Solano Courthouse in Fairfield, originally built in 1911 and an outstanding example of Beaux Arts architecture expressed in a civic building.

Renovation will provide three courtrooms for civil cases. The total estimated project cost for the project is \$26.9 million (escalated to construction mid-point). This project—ranked in the Immediate Need priority group of the Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan—is one of the highest priority capital outlay projects for the judicial branch. It is one of 41 projects to be funded by SB 1407.

Severe Overcrowding and Reduced Access to Court Services

The Superior Court of California, County of Solano operates out of three facilities, two of which are in downtown Fairfield. With only 16 courtrooms serving 19 judicial officers in Fairfield, the court lacks adequate courtrooms for all of its judicial officers. While plans are underway to renovate the Fairfield Law and Justice Center to accommodate two additional judicial officers, this improvement will only address part of the need for adequate court space. The renovated Old Solano Courthouse will be used for one AB 159 new judgeship and two new judgeships from the last 50 new judgeships sponsored by the Judicial Council.

Old Solano Courthouse, Fairfield



Local Government Collaboration on Project

The Solano County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution December 2008 to transfer title to the Old Solano Courthouse to the AOC at no cost to the state. This economic opportunity will enable the state to complete the renovation at a lower cost than would be required to build a completely new facility.

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

For further information, please email the AOC-Office of Court Construction and Management at OCCM@jud.ca.gov.