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Joint Committee on Ways and Means General Government Subcommittee

Date: March 27, 2025

Meeting Summary: Capitol Accessibility, Maintenance, and Safety (CAMS) Project Tour

Members Present

Senator Manning, Representative Gomberg, Representative Reschke, Representative Chaichi,
Representative Tran

Additional Legislative Attendees

Kim To, Principal Legislative Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Office

Ron Nalley, Committee Assistant, Legislative Fiscal Office

Walt Campbell, Principal Legislative Analyst (Bonding), Legislative Fiscal Office

CAMS Project

Jodie Jones, CAMS Project Director

Dave Hartsfield, CAMS Construction Project Manager

Josh Faulkner, Hoffman Construction, Project Superintendent

Aaron Jones, Hoffman Construction, Site Superintendent

Tour Summary

The primary purpose of the tour was for members to see the progress of the CAMS Project. Jodie Jones provided some background information on the CAMS Project then walked the group through the construction zone.

The CAMS project initially was approved by the 2016 Legislative Assembly to address Americans with Disabilities Act deficiencies; at-risk mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems; and security and life-safety issues in the Oregon State Capitol building. Total funding for Phase I of the project was \$59.9 million.

The 2020 Legislative Assembly approved Phase II of the project to address needed improvements to the seismic structure of the 1977 portions of the Capitol building; Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility at the building's south entrance; mechanical and electrical elements; life-safety issues; and restoration of historic elements. Total funding for Phase II of the project is \$70.8 million with a projected completion date of December 2022.

The 2022 Legislative Assembly approved Phase III of the project to renovate the 1938 portion of the Capitol. Total funding for Phase III of the project is \$465 million.

Tour Sites and Topics Covered Included:

- Seismic retrofit such as the 160 base isolators providing support to the Capitol Building in the event of a major earthquake and a deep covered trench that surrounds the building to separate the earth from the building. Other safety upgrades and retrofitting included a fire suppression system, lead pipe removal, and asbestos abatement.
- Accessibility features including ramps and restrooms will include changing tables for adults as well as babies.
- Features to create more usable space in the Capitol including new offices, member lounge, and ground level courtyards, as well as the redesign of the basement into a concourse level with more natural light, four new hearing rooms, a new restaurant area, press room, and stairwells leading to the first floor.
- Preservation and restoration of historic features such as the marble, travertine tiles, brass hardware, windows, and rotunda murals.
- Efforts to incorporate and diversify the Oregon One Percent for Art mandate given the Capitol's existing vast art collection focused on Euro-American settlement. Passed in 1975, this legislation mandates that 1% of the direct construction funds of new or remodeled state buildings with construction budgets of \$100,000 or more be set aside for acquisition of artwork.
- The Get us There Safe (GUTS) trailer that serves as a break room for the average of 150 workers on the Capitol construction site every day, at this phase of the project. The GUTS trailer also supports the workers onsite by raising awareness and helping normalize conversations about mental health and suicide. An estimated 6,000 construction workers died by suicide in 2022, the most recent data available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Construction workers are six times more likely to die from suicide than an on-the-job injury or accident, and the rate of suicide among male construction workers is 75% higher than men in the general population. The CAMS project has one of the first GUTS trailers on a Hoffman construction project.











