

# LAW, SAFETY AND JUSTICE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

## Introduction to Program

The Law, Safety and Justice (LS&J) Capital Improvement Program includes capital improvement projects (CIP) that support law enforcement, public safety and the provision of justice in King County. The goals of capital projects under this program are:

- To maintain the structural integrity and efficiency of court, police, correctional, and detention facilities;
- To minimize injury to persons and loss of property by constructing and equipping facilities appropriately;
- To respond to increased need for services through timely remodeling or construction of new facilities;
- To assure that the configuration of program and support space maximizes the effectiveness of service delivery.

## **Growth Management and Comprehensive Plan Issues**

These facilities are governed by policy choices related to level of service for public safety and criminal justice services and are not directly considered infrastructure as required under the GMA. While funding of these facilities does compete with other needs, leasing is always an option.

## **Program Highlights and Issues**

The 2005 Executive Proposed Capital Budget for Law, Safety and Justice (LS&J) totals \$22.4 million. The most significant projects within the program are as follows:

### **Jail Services Remodel Project**

The proposed 2005 funding of \$565,808 provides for design services to remodel approximately 4,000 square feet of existing Jail Health Services space in the King County Correctional Facility on floors 6 and 7. The project includes the expansion and/or improvements to the Pharmacy, Clinic Lab and Medical Inventory Control / Storage areas. Design services will also support improvements to the Clinic Counseling/Discharge Planning area and miscellaneous interior remodels for exam and charting rooms. Additional work includes the design of the infrastructure to support the new Electronic Health Record system and expansion and upgrade to the Nurse Call system. Also included in this project is the design modification of infirmary rooms with antechambers and isolation chambers, as well the addition of negative pressure in the remaining infirmary rooms.

In approving a 2004 appropriation for both the Electronic Security System and Intake, Transfer & (ITR) Improvement projects, the

King County Council anticipated that Jail Health Services Business Plan recommendations would be part of the 2005 budget proposal and that the plan would address the CIP needs for the renovation of jail clinical spaces. The 2005 request for design services is in keeping with the recommendations in the plan.

### **Jury Assembly**

This project was originally approved in the 2004 for \$837,512 and provides for the construction cost associated with the move of the Jury Assembly area from the courthouse 7<sup>th</sup> floor to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. This amount was based on a preliminary estimate, prior to demolition/discovery work. The estimate has been revised to \$1,635,998, based on a thorough evaluation of construction requirements. The 2005 budget contains \$798,486 of additional funding to support the revised estimate.

### **Courthouse Domestic Violence Safety Improvements - \$121,234**

The Courthouse Domestic Violence Safety Improvements project remodels current storage space on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the King County Courthouse to house the Department of Judicial Administration "Orders of Protection Services". The capital project is intended to give the clerk a more private environment for those in need of protection orders, can come and complete the necessary documentation. The project will also provide a secure space for children that will includes books and a DVD.

### **Major Maintenance Reserve Fund – Law Safety and Justice Projects**

The Major Maintenance Reserve Fund was created to provide for the periodic replacement of major building systems and components at King County facilities maintained by the Facilities Management Division so that each building will realize its full useful life. The 2005 Executive Proposed Budget includes approximately \$8.7 million in planned expenditures to replace building systems and components in the King County Correctional Facility, the Alder Youth Detention Facility, and the King County Courthouse.

### **Criteria for Project Prioritization**

- The 2005 LS&J CIP allocation was prioritized based on the LS&J project goals set out above and the following criteria:
- The project remedies deficient conditions adversely impacting health, safety and/or security.
- The project is necessary to meet legal requirements, including code requirements and handicapped accessibility.
- The project is a phased element of an approved master plan.
- The project results in cost savings sufficient to return the original capital investment over a moderate period of time.

- The project upgrades and expands the county's capital stock by maintaining structural integrity, restores architectural integrity, and improves building systems before failure of these facilities requires a more costly solution.
- The project expands the capacity of capital facilities through acquisition, new construction, or remodeling, in response to increased operating and service requirements.
- The project employs staff more effectively by enhancing the work environment, providing critical support services, and increasing efficiency in individual workload.

### **Financial Planning and Policy Overview**

The Law, Safety, and Justice Capital Projects for 2005 are funded from various sources including Current Expense.