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GROUNDBREAKING FOR TWO NEW BUILDINGS ON THE TEXAS CAPITOL MALL

AUSTIN – The Texas Facilities Commission announces the groundbreaking for Phase II of the [Texas Capitol Complex project](http://www.texascapitolcomplex.org) on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 9:00a.m. CST. The Capitol Complex Phase II project includes the construction of two new State office buildings and one additional block of the pedestrian Capitol Mall along North Congress Avenue.

A five story, 165,000 gross square foot building will be constructed at 1500 Congress. This building will be occupied by the Texas Department of Safety and other State agencies. A second office building will be constructed at 1501 Lavaca. This building will be 8-stories tall, 360,000 gross square feet, and will provide much need State-owned office space. Both buildings will have onsite parking for State employees. The project is slated to be complete in late 2026 and for tenant occupancy in early 2027.

The Phase II project also includes the extension of the Capitol Mall from 16th Street to 15th Street facing the north entrance to the Texas Capitol Building and completing the four-block pedestrian mall.

The legislative mandate of the Texas Facilities Commission is to eliminate the reliance on commercial lease space and consolidate widely dispersed state agencies into State-owned workspace. Currently, the State of Texas spends over \$37 million annually to house over 7,500 State employees in commercial lease space in the Austin metro area. State agencies officing in State-owned buildings are not charged for rent or utilities and benefit from dedicated TFC property management services.

The Phase II project team includes [JE Dunn](#), [HOK](#), [Square One](#), and over 100 consultants, subcontractors, and trade partners. The Texas Facilities Commission and this project team has been working on the Phase II plans since 2019 and are delighted to come together to celebrate the groundbreaking milestone of the project this week.

“It is an honor for the Texas Facilities Commission to lead the construction of the next phase of the iconic Capitol Complex. Our team remains resolute in upholding the professionalism we demonstrated in delivering phase one

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on time and within budget. Today we reconfirm our commitment to developing efficient workspaces for state government and public spaces encapsulating the spirit of the great State of Texas.

– Mike Novak, Executive Director, Texas Facilities Commission

Phase I of the Capitol Complex – The Capitol Complex Master Plan (2016) outlined three phases for the redevelopment of State land holdings surrounding the Capitol building. Phase I encompassed two new State office buildings, George HW Bush State Office Building at 1801 Congress, and the Barbara Jordan Building at 1601 Congress, a new Central Utility Plant, an underground parking garages, and three city-blocks of pedestrian green space (the Texas Capitol Mall). Phase I was completed in 2022. The first State agency tenant moved in April 2022 and the last in October 2022. Today, the TFC Capitol Complex portfolio is 98% full.

The [Texas Facilities Commission](#) supports the operations and maintenance of State-owned and lease space for over 100 State agencies, across 249 Texas cites. The agency currently manages 17.3 million square feet of State-owned facilities and 10.3 million square feet of leased facilities, as well as the over \$1.78 billion in construction projects in Austin and throughout the State of Texas.

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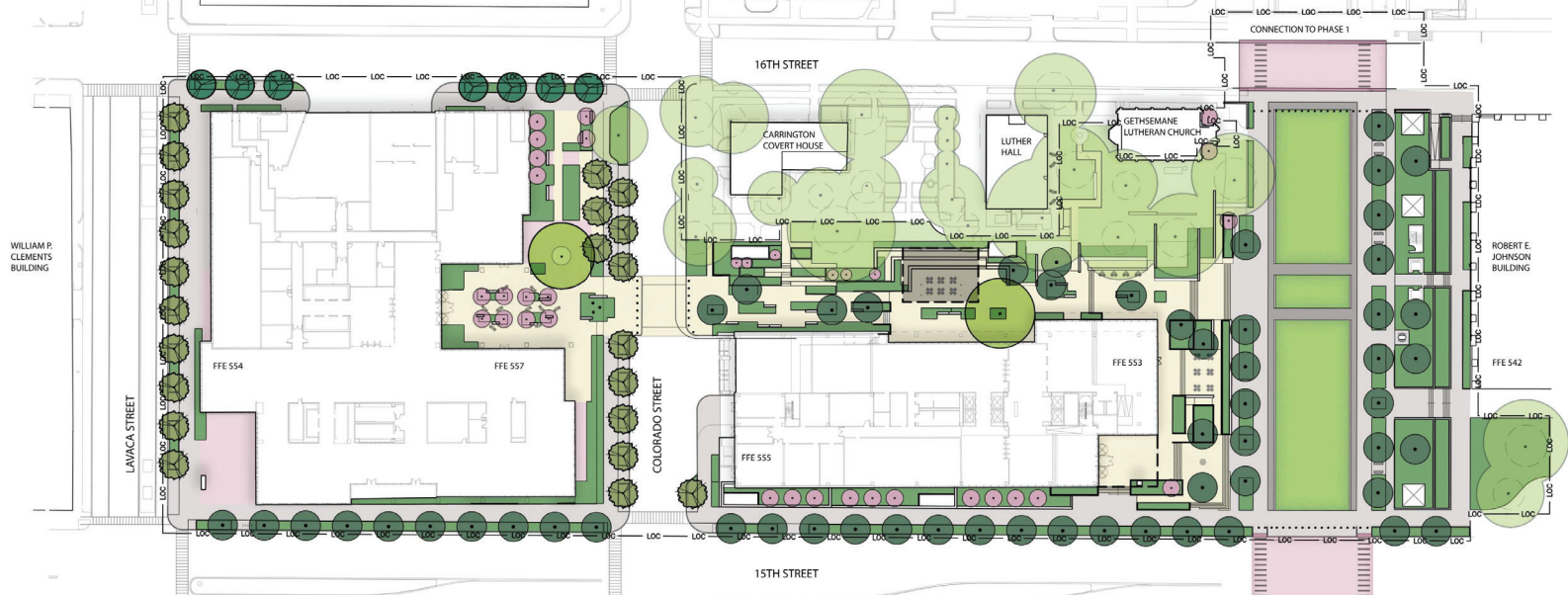


STATE OF TEXAS
CAPITOL COMPLEX PROJECT PHASE II

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Thursday, April 20, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

1501 Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas



Program

- 8:45 a.m. Gather & Mingle
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome Remarks
 - Steven D. Alvis, Chairman, Texas Facilities Commission
 - John Raff, Deputy Executive Director, Texas Facilities Commission
 - Chuck Lipscomb, SVP Austin Office Leader, JE Dunn
 - Roger Soto, Senior Principal, HOK
- 9:30 a.m. Groundbreaking Ceremony
- 9:40 a.m. Pictures and Refreshments

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Project Description

The Capitol Complex Phase II project will redevelop two city blocks with new state office buildings at 15th and Congress and 15th and Lavaca. The project will also extend the Texas Capitol Mall one block along Congress Avenue from 16th Street to 15th Street, directly across from the Texas Capitol building and grounds.

The 1500 Congress State Office Building will be five stories and includes the completion of the Texas Capitol Mall from 16th Street to 15th Street. The 1501 Lavaca State Office Building will be eight stories. The two buildings combined will include approximately 2,550 parking spaces in above and below-grade parking within the building footprints and below the extension of the pedestrian mall. The project is scheduled for completion in Fall 2026.



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