



MONTANA STATE PRISON: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Creating a safer Montana through accountability,
rehabilitation, and empowerment.



MSP CAPITAL PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- A supportive physical environment for staff that is safe and professional.
- Adequate space to provide recidivism-reducing programming and treatment to inmates.
- Modern housing units that are efficient for staff and operations.



MSP: THEN

- Old Montana State Prison
 - 1871 – 1979
 - Original construction – 14 cells - \$40,000
 - Began expanding immediately
 - Housed men and women (at times)
 - Sections built by inmate labor
 - National Register of Historic Places



MSP: NOW

- 1979 – present
- Adult male facility - all inmate security levels
- Inmate population – 1,573 (1/16/23)
- Operational capacity - 1,526
- 140-acre campus on 38,000 acres of land



PROJECT: ENTRY/STAFF SERVICES ADDITION

\$12.8 MILLION

- Would provide:
 - Ample space for training, breaks, work areas
 - Accommodations for staff (inclement weather, multiple shifts)
 - Workout area - support staff wellness (no workout area currently)
 - Improved morale - recruitment/retention



FAST FACTS: MSP EMPLOYEES

- 637 positions
- 56% live outside of Deer Lodge and commute
- About 50% are correctional officers
- Correctional officers (COs) currently work 12-hour shifts
- CO vacancy rate - 39 percent





**WORKSPACE, LOCKER
ROOM, BREAK AREAS**

PROJECT: REPLACE LOW SIDE HOUSING

\$156 MILLION

Would provide:

- Additional living and programming space
- Enhanced ADA accommodations
- Improved security through modern correctional design, efficiencies
- Decrease in maintenance costs for aged building



FAST FACTS: LOW SIDE HOUSING

- Housing for 576 inmates
- Built - 1970s (using inmate labor)
- Units A, B, C – 12 cubes in each unit – each cube holds 17 inmates with one toilet, two sinks, one shower
- Unit D - holds 96 inmates



BATHROOMS



LIVING AREAS



DAY ROOMS



ADA CHALLENGES



LINE-OF-SIGHT BARRIERS



PRINCIPLES OF MODERN PRISON DESIGN

- Centralized security to improve lines of sight and more efficient in security staff posts (safer for inmates and staff)
- Adequate bathrooms and day rooms to minimize friction between inmates and wear and tear on plumbing and electrical
- Natural light, clean and tidy spaces





PROJECT: CONSTRUCT NEW MULTI-PURPOSE PROGRAMS BUILDING \$9 MILLION

Would provide:

- Adequate space for educational and treatment programming for both staff and inmates
- Improved recidivism rates through increased availability of programming
- Greater level of security - less movement of inmates



FAST FACTS: HIGH SIDE PROGRAMS BUILDING

- Programming space is limited
- Sometimes day rooms in the units are used to supplement programming space
- Labor-intensive - high security inmates require escorts (usually two COs) for movement to programming
- Limits opportunities for programming



DAYROOMS



DAYROOMS





PROJECT: CHECKPOINT/WALLACE BUILDING SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS \$3 MILLION

Would provide:

- "Hardening" of the checkpoint area providing improved ability to restrict access to the MSP/MCE campus
- More efficient flow of staff, visitors through the Wallace Building entrance
- Electronic tracking of staff, inmates in MSP
- Improved security



FAST FACTS - CHECKPOINT, WALLACE BUILDING SECURITY

Checkpoint

- No physical barriers to slow vehicles, protect booth from impact
- No means to prevent unauthorized vehicle movement from inspection zone
- Checkpoint view obstructed by topography, buildings, vegetation

Wallace Building Security

- Bottleneck for staff, visitors
- Antiquated staff, inmate tracking systems



CHECKPOINT



WALLACE BUILDING ENTRANCE





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Questions?