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Supervisors support further improvement of Central Courthouse

The Board of Supervisors today approved additional improvements to the Central Courthouse as part of the restoration, seismic retrofitting, and overall modernization of the historic court facility.

“This is a very exciting project for Downtown San Bernardino, and the work we approved today will make the courthouse even more vital and functional,” said Supervisor Clifford Young, whose 5th District includes Downtown San Bernardino. “The on-site parking for the temporary facility is the last piece needed to complete this project.”

The board today agreed to add a security stairway to the project that will ensure prisoners can be safely delivered to courtrooms without posing a threat to court visitors. Also, a larger, more secure working space will be created for the grand jury.

The Central Courthouse was built in 1926. The project will help the structure and the adjacent T-wing courthouse annex resist earthquakes, as well as remodel the T-wing to locate six courtrooms on the first and second floors.

The new \$37.3 total budget for the project – including construction and temporary relocation expenses – will still be met without tapping into the county’s General Fund.

“This is good news for everyone in the county because we all rely upon the General Fund for basic public safety as well as cultural and recreational opportunities,” Supervisor Young said.

The entire project will be funded with a combination of federal grant funds, an increase in civil filing fees, and non-General Fund revenues.