
Frequently Asked Questions:
The New Ukiah Courthouse

Is Ukiah getting a new courthouse?

Yes—that’s the plan! On the current schedule, a \$100M+ courthouse will be constructed in the next few years. Progress has been delayed somewhat by budget shortfalls at the State level. However, the State officially acquired the property from the North Coast Railroad Authority in the spring of 2016 and the proceeds from that sale will pay for the site improvements (roads, utilities, etc.), which are expected to be completed in 2021.

What’s wrong with the old courthouse?

The old courthouse is overcrowded, lacks adequate accessibility for the handicapped, has serious security issues, needs major structural improvements, and negatively impacts parking in the downtown.

Where will the new courthouse go?

The new courthouse will be located off of East Perkins Street behind the historic train depot. Hospital Drive will be extended into the property, where it will meet with a new extension of East Clay Street.

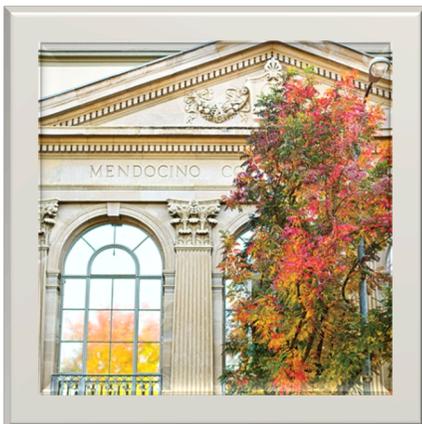
Who’s paying for it?

The State is paying for the new courthouse.

Will parking be easier at the new courthouse?

Yes—along with the construction of the courthouse will be dedicated parking lots for staff and visitors.

What is the City’s role in this project?



The City is facilitating this development in order to preserve the community’s interest in the location and functionality of the project, ensure that “islands” of land that can’t be developed aren’t created, keep the development compatible with other City plans and projects, and ensure that there aren’t negative impacts (parking, drainage, etc.) as a result of the project.

What will happen with the old courthouse?

It is unknown what will happen to the old courthouse, but there is time to figure it out. While the County owns the building, the State has some controlling interest that must first be released. We hope that when that decision comes nearer, there will be a community input process.

