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The [Sacramento Convention Center Complex](#) includes three facilities: Memorial Auditorium, Community Center Theater and Convention Center. These facilities are collectively managed by the City of Sacramento's Convention & Cultural Services Department. The City is undertaking improvements to each of these facilities. Below is an update on the status of those projects.

Memorial Auditorium

In preparation for the relocation of Community Center Theater events to Memorial Auditorium for the 2019/2020 season, the City is undertaking improvements to the building to enhance the functionality and patron experience. Improvements include new seating, improved lighting and rigging, acoustic enhancements, a new orchestra shell, and additional temporary restrooms as well as a new truck loading area. The construction drawings have been completed and are being reviewed by the City's Building staff. It is expected that construction will start in March 2018. The \$16.2 million project will be completed in the summer of 2019 in time for the relocation of the Theater events. The temporary improvements, including the additional outdoor restrooms and the exterior loading docks, will be removed and the building and site restored to its original condition in the fall of 2020. The project team includes the architect, [Architectural Nexus](#), and the anticipated contractor, [Kitchell](#), along with the City's owner's representatives and advisors, [Pfocus/Rider Levett Bucknall](#).

Community Center Theater

The City has embarked on the long-awaited renovation of the Community Center Theater located at 1301 L Street. The \$84 million project is currently in the design phase with the completion of design documents in December. The project will be a dramatic transformation of the building bringing it closer to L Street with a new façade, new L Street entry and expanded lobby. The building will have upgraded finishes, additional restrooms and concession areas as well as improved accessibility for both patrons and performers. In addition to new audio-visual equipment, lighting and rigging system, the building's acoustic will be greatly improved for all types of events. An expanded loading dock and new storage areas will benefit large shows. Construction will start in January 2019 and the building will close in June 2019 for the interior work. The Theater will reopen for use in early Fall 2020 with the remaining exterior improvements expected to conclude in the spring of 2021. The project team includes the architect, [DLR/Westlake Reed Leskosky](#), and the anticipated contractor, [Kitchell](#), along with the City's owner's representatives and advisors, [Pfocus/Rider Levett Bucknall](#).

Convention Center

The City's design and construction team, comprised of [Populous](#) and [AECOM Hunt](#), is currently evaluating the revised concept design discussed at the last stakeholder meeting. The updated design along with cost estimates will be presented for consideration at the next Convention Center stakeholder meeting on Nov 14. See below for more information on the meeting time and location. It is anticipated that the updated design, schedule and budget will be presented to City Council at a meeting in early December.

Possible Private Operations

Per Council direction on July 25, City staff began discussions regarding possible private operation with a group comprised of the Sacramento Kings, SMG and Live Nation. A proposal is expected from that group in early November. No decision has been made regarding private operation. Once a proposal is received, staff will conduct its own due diligence and outreach and then make a recommendation to Council whether to proceed with private operation early next year.

Upcoming Meetings

The next stakeholder meetings on the Theater and Auditorium projects will be held in January 2018. The date and time will be made available in the next few weeks. The stakeholder meeting on the Convention Center project will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 9 am to 11 am in Exhibit Hall D of the Convention Center. The Council hearing on the Convention Center project is anticipated for early December.

Websites

[Visit Sacramento](#) (Meeting planners for events)

[City of Sacramento](#) (Detailed project information)

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