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Courthouse Square Building to Close

Marion County and Salem-Keizer Transit will close the Courthouse Square office building within 90 days to allow for further testing on the building's structure. During this time period, all transit, county and retail spaces will be vacated. The building will remain closed until remediation plans can be approved and implemented. No time line has been established for that project.

Cherriots buses will continue to operate on regular schedules. The temporary transit mall is located on Cottage Street between Court and State Streets. Customer Service is located at 687 Court Street NE, next to the YMCA.

Architects and engineers for the County and Transit District have coordinated with City of Salem building officials to ensure the safety of occupants and visitors to the building during the 90-day relocation process. If the ongoing testing indicates any imminent danger to occupants or visitors, immediate evacuation plans will be implemented.

Elected officials and offices in the building will relocate to other Marion County and Transit District facilities, as well as some leased space. The moves will be phased in over the course of the 90 days. Telephone numbers and email addresses will be unchanged in the process.