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Project Update

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Dodgeville Public Library Renovation and Expansion

The City of Dodgeville is pleased to share regular updates on the ongoing renovation and expansion of the Dodgeville Public Library. The project, which represents a significant investment in the community's educational and cultural future, continues to move forward on schedule.

Project Background

In 2014 a space needs study conducted by the Dodgeville Public Library Board of Trustees found the library "critically overcrowded" and recommended a 20,000+ square foot library. In February 2020, the City of Dodgeville passed a referendum for a \$7 million library, but the COVID pandemic paused these plans. In 2024, the City of Dodgeville was awarded a \$4.25 million grant from the State of Wisconsin to help fund the new library. Plans were developed for a library that will serve the people of Dodgeville and the surrounding area for the next generation. Thoughtful consideration went into improving efficiencies, creating a resilient space for emergencies, and developing a welcoming space that reflects the historic downtown - all while making choices to keep costs as low as possible.

Budget Outlook

The total project budget is \$8.95 million, supported by a \$4.25 million Flexible Facilities Project Grant, a \$1 million contribution from the Dodgeville Public Library Foundation, and \$3.7 million from the City of Dodgeville. To date, the project is 45% complete, and the City has been reimbursed \$3,368,325 million in grant funds.

Recent approved change orders associated with additional structural support, required modifications to electrical service, and elevator modernization total \$181,442. When combined with previous change orders, these unforeseen costs total 65% of the contingency included in the \$8.95 million project budget.

Forthcoming change orders will address winter acceleration costs. We anticipate these items will bring use of the contingency fund to 82% of the contingency budget.

Updated budget figures will continue to be shared each month.

Construction Progress

Exterior and Structural - the exterior structural framing is nearly complete. Masonry, sheeting, and roof decking is ongoing. Excavation has been backfilled, and the transformer replacement and installation of underground drainage systems has started.

Existing Building - electrical work is up to date, and HVAC equipment is being installed. Restroom tiling is underway and painting has started.

Main Level - drywall work is nearly complete and door frames installed. Removal of the structural plank opening is complete.

Lower Level - HVAC, plumbing, and electrical work continue. Shoring work is now complete.

Key Milestones

Groundbreaking: June 26, 2025

Substantial Completion: September 21, 2026

