



Jail System Planning Update & Community Input Webinar

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Purpose of Today's Webinar

- Brief recap of the Jail System Master Planning effort
- Share key themes from community input
- Respond to frequently asked questions
- Outline next steps and ongoing opportunities for engagement
- Open public comment (3 minutes per speaker)

What is the Jail System Master Plan?

- Long-term roadmap for Sacramento County's jail system
- The Master Plan is not a single decision—it is an analytical process that evaluates facilities, population, operations, and service needs, and provides the Board with a range of options, costs, and impacts.
- Aligns with legal requirements (Mays Consent Decree, Americans with Disabilities Act, etc.)
- Goal: **Safe, humane, and effective system**

Why This Work Matters

- Aging facilities and infrastructure challenges
- Increasing complexity of needs (medical, behavioral health)
- Legal and compliance requirements
- Community expectations for:
 - Safety
 - Accountability
 - Humane treatment

Community Engagement to Date

- Initial listening session completed
 - Space limited to 60 participants
- Community survey conducted
 - No participation limit (117 responses received)
 - Same questions from listening session
- Input received from
 - Community members
 - Impacted individuals and families
 - Service providers

What We Heard

Strong engagement and diverse perspectives

- Areas of agreement:
 - Healthcare needs improvement
 - Reentry support is critical
 - Accountability matters
- Areas of differing views:
 - Role of incarceration
 - Facility expansion vs. reduction

■ Key Theme: Medical & Behavioral Health

Need for:

- Expanded services
- Faster access to care
- More specialized staff
- Better continuity of care

Key Theme: Diversion & Population

- Interest in reducing jail population
- Support for alternatives to incarceration
- Ongoing debate about system size and role

Key Theme: Humane Treatment

- Emphasis on dignity and respect
- Concerns about custody culture
- Need for trauma-informed approaches

Key Theme: Reentry

- Housing is the top priority
- Need for early planning
- Better coordination with community services
- Focus on reducing recidivism / returns to custody

Key Theme: Facilities

- Existing facilities present limitations
- Need for modern, service-oriented spaces
- Concerns about facility locations
- Ongoing evaluation of future options

Summary of Community Input

- Broad agreement on need for system improvements
- Different perspectives on how to achieve them
- Input will inform planning scenarios

Questions We're Addressing Today

- Population and alternatives
- Community engagement
- Facilities and location
- Healthcare and reentry
- Accountability and timeline
- Cost and compliance

Population and Alternatives

Will the plan reduce the jail population?

- The Master Plan **does not set policy**, but it **analyzes population drivers and future needs**
- It includes **20-year population projections** and modeling of **different scenarios**, including impacts of diversion and policy changes
- It also evaluates alternatives to incarceration and community-based treatment options
- These analyses allow decision-makers to **understand how different strategies affect jail population and facility needs**
- Outside of the Master Planning effort, the County has a Jail Population Reduction Plan. We welcome ideas **within the County's control / operational authority** that may improve population reduction efforts.

Population and Alternatives

How are diversion and alternatives being considered?

- The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) explicitly requires analysis of:
 - Out-of-custody mental health and substance use treatment options
- It also evaluates:
 - Barriers to using those alternatives
 - Their impact on jail population and facility needs
- This ensures alternatives are considered **as part of the system—not outside it**

Community Engagement

Will community input influence decisions?

- The process includes:
 - A **formal committee structure** overseeing planning
 - Required **stakeholder engagement and communication plans**
- The consultant must:
 - Incorporate stakeholder input
 - Identify gaps between current and desired systems
- Community input directly informs:
 - Goals
 - Priorities
 - Evaluation of Options

Is the County planning to build a new jail?

- The RFQ requires evaluation of multiple options, including:
 - Renovation of existing facilities
 - Expansion
 - New construction (with site analysis)
- The final product is:
 - A range of options with costs, timelines, and impacts
- No decision has been made; this process is what informs that decision. We are evaluating options—**not advancing a predetermined outcome.**

Location

Will the jail be relocated?

- Site selection is only evaluated if new construction is considered
- The RFQ requires:
 - Site analysis (including environmental and operational factors)
 - Consideration of transportation, operations, and access
- Any recommendation will be:
 - Based on analysis
 - Compared against other options

How will healthcare improve?

- This is one of the most detailed required components of the RFQ:
 - Mental health needs assessment
 - Staffing and service capacity analysis
 - Facility requirements for care delivery
- The plan must also:
 - Identify gaps in care delivery
 - Recommend facility and operational improvements
- This is directly tied to Mays Consent Decree compliance

Reentry

How does the plan address reentry?

- Reentry is addressed through:
 - Population modeling (length of stay, system flow)
 - Operational analysis
- The RFQ requires evaluating:
 - Alternatives to incarceration
 - System coordination and transitions
- While not a standalone section, reentry is embedded in:
 - Population
 - Operations
 - Community services analysis

Accountability

How will success be measured?

- The plan includes:
 - Gap analysis between current and desired system
 - Identification of:
 - Operational deficiencies
 - Service gaps
- It also evaluates:
 - Staffing
 - Service delivery
 - Facility performance
- These form the basis for:
 - Measurable improvements
 - Decision-making criteria

Timeline & Process

What is the timeline?

- Set by a **Memorandum of Agreement** filed in **Federal Court**
- **By October 30, 2026** – County, with its consultants, will complete a written report that details jail physical plant remediation options, with associated cost estimates, recommended project delivery methods, project timelines, and other relevant matters.
 - Shall include: (1) the inspection, assessment, inventory, and analysis of existing County facilities, (2) a detailed jail population analysis, (3) an operations assessment including compliance with the Mays Consent Decree requirements, and (4) space planning and assessment.
- **By December 4, 2026** - County, with input from Mays subject matter experts, and following a meet-and-confer with Class Counsel, will develop a recommendation for the Board of Supervisors

Costs & Budget

How much will this cost?

- The Master Plan will provide:
 - Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) cost estimates for all options
- Possible ideas may include:
 - Renovation
 - Expansion
 - New construction
 - Long-term capital needs
- It also includes:
 - Financing options

Legal Compliance

How does this relate to the Mays Consent Decree?

- The RFQ explicitly states:
 - The plan must support compliance with the Mays Consent Decree
- This includes:
 - Healthcare delivery
 - Accessibility
 - Facility conditions
- The goal is:
 - Identify an affordable way to achieve compliance

Community Engagement Opportunities

- **Community Workshop to Present Preliminary Findings from Master Planning Consultant**
 - Still in development
 - Tentatively:
 - Held between June and September
 - Conducted online
 - May be a single event or a series of events
- **Public Board/Commission Meetings:**
 - Periodic updates at Sheriff Community Review Commission and Community Corrections Partnership Advisory Board
 - PSJA Annual Update to the Board of Supervisors (May 12, 2026, tentative)
- **Through October 30, 2026:**
 - Share your thoughts via email to PSJA@saccounty.gov

Request for Input – Facility Option Evaluation Criteria

- Previous requests for community input focused on:
 - Treatment and service needs for specialized populations
 - System gaps & improvements
 - Ways to improve reentry / transitions back to the community

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- **Given your experiences and personal perspective, what criteria is most important to you when it comes to renovating, expanding, or building a jail facility?**

- **Examples:**
 - Cost to renovate/build
 - Compliance with legal requirements
 - Distance to Court, hospitals, and law enforcement agencies
 - Distance to/from residential and/or business areas
 - Ease of access for visitors
 - Impact on staffing/ongoing operational costs
 - Operational flexibility
 - Space to accommodate growth
 - Therapeutic environment for individuals receiving medical and/or behavioral health treatment

Public Comment Guidelines

- **Public Comment Process**

- All attendees will have an opportunity to share **1 verbal public comment**.
- Once the public comment period is opened, please use the “**Raise Hand**” feature in Zoom to request to speak. Please keep your virtual hand raised until you have been called on to speak.
- **The queue will close after 10 minutes**; anyone who raises their hand during that 10 minutes will be granted an opportunity to speak. The webinar will not end until everyone with a raised hand has had an opportunity to speak.
- Speakers will be called on in the order hands are raised.
- Please be ready to speak when called. If a speaker does not begin within **20 seconds** of being called on, we will move to the next speaker.

Public Comment Guidelines, Continued

- Time Limit
 - Each speaker will have **up to 3 minutes** to provide comment.
 - Comments will end **promptly** at the 3-minute mark to ensure all participants have an opportunity to speak.
- Making Your Comment Count
 - We encourage speakers to share unique perspectives or new information. If your comment is similar to one already made, you are welcome to briefly state your agreement rather than repeat the full message. This helps us hear from as many voices as possible.
- If you were unable to comment or if you have more to share beyond what the 3 minutes allows, we welcome written comments through PSJA@saccounty.gov



Thank You

We welcome additional comments through
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