

# Watch the new courthouse go up online

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Local residents can watch progress on construction of the new Yolo County Courthouse in real time via a video feed on the court's website:

[www.yolo.courts.ca.gov/NewWoodlandCourthouse/ConstructionSiteLiveStreaming.html](http://www.yolo.courts.ca.gov/NewWoodlandCourthouse/ConstructionSiteLiveStreaming.html).

Managed by Hensel Phelps Construction, work was scheduled to begin this week.

The new courthouse is one of several planned projects funded by Senate Bill 1407 through statewide user fees and is the first in the state to begin new construction.

“Over the past two years, many people from the Yolo Court, state agencies, city agencies and architects have devoted extraordinary efforts and time to reach the point that we construct the new Yolo Courthouse,” said Presiding Judge Steven M. Basha. “This live feed will allow everyone to watch the construction phase of this collaborative project.”

An estimated 450 workers will toil on the construction project, translating into an economic boost for downtown Woodland businesses, according to a news release from the county.

The new courthouse will be a five-story, 14-courtroom structure at 1000 Main St. in downtown Woodland, between Fifth and Sixth streets. The facility features significant improvements in security, with separate hallways for the public, staff and in-custody defendants, as well as better safety, access and efficiency for visitors and staff.

It also solves the court's current space shortfall, replaces obsolete buildings and consolidates operations in a single building.

The new courthouse design features a four-column portico entryway reminiscent of the old historic courthouse. The LEED silver design incorporates many sustainability features and includes many energy-saving LEED features that will make the new courthouse more economical to operate over time, the county release said.