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Capitol Reopens State Street (South) Entrance for Public Entry

SALEM, Ore. – As the 2023 legislative session approaches, the south entrance to the Oregon State Capitol will soon reopen following years of construction to make seismic and accessibility improvements.

Starting December 5, public entry on State Street will reopen. This will allow entry to Hearing Rooms A-F on the first floor, which will be used for December Legislative Days and the 2023 session, and access to the legislative offices in the Capitol wings. During the session, public access to the chambers will have a limited capacity due to ongoing construction work. It is projected that the main historic portion of the building will open for visitors again in January 2025.

December Legislative Days will take place at the Capitol from December 7-9. The 82nd Oregon Legislative Assembly's long session will start on Tuesday, January 17.

Visitors are welcome into the open portions of the building during regular building hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Due to construction related closures, reduced occupancy limits and higher than average foot-traffic, visitors should anticipate some delays or potential wait times to enter the Capitol.

The Capitol Accessibility, Maintenance and Safety (CAMS) construction project continues to make urgent seismic, safety, and accessibility improvements to the Oregon State Capitol. On March 4, 2022, the Oregon Legislative Assembly approved the third phase of the project (CAMS III), which includes important seismic upgrades to the historic central portion of the Capitol building that was completed in 1938.

Since its beginning in 2017, the CAMS project has made critical updates to the Oregon State Capitol building, including seismic upgrades to the 1977 portion of the building; mechanical system upgrades; and new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) entrances at the back of the Capitol, among other accessibility improvements.

A [2013 report](#) from the Capitol Master Plan Review Committee found “serious seismic problems” in the Capitol that put lives at risk in the event of a major earthquake. The report noted that 235,000 people visit the Capitol each year, including 20,000 schoolchildren, in addition to more than 400 people who regularly work in the Capitol building.

For more information regarding CAMS, visit <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/cams> or call the CAMS office at 503-986-1744.