



County of Hidalgo, Texas
COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN
August 22, 2011

PURPOSE

- To develop a comprehensive master plan of the courthouse function that will address the current courthouse function needs plus the anticipated needs for the next 10 to 15 years with the intention of developing a courthouse function campus plan that can be systematically augmented as the future needs require.

BACKGROUND

- Existing courthouse constructed in 1954
- Annex Building addition in 1968
- Three-Story North Wing addition in 1978
- Sally Port addition in 2008
- Experiencing many health and life safety issues
- Building support systems in need of major repair
- Requires many immediate maintenance needs
- Extensive functional deficiencies
- Grossly undersized
- Courthouse functions are decentralized and inefficient

PROJECT TIMELINE

- Pre-planning has been completed
- Four month implementation duration
- Begin interviews right after Labor Day
- Finalize Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP) before New Years Day

DELIVERY

- Historic preservation plan for Texas Historical Commission (THC)
- Macro program of spaces
- Conceptual design
 - * *Coordination w/ City of Edinburg*
- Strategic plan on how to design, build and finance

NEXT STEPS

- Finalize contract
- Finalize project schedule
- Recommend Courthouse Planning Committee (CPC) for approval
- Acquire base data of all affected departments
- Begin stakeholder research and education
 - ~ Interview County Judge
 - ~ Interview each County Commissioner
 - ~ Interview CPC

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Courthouse Planning Committee

- Judge Garcia appointee
- Commissioner Quintanilla appointee
- Commissioner T. Palacios appointee
- Commissioner Flores appointee
- Commissioner J. Palacios appointee
- Budget & Finance Department appointee
- Purchasing Department appointee
- District Attorney appointee
- District Clerk appointee
- County Clerk appointee
- Board of Judges appointee
- Juvenile Court appointee
- Sheriff's Office appointee
- Indigent Defense Office appointee
- Public Defender Office appointee
- Facilities & Maintenance Department appointee
- Hidalgo County Bar Association appointee
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- Community At-Large appointee (appointed by Commissioners Court)
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