# **Fact Sheet**



# Cobo Center Capital Improvement Program 2010-2015

#### **Capital improvement budget:**

\$299 million

#### Construction scheduled in three phases:

Phase 1, \$3.25 million – COMPLETED January 2010

Phase 2, \$46.94 million – COMPLETED January 2012

Phase 3, \$228.8 million – Scheduled completion January 2015, with some parts available before \$20 million – 30 year Capital Lease, City of Detroit

#### **Broad Program Objectives**

- Fulfill Cobo Center's primary purpose as a generator of economic activity in the Southeastern Michigan region
- Make Cobo Center financially viable while preserving and protecting it
- Increase the competitiveness of Cobo Center in the highly competitive market for conventions, conferences, trade shows and other special events
- Coordinate and update the appearance of the whole facility with competitive features
- Establish meaningful connections with downtown and the Detroit River
- Demonstrate results that affirm the concept of regional cooperation

#### **Detailed Program Objectives**

- Significantly improve the customer experience
- Reduce customer costs while improving customer service
- Create a visual impact that helps market Cobo Center
- Provide for the technology needs and expectations of customers
- Enhance safety and security
- Improve efficiency to reduce operating costs
- Assure reliability in systems and operations
- Achieve significant energy savings and obtain a "Green Building" designation





#### **Cobo Center Construction Details**

#### Phase 1 (\$3.25 million)

Completed January 2010 on time and on budget (Upgrades in place for the 2010 North American International Auto Show)

- First phase of exhibition hall electrical power improvements to reduce customer cost
- Exhibition hall roof leak reduction
- First phase of the exhibition hall floor box upgrade to eliminate leaks

#### Phase 2 (\$46.94 million)

Completed January 2012 on time and on budget (Upgrades in place for the 2012 North American International Auto Show)

#### 2a (\$20.47 million)

- Infrastructure upgrades in areas not included in major projects
- o Improve air handling system to improve efficiency and extend life
- o Plumbing system upgrades, including exhibition halls
- o Compressed air system upgrade
- Fire protection system upgrades
- Install centrally monitored parking revenue control system
- Additional roof leak reduction and partial reroofing
- Installed energy efficient lighting for a 60 percent energy savings in 700,000 square feet of exhibition halls
- Upgraded closed-circuit television security system
- o Improved communications infrastructure
- New access control system
- o Concrete floor renewal, especially in loading docks and exhibition halls

#### 2b (\$26.47 million)

- Enclosure of loading docks for major energy use reduction and significantly improved materials handling
- Second phase of exhibition hall power upgrade
- Creation of covered, secured parking under Detroit Hall (Congress Street Garage) to provide
   420 sheltered parking spaces with direct access to main concourse.
- Addition of 22,500 square feet of exhibition space and loading docks contiguous with existing docks
- Continue the building reroofing
- Energy savings in 2012 were approximately \$2 million

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#### Phase 3 (\$228.8 million)

(Scheduled for full completion January 2015, with portions finished before then, as noted)

#### 3a (\$34.9 million)

- Reconstruction of Washington Boulevard parking garage, including floor replacement (Reopened December 2012)
- Reconstruction of Atwater Street parking garage as flexible use space. (Scheduled for completion December 2013)
- <u>Creation of drop-off/turn around on Civic Center Drive</u> to support Atrium and Joe Louis Arena traffic. (Completed October 2012)
- Modify Civic Center Drive/Jefferson Avenue connection to eliminate ramp through Atwater Garage and to create plaza adjacent to Food Court and Grand Ballroom. (Scheduled for completion December 2013)
- Reconstruct rooftop parking area to replace concrete, drainage system and parapet, install solar-powered lighting, improve building entrances, and insulate roof. Finish reroofing program. Install backup electrical power system. Finish upgrades to HVAC, plumbing, fire protection, electrical, lighting and communications systems. Install additional energy-efficient lighting. (Scheduled for completion October 2014).

#### • 3b (\$193.9 million)

- Construct new 30,000-square-foot Atrium. (Scheduled for completion Summer 2013)
- Redevelop the former Cobo Arena as a 40,000-square-foot Grand Ballroom, with pre-function area, new central kitchen, Food Court and additional meeting rooms. (Scheduled for completion Summer 2013)
- Redevelop south side of building along the Detroit River to reorganize space and create prefunction areas, new meeting and breakout rooms, two new junior ballrooms, and integrate the space with new Atrium. Create back-of-house storage and service circulation areas. Create new glass-enclosed exterior wall. Extend modernized and upgraded building safety systems into this section. Add escalators and elevators to access the new entrance and drop-off adjacent to Joe Louis Arena. (Exterior wall, and Level 2 scheduled for completion December 2013; remaining items scheduled for completion December 2014)
- Redevelop east façade, with new exterior skin to improve appearance and energy efficiency.
   Create lounge seating overlooking main concourse. Install 4,800-square-foot and 2,900-square-foot high-tech "video walls" into a new entrance canopy and north atrium. (Scheduled for completion December 2013)
- Redevelop east side of building to make its customer space and circulation areas compatible in design with other new parts of Cobo Center. Create more usable space in the main concourse.
   Consolidate existing food areas with the new Food Court. Reconfigure current offices as rentable customer space. (Scheduled for completion December 2014)
- Redevelop Michigan Hall to coordinate its appearance with the new Atrium. Install energyefficient lighting. Update communications infrastructure. (Scheduled for completion December 2014)
- <u>Create new building offices</u> to increase rental space available to customers in central areas, and improve access to service and customer areas. (Scheduled for completion December 2013)





## **Cobo Center Atrium**

#### **Objectives:**

- Create a signature space
- Open views from the Main Concourse to the Detroit River and Canada
- Create a second main entrance with easier drop-off capabilities
- Create a direct connection between new riverfront entrance and Main Concourse
- Connect the Main Concourse to lower level customer spaces
- Improve the visibility and usability of lower level spaces

Atrium opened temporarily in January 2013 for the North American International Auto Show, then closed again for finishing work on construction. Scheduled for completion Summer 2013.

#### **Atrium Details**

- Cost: \$22.6 million out of the \$279 million construction costs
- Dimensions: 250 feet long, 80 feet tall and 65 feet wide. The Atrium is three stories tall, but is technically two floors and a mezzanine
- Floor space: 30,000 square feet of contiguous space, 16,000 square feet on the main floor between the columns
- Capacity: 600 banquet style, 1,000 theater-style, and 1,200 people standing

#### Materials

- Glass: Roof and south face consist of 19,000 square feet of Michigan-sourced glass
- Tile: Floor covered with 30,000 square feet of porcelain tile from Italy
- Marble: Columns covered with 315 tons of "Sunset" marble from Portugal





# **Cobo Center Grand Ballroom**

#### **Objectives:**

- Adapt and reuse the former Cobo Arena
- Expand useable space and facility's capabilities
- Open the building to views of Hart Plaza and the Detroit River
- Provide additional options for customer use
- Create a premier ballroom and banquet venue
- · Provide additional meeting space and pre-function areas
- Modernize retail food service and catering facilities

Ballroom and adjacent facilities scheduled to open in Summer 2013.

### **Ballroom Features and Capacities**

- Grand Ballroom is 40,000 square feet, dividable with a retractable wall
- Glass-enclosed pre-function space
- Open-air terrace
- Grand view of the Detroit skyline, the Detroit River and Windsor, Ontario
- Equipped with hydraulic lift stage for dramatic introductions
- Standing room for 5,000 people
- Seating for 3,600 people theater-style or 2,500 people for banquets
- Possible functions: Banquets, weddings, award ceremonies, dinners, political conventions, media presentations, gala balls and more
- Food and beverage services are provided by Centerplate, Cobo Center's hospitality partner
- All-new 8,000-square-foot kitchen with private tasting room
- Secure parking with optional valet service in attached parking areas
- New Food Court adjacent to ballroom
- 11 new meeting and breakout rooms below the ballroom that can be combined into larger spaces

