

State House Access and Renovation Project

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Themes from last meeting and follow up conversations:

It is clear that there are high level items that the majority of members agree when it comes to the next steps, including:

- All committee rooms need to be in the State House
- Renovations should be done in phases
- It is important to consider the constraints of funding streams such as ARPA, but we should choose projects based on needs of those that work and visit the State House
- We should consider how our other spaces on Aiken integrate into our long term planning
- There is clarity on our immediate needs, less clarity on long term



Proposed next steps for short term renovation project:

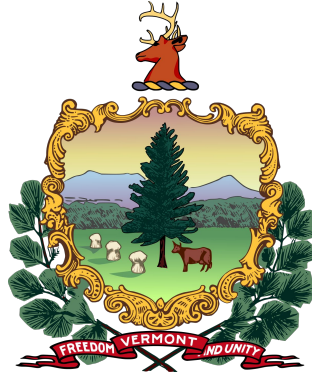
- It is clear from our previous meetings, in follow up meetings, and in conversations with staff, legislators, and the general public that the focus of the short term renovation should be on address public health and safety. This may include:
 - New entry at northwest corner and infill lobby
 - New egress stairs and elevator at northwest corner
 - New restrooms in northwest corner
 - New egress stair at northeast corner for the Senate Chamber
 - New egress site path from east



Proposed next steps for long term renovation:

- It will be critical to have a robust public engagement process to consider the many options for long term State House renovations. While there are several groups that have involvement in the planning and/or operations of the State House, it will be important that a group is created for this specific project.
 - Need to discuss what groups make sense to help assist in the organization and facilitation of this public engagement process
- The group would then be responsible for making recommendations to the House Corrections and Institutions and Senate Institutions Committees





Discussion and Next Steps