

Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center (MACC)

Parks and Recreation Commission:
August 5, 2025



What is the MACC?

- ▶ Year-round venue for performing arts events
 - ▶ Live theater
 - ▶ Musical performances
 - ▶ Films
 - ▶ Lectures
 - ▶ Conferences
 - ▶ Community activities
- ▶ Partnership between:
 - ▶ Mammoth Lakes Foundation
 - ▶ Town of Mammoth Lakes
 - ▶ Cerro Coso/Kern County Community College
 - ▶ Performing Arts Foundation & Private Donors



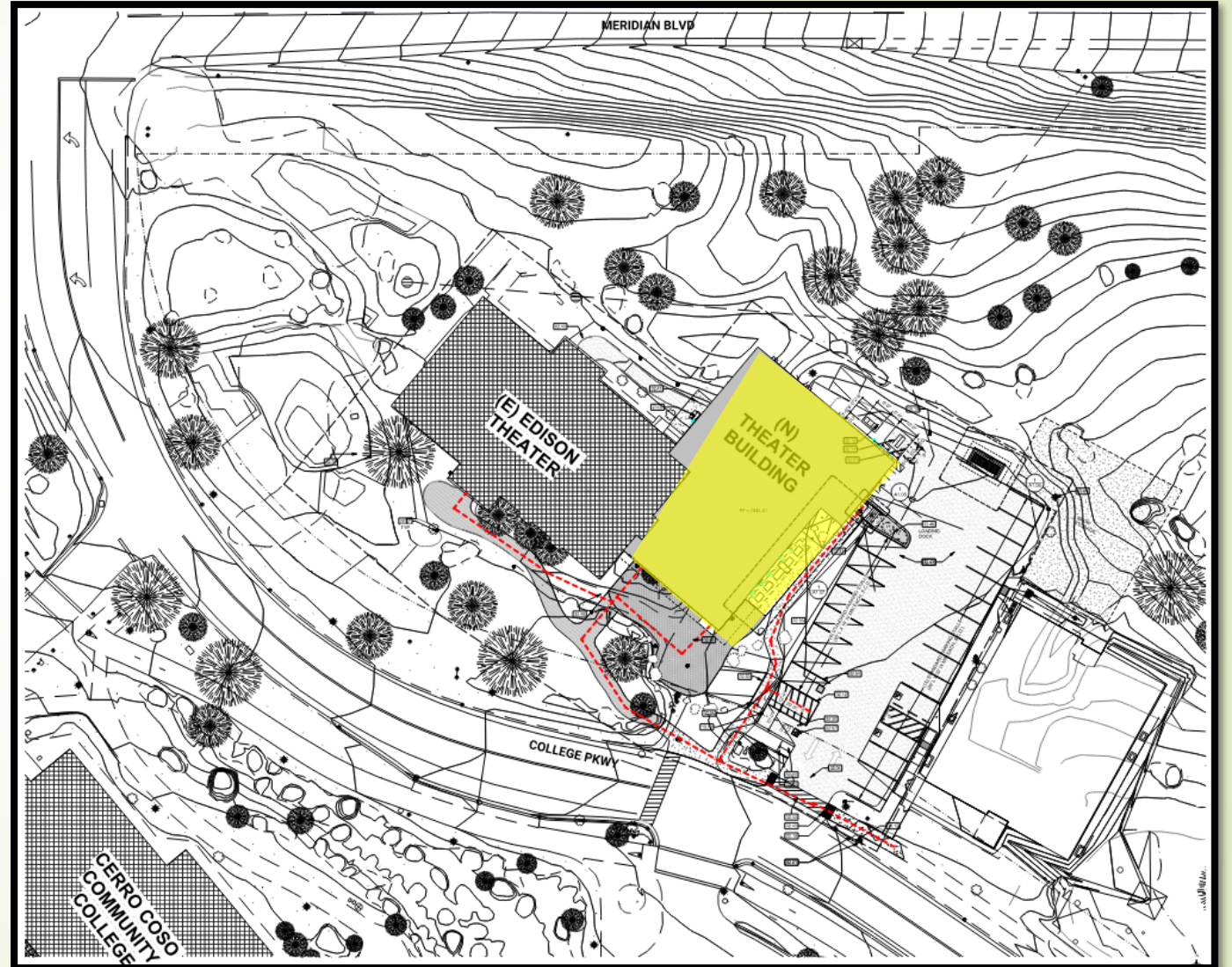
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- ▶ Addition and enhancement to existing Edison Hall – 100 College Parkway



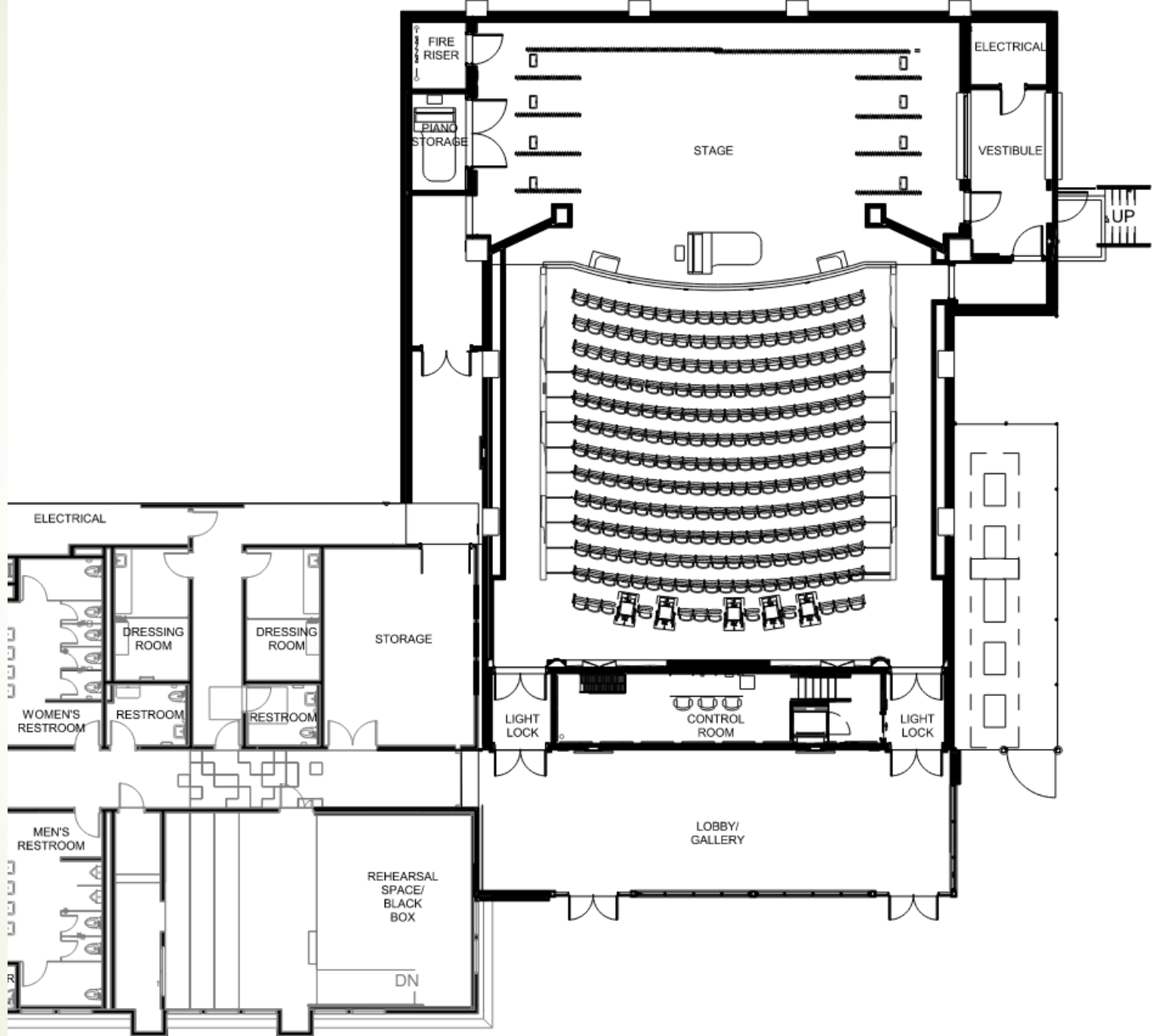
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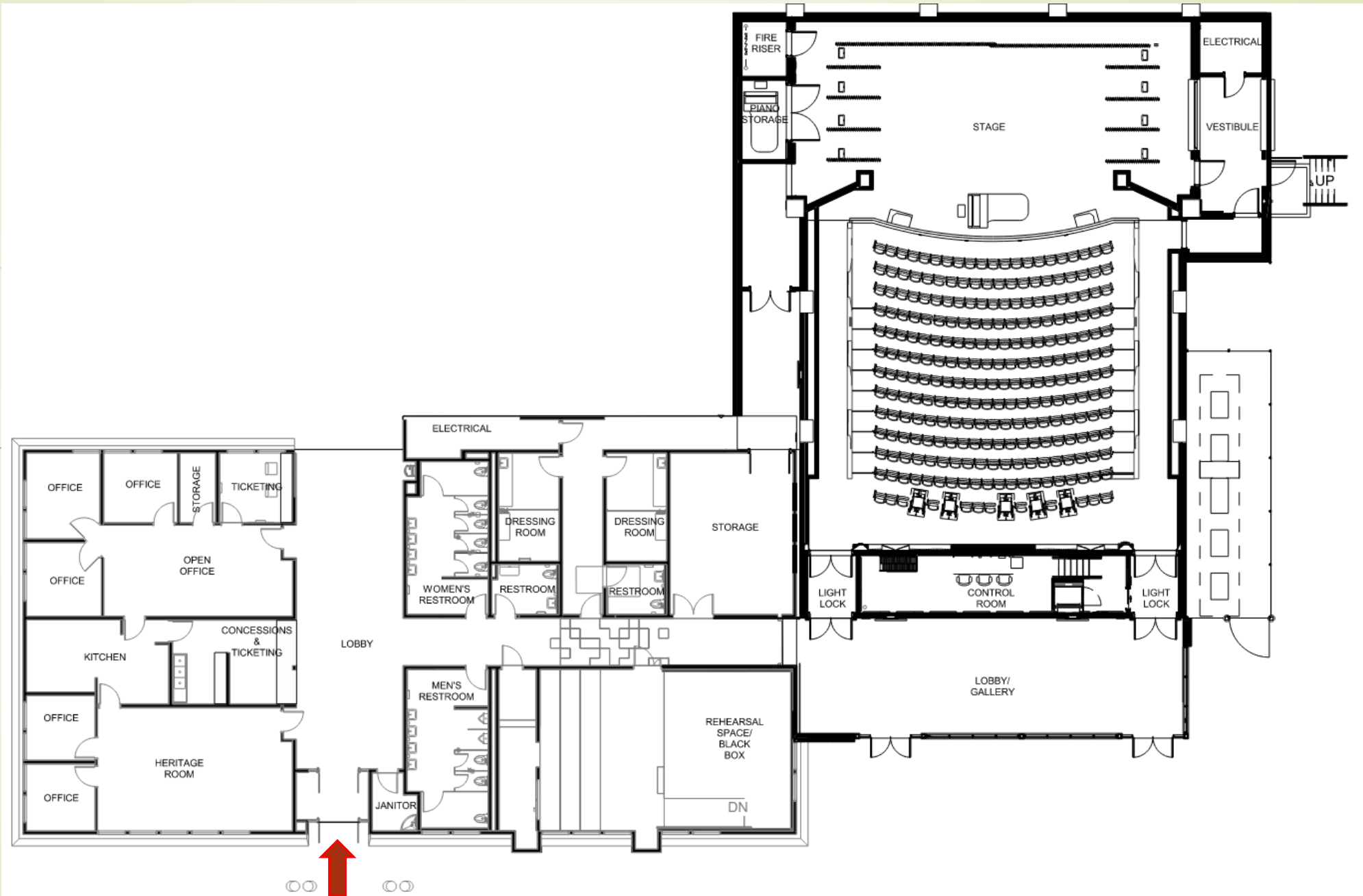
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What is the MACC?

- Single-story theater addition with support spaces
- ~7,482 square-feet
- ~239-seats
- Reconfiguration of the existing parking lot,
- Other site improvements (walkways, landscape/revegetation, trash enclosure)





**Existing Main Entry -
access from parking lot**









MACC FAQs

- ▶ **Intended to meet a variety of user needs:**
 - ▶ **Small theater (SCT, MLRT etc)**
 - ▶ **Chamber orchestra / groups (ESCO, CMU, Felici Trio)**
 - ▶ **Community choir**
 - ▶ **Smaller MUSD ensembles**
 - ▶ **Supplement Music and Film Festivals**
 - ▶ **Rehearsal / black box space**



MACC FAQs

- ▶ **Stage flexibility**
 - ▶ Intermediate acoustic stage wall for smaller groups
 - ▶ Side wall curtains for amplified use
 - ▶ Fly system
 - ▶ Overhead acoustic panels
- ▶ **Piano storage**
- ▶ **Dressing Rooms**
- ▶ **Outdoor patio**

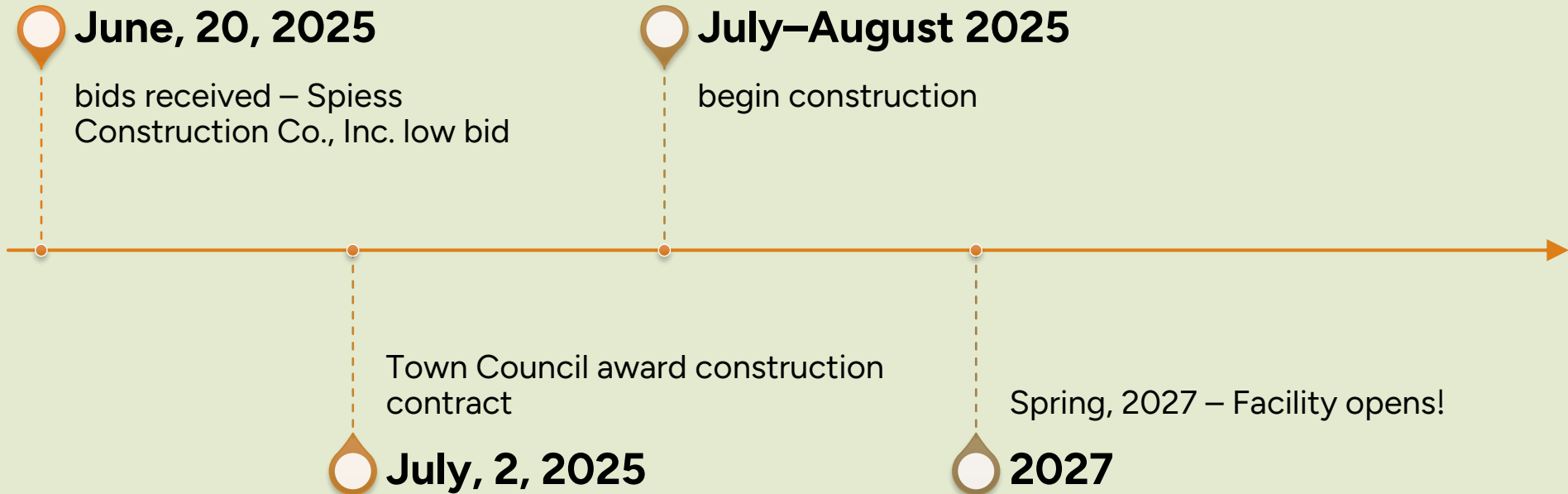




Town Awards Construction Contract

- Development of the Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center (MACC) took another step forward on July 2, when the Mammoth Lakes Town Council awarded the project's construction contract to Spiess Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$15,862,000.
- Construction for the MACC is underway with extensive site and utility work. Scheduled completion is 2027.
- The new theater addition will be integrated into the substantially complete Edison Hall phase I renovations (\$1 Million+) located at 100 College Parkway.
- The 8 – acre property, including the Edison Theatre was recently purchased by the Town from the Mammoth Lakes Foundation (MLF).
- Enhancements completed by MLF include dedicated dressing and rehearsal rooms, new restrooms, concession spaces, and other interior improvements. These improvements are critical to the success of the new theater and were designed and phased strategically by MLF and the Town to cohesively work together as one facility.
- In the interest of public safety during construction, the Edison Theatre will not be available for public use until the new Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center (MACC) is fully operational.

MACC Milestones:





Funding and Financial Sustainability

- ▶ Funding for the MACC was derived from the project's various partners.
- ▶ Kern Community College District (Measure C) in the amount of \$7.5 million, \$3 million was contributed from the Mammoth Lakes Foundation, \$500,000 from the Tambour Foundation, and \$5.82 million from the Town's General Fund and Measure U.
- ▶ To ensure the financial sustainability of the MACC, the Town contracted with the recently formed Mammoth Lakes Performing Arts Foundation, a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt California Benefit Corporation, to perform fundraising activities and to administer an endowment fund to support operations and maintenance of the facility.
- ▶ To kick start the organization's fundraising efforts and to support on-going overhead expenses, the Town is providing an annual contribution of \$25,000. With the formation of the Mammoth Lakes Performing Arts Foundation, a generous private donor has committed \$250,000 as a matching grant to develop a permanent endowment for this purpose.
- ▶ This is in addition to a Measure U contribution of \$300,000 recommended by Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR).



Theatre Programming

- ▶ The approximately 7,482 square-foot, 239-seat performing arts theatre will support live theater, musical performances, films, lectures, conferences, and an array of community activities.
- ▶ The Town's Parks and Recreation Department will manage the facility and coordinate the theatre's annual programming with several organizations including Chamber Music Unbound, Sierra Classic Theatre, Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre, Eastern Sierra Community Chorus, and Mammoth High School.
- ▶ The goal is to unify and strengthen the arts and culture community by bringing everyone together in one custom-designed auditorium.
- ▶ *"We are fortunate to have many talented artistic organizations in our small mountain community, including a world-class summer chamber music festival, talented community chorus, two wonderful theater groups and many young people who love to explore the performing arts,"* stated Town Mayor Chris Bubser. *"The MACC will allow these organizations to grow and thrive, which will benefit our entire community."*



Groundbreaking Ceremony

- ▶ The community is invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for **the Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center (MACC) at 2:30pm on Wednesday August 6, 2025** at 100 College Parkway.
- ▶ Beginning at 2:30pm, join representatives and dignitaries from the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, Mammoth Lakes Foundation (MLF), Kern Community College District, and Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) for speeches and insight into how the MACC will unify and strengthen the arts and culture community by bringing everyone together in one custom-designed 239-seat auditorium.
- ▶ Immediately following the groundbreaking ceremony, participants are welcome to tour the Edison Hall phase I renovations.
- ▶ Drinks and refreshments will be available in the Edison Hall.
- ▶ Guests are asked to park in the Dave and Roma McCoy Community College parking lot, at the Community Dog Park or the FREE purple line.

Questions ?

