



Portland Building Follow-up:

Greater public transparency needed about project costs, trade-offs, and missed equity requirement

The Portland Building is an active construction site and the renovation is forecasted to be completed ahead of schedule. We identified risk areas during the project's initial phase, and this report follows up on the recommendations from that [2016 audit](#). We found these issues have not been resolved.



2016 Recommendations

2019 Auditor Follow-up Period

Present budget information for public transparency

Budget transparency still needed as costs grew to \$214 million, 10 percent more than the planned \$195 million

Ensure timely, effective and inclusive decisions will be made by key milestones

City on track to meet the baseline renovation goals but will fall short of other aspirations

Develop an implementation plan and schedule for the adopted community benefits

City missed requirement to disburse about \$1 million in grants to help meet equity goals


In Process


Not Implemented

The opportunity to revisit decisions has passed, but the audit includes recommendations for the remainder of the City's work on the Portland Building. These recommendations include transparency about collective renovation costs, compliance actions still needed, and implementation of the community benefits.

