

Hearing from the Community

Multnomah County Central Courthouse



ENGAGING THE LOCAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMUNITY

Public Input has Impacted the Project

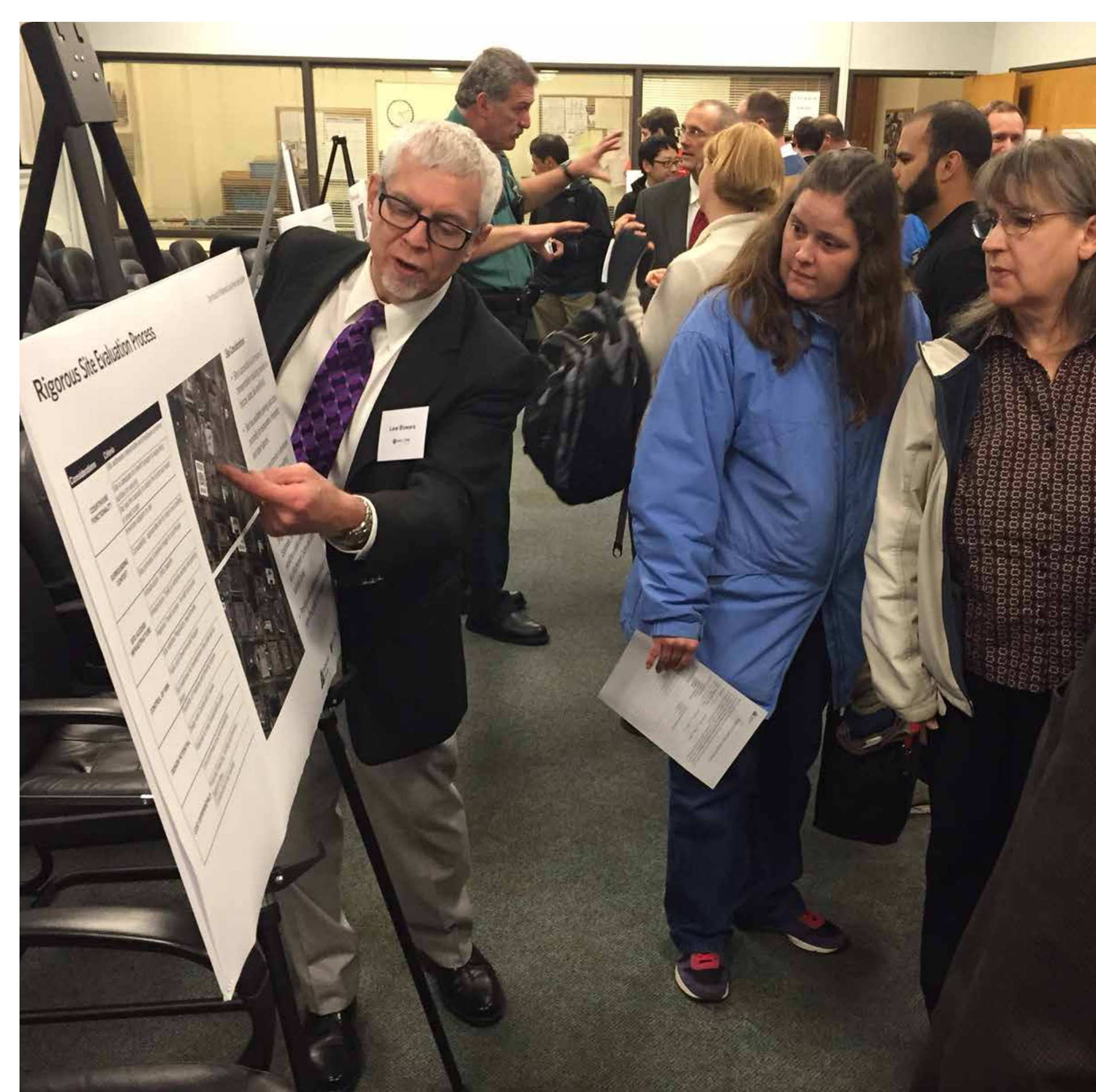
In 2008, Multnomah County Board of Commissioners members Deborah Kafoury and Judy Shiprack convened work groups composed of community leaders and stakeholders to consider whether the existing courthouse should be renovated or if a new building was needed. Two studies were completed, evaluating renovation and new building costs, scope of work and financing.

A survey was launched and input from the public, courthouse users, stakeholders and community groups led to the selection of a site for a new courthouse, close to the existing courthouse, on county-owned land.

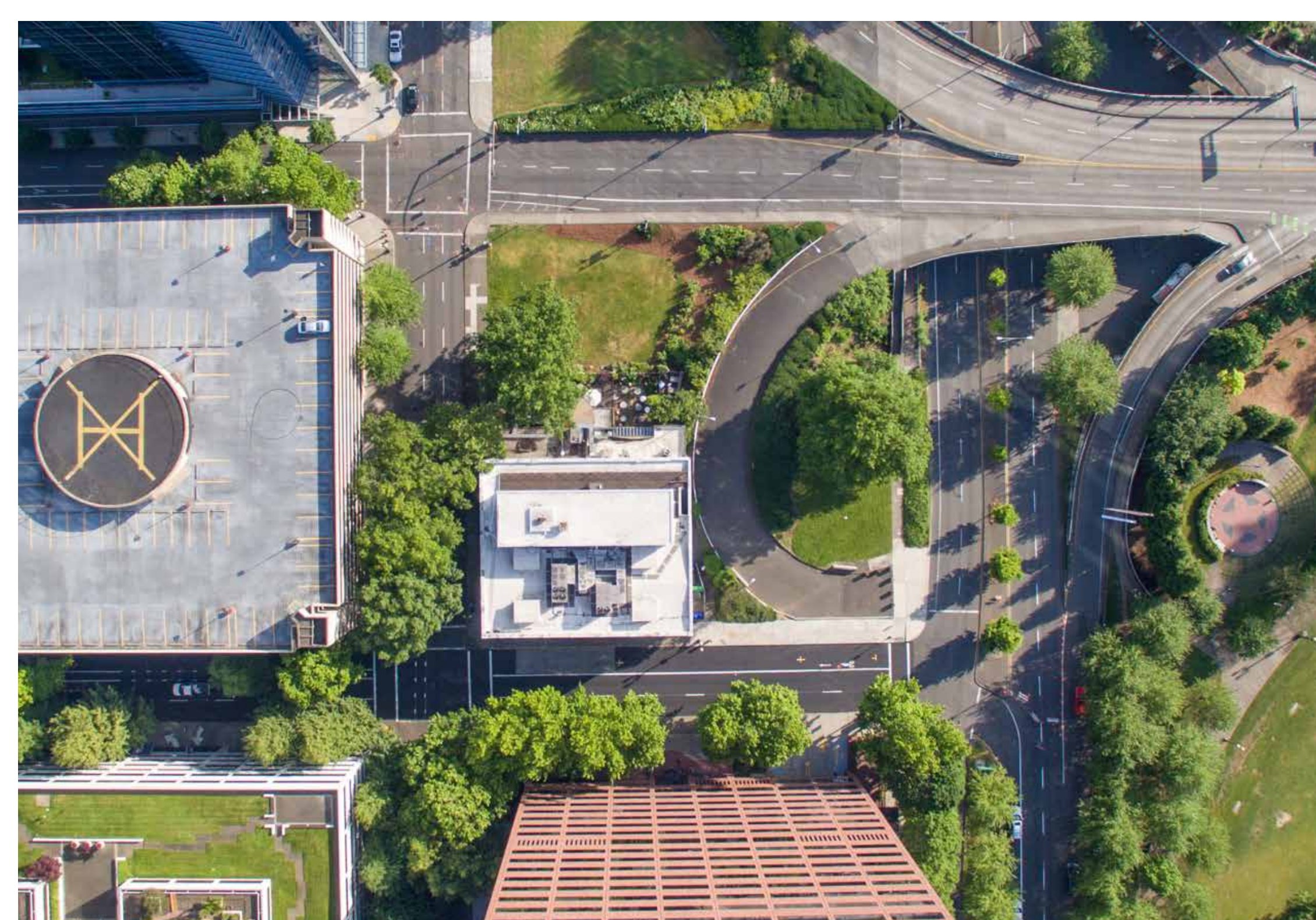
- Input from courthouse users and employees was a factor in deciding to build a new courthouse rather than renovate the old one.
- Input from the public, courthouse users and stakeholders led to the selection of a site for a new courthouse in downtown, on county-owned land.
- Input from bicyclists, pedestrians and disability advocates is helping to shape plans for the site during and after construction. The side of the building facing Naito will have an improved connection to the Hawthorne Bridge and the popular bike and pedestrian eastbound route across the Hawthorne Bridge will be preserved and enhanced.
- Frequent courthouse users such as attorneys, judges, victim advocates and building staff are providing input so that the building is designed to meet community needs. Public input has led to decisions to expand Court Care facilities for courthouse visitors and add bike parking for visitors and employees.
- The Regional Art and Culture Council has established an advisory committee to select artists who will create works for the courthouse, as part of a percent for art program.



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