

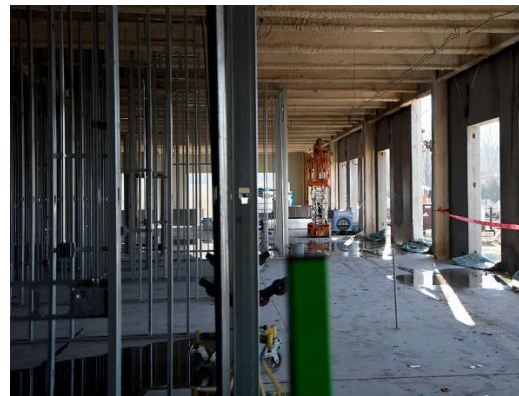


# JACKSON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

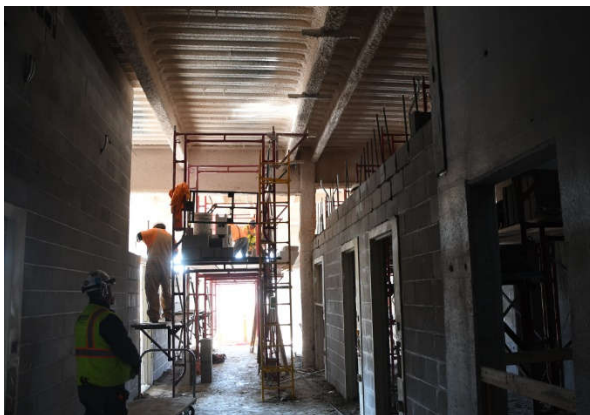
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## PROJECT STATUS

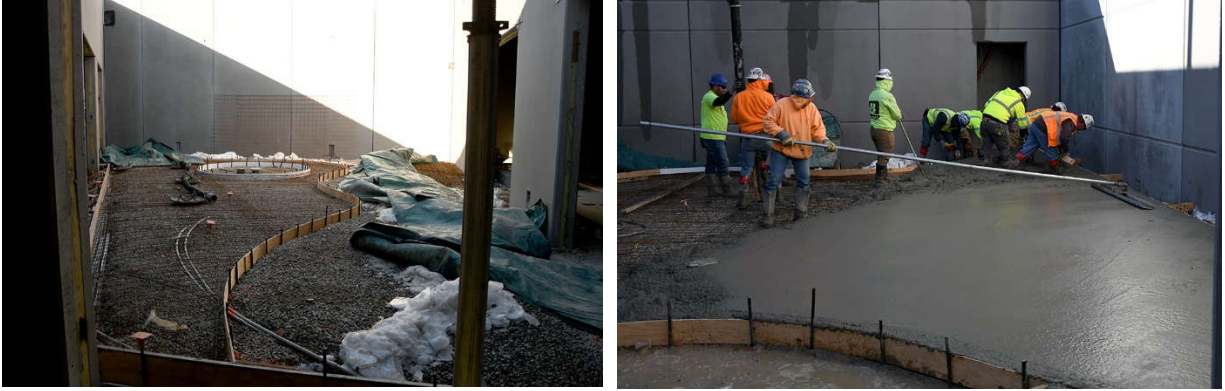
The milestone of Substantial Completion of December 10, 2025, is now only one year away. As the images below illustrate, construction continues to progress on many fronts as the Design-Build team advances towards a fully enclosed and weather tight structure. A topping out ceremony which celebrates the completion of a structure reaching its highest point is tentatively planned for early Spring.



**Above:** Architectural precast panels have been placed along the public facing front façade of the building and on the interior of this administrative component metal stud partitions of offices, conference rooms, and other workspaces are taking shape.



**Above:** Masonry and framed openings within the secure perimeter of the facility continue to be constructed.



**Above:** Interior courtyards within the secure perimeter offer opportunities for staff and others within the building to have access to natural light and areas of landscaping.



**Above:** Construction continues throughout winter conditions whenever possible to maintain the schedule.

Scopes of work and cost proposals are being developed for network equipment, inmate systems, and audio-visual systems among others that will be purchased through County term and supply agreements and will require Legislative approval in 2025.

The County project team and Design-Builder have been in ongoing coordination with MODOT on the improvements to US Hwy 40 and Ewing Avenue which is the entry point to the County property. The design intent of the planned improvements has been approved and will now be submitted for permitting to allow for activities in mid-2025.

Proposed changes which improve the safety of traffic in and out of the detention center include a left turn lane from US Hwy 40 and Ewing Avenue, realignment with an adjacent roadway for better visibility, and preparation for potential future signalization triggered by the construction of a KCMO facility. Any second phase of improvements required by the potential city facility would be funded by KCMO.

## **TRANSITION & ACTIVATION**

The transition team continues to meet on a bi-weekly basis and has recently been discussing effective communication strategies to prepare internal Jackson County corrections staff for the changes to come and the process to prepare them for these changes.

We are looking at the year ahead and are working on developing quarterly on-site visits to correspond with the quarterly stakeholder meetings which were kicked off last month.

Special Projects Coordinator Ashley Burke is touring Corrections through the building to increase their awareness and understanding of the project which will help facilitate a smooth transition. Meetings with appropriate user groups also continue on technology, owner provided vendors, and facility keying.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Our team has been supporting the County project management team in coordinating tours, generating social media, and updating the website. We continue to update stakeholders and the community on the progress of the project. As transition planning beings, our team will work with the County corrections team to highlight employment opportunities in the future at the new facility.