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State Public Works Board Approves Parking Site for New Woodland Courthouse

On Friday, December 9, 2011 planning for the new Woodland Courthouse project reached another important milestone. The State Public Works Board (SPWB) in Sacramento approved the purchase of land from Union Pacific Railroad to be used for off-site public parking for the new courthouse in downtown Woodland. Off-site parking will be located just south of the new courthouse between 5th and 6th Streets and will have approximately 226 parking spaces.

According to Presiding Judge David Rosenberg, "We had strong support from Senator Lois Wolk, Assemblyman Jim Nielsen, and Woodland City Councilman Tom Stallard to help us address potential concerns by the SPWB. 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 added "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 funded by Senate Bill 1407, which finances critically needed 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.

Court Executive Officer James B. Perry said, "The project is on track and progressing smoothly. We owe our success to the leadership of the Project Advisory Group (PAG) and the collaborative efforts with State and City of Woodland officials. Members of the PAG are Presiding Judge David Rosenberg, Judge Timothy L. Fall, Court Executive Officer James B. Perry, Assistant Court Executive Officer Shawn Landry, and Project Manager Mike Smith from the AOC Office of Courthouse Construction and Management."