

Courthouse parking site purchase gets state approval

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Planning for a new Yolo County Courthouse reached another milestone Friday with the State Public Works Board's approval of a land purchase for off-site parking, court officials announced Monday.

The land purchased from Union Pacific Railroad will be used to construct an estimated 226 parking spaces southeast of the courthouse, which is slated for the land bordered by Main Street, Lincoln Avenue, Fifth and Sixth streets on the east end of downtown Woodland.

Yolo Superior Court Presiding Judge David Rosenberg cited support from state Sen. Lois Wolk, Assemblyman Jim Nielsen and Woodland City Councilman Tom Stallard in addressing the Public Works Board's potential concerns.

"We were able to successfully argue that a delay might cause the parking site deal with Union Pacific to fall through, delaying the bond sale, construction and ultimately costing more money," Rosenberg said in a news release. "We are very happy to report that SPWB voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the parking site."

Construction of the new 14-courtroom courthouse is among 41 projects statewide funded by Senate Bill 1407, which finances courthouse construction, renovation and repair through an increase in fees, penalties and assessments.

Construction of the new Woodland courthouse is expected to begin in 2013 and is scheduled for completion in late 2014 or early 2015.