



Moving Forward on New Public Works Facility

The West Bountiful City Council recently took several significant steps to construct a new public works facility on 1200 N.

- Under a construction method known as CM/GC (Construction Manager/General Contractor), the city has selected an architectural firm and general contractor to move forward with the design and construction of the facility. This method allows the general contractor to participate in the design to help control costs.
- The architectural firm is CRSA out of Salt Lake City, and the CM/GC is Gramoll Construction out of North Salt Lake. Some residents may know that Mayor Ken Romney is an employee of Gramoll Construction. With the help of the State of Utah, the city took many precautions to ensure that no one connected to the firms (including the Mayor and the Public Works Director) were involved in the value-based selection process. The City Administrator is happy to talk to any resident with concerns about how contractors were selected.
- The current budget for the project is between \$5-\$6 million. This is significantly below the original estimate of \$7 million from the original master plan. This will fund an 18,000 sq. ft. building to include vehicle/equipment storage, work space, and minimal office area, as well as other space for road salt and other material storage.
- A Sales Tax Revenue Bond of \$6 million was issued to fund the project. The city's sound financial standing helped the city secure a 1.822% interest rate on the bond, and the city will return any unspent funds to lower the principal balance.
- The current schedule is to have the new facility open by late summer 2022.

What Is Public Works?

For West Bountiful City, the public works department oversees many of the services residents use every day, including drinking water, streets maintenance, snow removal, parks, storm drains, and garbage can management.

What Are the Current Facilities and Why Aren't They Good Enough?

To provide these services, the city has the following buildings and land: A 6,000 sq. ft. shop behind city hall on 800 W. that acts as the main location for equipment and employees, and an outdoor yard at the end of Jessi's Meadow Dr. with materials like salt and gravel and various types of equipment. Unfortunately, the current public works shop is much too small to fit the current equipment needed to provide services like fixing water breaks and snow plowing. The current setup of having the equipment, materials, and employees separated also costs time and money. Finally, because it is behind the city hall, the public works shop is very difficult to access during the school year.