Public Safety Building (PSB)

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Project Information

City of Palo Alto
Public Safety Building

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Swinerton Builders

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The Public Safety Building (PSB) is a new three-story police station, fire administration, and emergency communications and operations facility. The PSB will be located on an existing City-owned parking lot at 250 Sherman Ave. The new PSB includes two full-block subterranean floors of secure police and staff parking and makes accommodation for a site utility yard, a public plaza, a 135ft communications tower and exterior site buildings.

The primary goal of this project is to create a state-of-the-art facility that brings the City’s public safety departments together in a structure which meets current building codes and standards, including the Essential Services Buildings Seismic Safety Act, while serving the public’s needs as a civic focal point.

The new PSB project consists of a ballistically rated exterior, coupled with technology-heavy communications systems and sufficient back-up power to allow the building to function in the event of an emergency. Other features include:

- Public plaza and main entry on Birch Street
- Multi-purpose training room and meeting space
- Secure operations yard with large public safety vehicle parking
- A water exclusionary shoring system (‘cut-off wall”) to minimize groundwater pumping during construction
- Connection to PV panels on California Avenue Parking Garage provides clean energy

The construction contract was awarded to Swinerton Builders and work began on March 1st 2021. Completion is anticipated for Summer of 2023.
Activities

Activities Completed July 2021
• Continued Site Soil Testing and Soil Off-haul
• Relocation of Communications Line along Birch St.
• Mobilize and Install Shoring Test Panel.
• Begin Installation of Perimeter Shoring System along Sherman, Park, and Jacaranda Boundaries
• Jobsite Trailers inspected and energized.

Upcoming Activities August 2021
• Continued Site Soil Testing and preliminary Soil Off-haul
• Continued Install of Perimeter Shoring System.
• Mobilization of Excavation Equipment.
• Install Dewatering Wells and Begin Drawdown

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Project Photos

Shoring Wall Installation
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On-Site Batch Plant for Shoring Wall