

New United States Courthouse for the District of Utah

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The new courthouse is located at 351 South West Temple Street in downtown Salt Lake City, behind the existing Frank E. Moss Federal Courthouse. It will rest on a raised landscaped plaza, surrounded by trees, and will include an informal public garden and gathering space between the two buildings.

The building (rendering at left) is ten stories tall, plus two restricted parking and building service levels below. Building plans include ten District and Magistrate courtrooms and support spaces; Office of the Clerk of Court; U.S. Probation Office; U.S. Marshals Service; two Grand Jury Suites; Alternate Dispute Resolution Rooms; large Jury Assembly area; 10th Circuit Branch Library; and a Cafeteria.

Construction started on January 19, 2011, and is scheduled to finish by the end of March, 2014.



Erection of the structural steel frame has reached the seventh floor (photo left); work on the frame will resume once the tower crane is "jumped" to a higher level to complete the job. Structural steel is scheduled to be "topped out" by early Feb 2012.

Other work continues, such as the installation of site utility lines; backfilling and compaction work; and pouring of remaining concrete basement walls, columns, and slabs. Erection of concrete block walls has started, and will continue throughout the job.

Interior HVAC, plumbing, and electrical rough-ins have been started at lower floors of the building.



By next spring (now anticipated in May 2012), the building's glass and aluminum enclosure wall will begin to be installed. A combination of clear glass and anodized aluminum, it will nicely complement the soft grey tones of the existing Moss Courthouse. The enclosure wall should take approximately ten months to install on the new building.

Other work will be performed along with installation of the building's skin. Remaining site utilities and grading will be substantially completed, and much progress will be seen on the building's interior, such as walls, door frames, stairs, and electrical, HVAC, and plumbing rough-ins.