



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Subject: Contra Costa County Parking Lot Demolition and Reconstruction**

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MARTINEZ – On March 12, 2018, demolition of the Contra Costa County parking lot located behind 651 Pine Street will begin. The reconfiguration and upgrading of the parking lot is part of the County's project to replace the functionally obsolete 1960's 12-story County Administration building on Pine Street with a new 71,000 square foot complex. The modern four-story building with a curved façade along Escobar and new public plaza will add to downtown's vitality and reshape the pedestrian experience around the project site.

In an effort to minimize disruption to downtown businesses and visitors, there will be no street or sidewalk closures to accommodate the parking lot demolition and reconstruction. However, pedestrians and drivers spending time in or driving through downtown may notice minor noise and visual disruptions over the next five months.

City and County staff have worked closely with each other since the architecturally impressive and community-friendly project was conceived several years ago. The new complex will increase the number of parking spaces at the project site by approximately 75 spaces to a total of 250. The increase in parking capacity will help address the growing parking demand for county employees and jurors, as well as the patrons visiting the new and exciting businesses populating Main Street. In addition, there will be public plaza areas where the soon-to-be demolished County Administration Building now sits.

The City is excited about the new County Administration building and our continued partnership with the County.

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