



Courthouse Space Issues Update

November 27, 2012



Presentation Outline

- Chief Judge's request
- Operating Improvements





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Chief Judge's Request

- **During July Work Sessions Chief Judge requested an additional large courtroom**
 - **Required to deal with the multi-party civil suits**
 - **Required for high profile criminal cases**





Chief Judge's Request

- **Additional Large Courtroom**
 - Looked at leasing in Fairwinds Building
- **Two existing Federal Courtrooms**
 - Would require construction of jury boxes
 - Would require construction of security doors
 - Would require ongoing funding for security and rent
- **Annual Costs – \$700,000**





Chief Judge's Request

- **Additional Large Courtroom**
 - Looked at Building a Courtroom on 14th floor
 - Complete build out
 - Full courtroom with:
 - Elevator lobby, restrooms, jury deliberation room, inmate holding, public waiting area
 - Cost
 - Class A finishes – cost \$2.2M
 - Class C finishes – cost \$1.6M





Chief Judge's Request

- **Additional Large Courtroom**
 - **Looked at Building a Courtroom on 14th floor**
 - **Bare minimum build out**
 - No ceiling, painting, or lobby finishes
 - Install 2 restrooms and a drinking fountain
 - **Cost – \$250,000**
 - **Chose Bare Minimum Option**
 - **Court Facilities Fund Reserves (1248)**





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Operating Improvements

- **Hours of operation**
 - Opening building at 7:00 A.M. instead of 7:30 A.M.
 - Significantly reduced backlog at screening lines and elevators
 - Improved movement within building





Operating Improvements

- **Upgrading Elevators**
 - Destination dispatch
 - After initial issues, working well now
 - Completed in April/May timeframe
- **Added more security screening lines**





Operating Improvements

- **Modify the Information Desk to improve access to the elevators**
- **Improved signage**
- **Upgrade escalators next fiscal year**
- **Considering obtaining a space use study for the building**





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