Bonneville County
Master Facilities & Comprehensive Financial Plan

Project Update

October 28, 2026

CLEARWATER FINANCIAL

MASTER FACILITIES & COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL PLAN

The **Master Facilities & Comprehensive Financial Plan (MFP/CFP)** will provide a long-term framework to:

- **Evaluate** the condition and use of existing County facilities.
- **Identify** current and future space needs.
- **Prioritize** facility investments.
- **Develop** financial strategies to support implementation.

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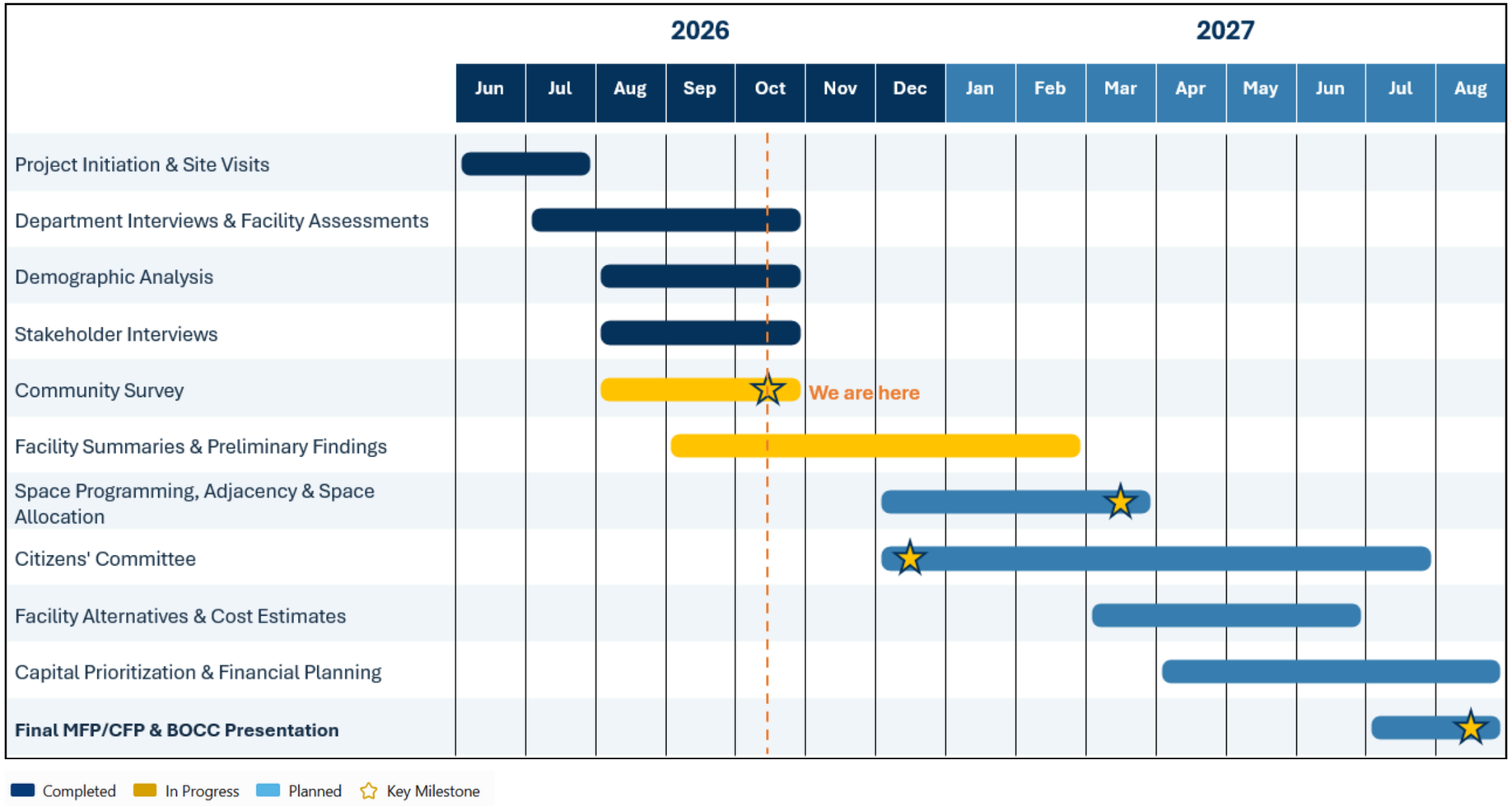


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PROJECT TIMELINE



PROJECT PROGRESS

Completed

- Project kickoff
- Dedicated webpage
- Press releases & outreach
- Facility site visit (July 27th & 28th)
- Department interviews
- Employee survey
- Demographic report
- Stakeholder interviews & summary

In Progress

- Preliminary facility findings & summaries
- Community Survey (closing 10/31/26)
- Citizens' Committee formation
- Preparation for space programming & adjacency analysis

Ongoing Community & Public Education

HOW FINDINGS

INFORM THE PLAN

Demographics



Stakeholders



Facility & Survey Findings



Facility Needs & Alternatives

Space Programming ● *Adjacency Analysis* ● *Capital Prioritization*

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DEMOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

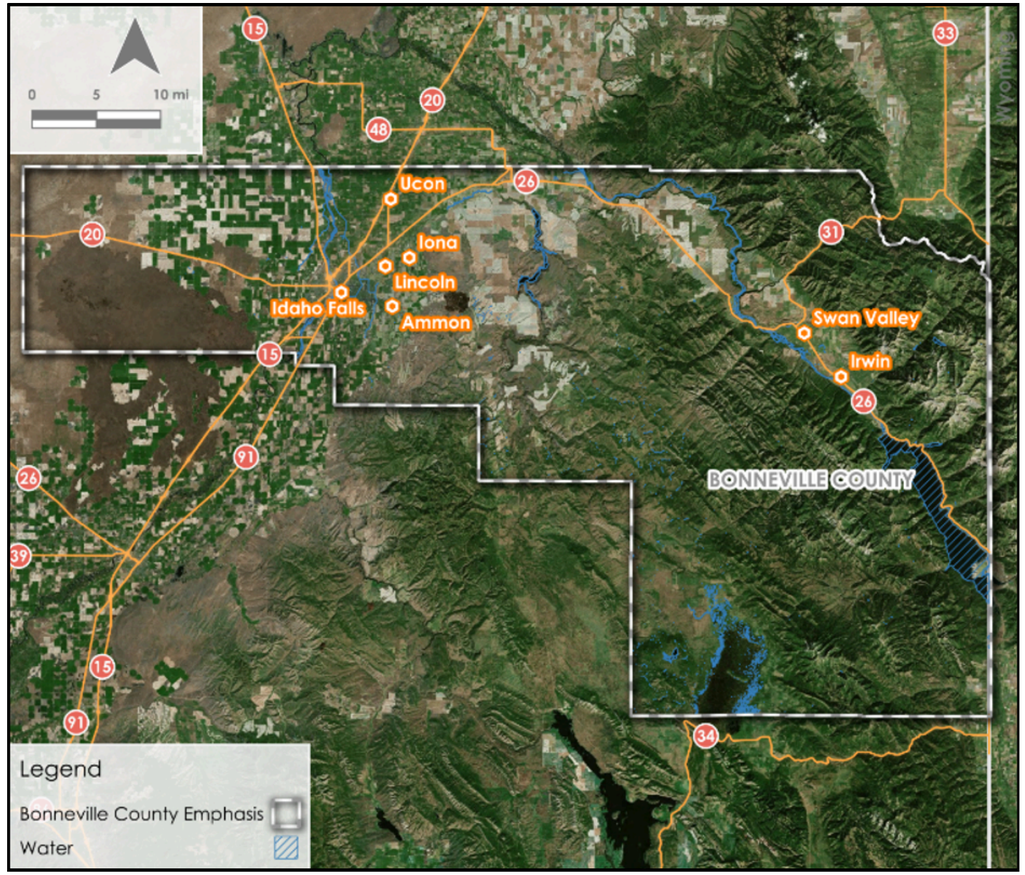
BONNEVILLE COUNTY

CONTINUES TO GROW

129,523
2024 estimated population

+40%
Projected Growth by 2040

181,547
2040 mid-range forecast



A GROWING & CHANGING
POPULATION

+49%
Population Age 65+ Growth
2014-2024

+21%
Overall Population Growth
2014-2024

~30%
Residents Under Age 18
2024 Population

+21%
Household Growth
2014-2024

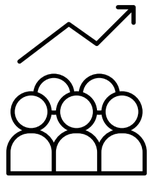
2.90
Persons per Household
2024 Average

+26%
Employed Residents
2014-2024

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 and 2024 ACS five-year estimates.

WHAT DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS MEAN FOR

FACILITY PLANNING



Population Growth

Future service and space needs may increase.



Geographic Distribution

Where growth occurs will affect access to County facilities & services.



Changing Community Characteristics

An increasing older population and continued household growth may influence future service needs.

STAKEHOLDER FINDINGS

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

9

Individual Interviews
August 31 – October 1, 2026

Perspectives Beyond County Government

Stakeholders were selected for their **roles** and **connections** within the community, **providing insight** into how County facilities and services support residents, businesses, and future growth.

Participants represented municipalities, major employers, commercial development, community planning, and nonprofit organizations.

MAJOR STAKEHOLDER THEMES

1

County Leadership & Services

Positive perceptions of County leadership, staff, and service delivery

2

Growth & Infrastructure

Managing growth, transportation capacity, and service demands

3

Facilities & Public Access

Building conditions, accessibility, and customer experiences

4

Financial Stewardship

Balancing capital investments, long-term needs, and affordability

5

Intergovernmental Coordination

Collaboration with municipalities and regional partners

GROWTH, COORDINATION, & LONG-TERM INVESTMENT

Growth & Infrastructure

Stakeholders raised concerns about roadway capacity, development near municipal boundaries, and the ability of infrastructure and services to keep pace with growth.

Regional Coordination

Continued collaboration with municipalities and major employers was identified as important for planning future services and infrastructure.

Fiscal Responsibility

Stakeholders emphasized balancing capital investments, long-term costs, and taxpayer affordability.

COMMUNITY SURVEY FINDINGS

COMMUNITY SURVEY

OUTREACH & PARTICIPATION

Aug 17
Survey Launched

486
Responses, 10/15/26

Oct 31
Survey Closes

- **Posted to County Social Media** (Facebook & LinkedIn)
- **Posted to County webpage**
- **Flyers at County buildings**
- **Press Releases**
- **Emails to County staff**

WHAT WE ASKED

THE COMMUNITY

The survey gathered feedback on **19 County facilities**
and the public's experiences with:

- **Overall facility condition**
- **Accessibility & building entrances**
- **Parking & site access**
- **Open-ended comments & priorities**
- **Maintenance & improvements**

Respondents were asked about individual facilities they had visited in the previous 12 months.

RESPONDENT
PROFILE

GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

48%
Idaho Falls Residents

24%
Outside City Limits

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

54%
Lived in County 20+ Years

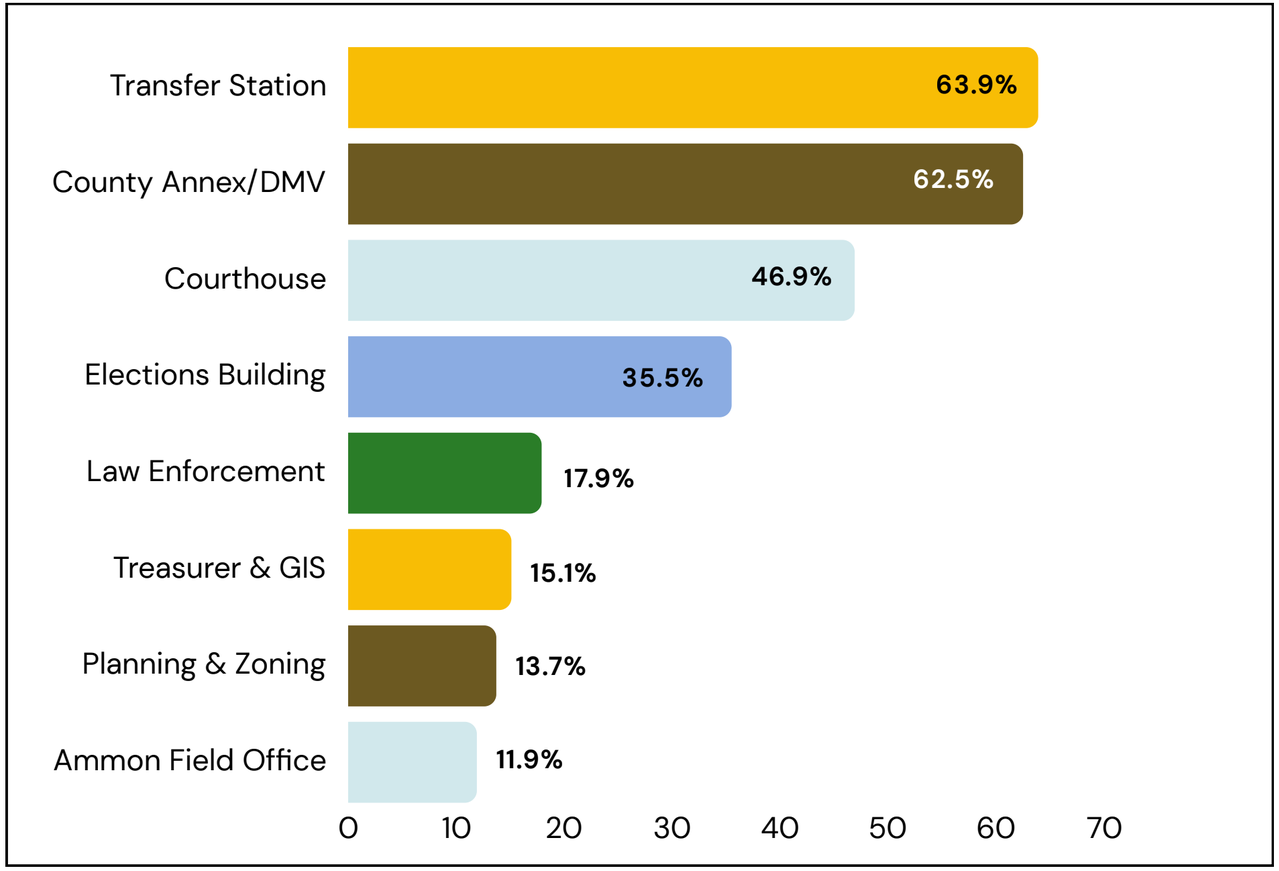
87%
Homeowners

AGE DISTRIBUTION

49%
Ages 45-64

28%
Ages 65+

MOST FREQUENTLY VISITED
FACILITIES



64%

visited the Transfer Station

63%

visited the County Annex/DMV

47%

visited the Courthouse

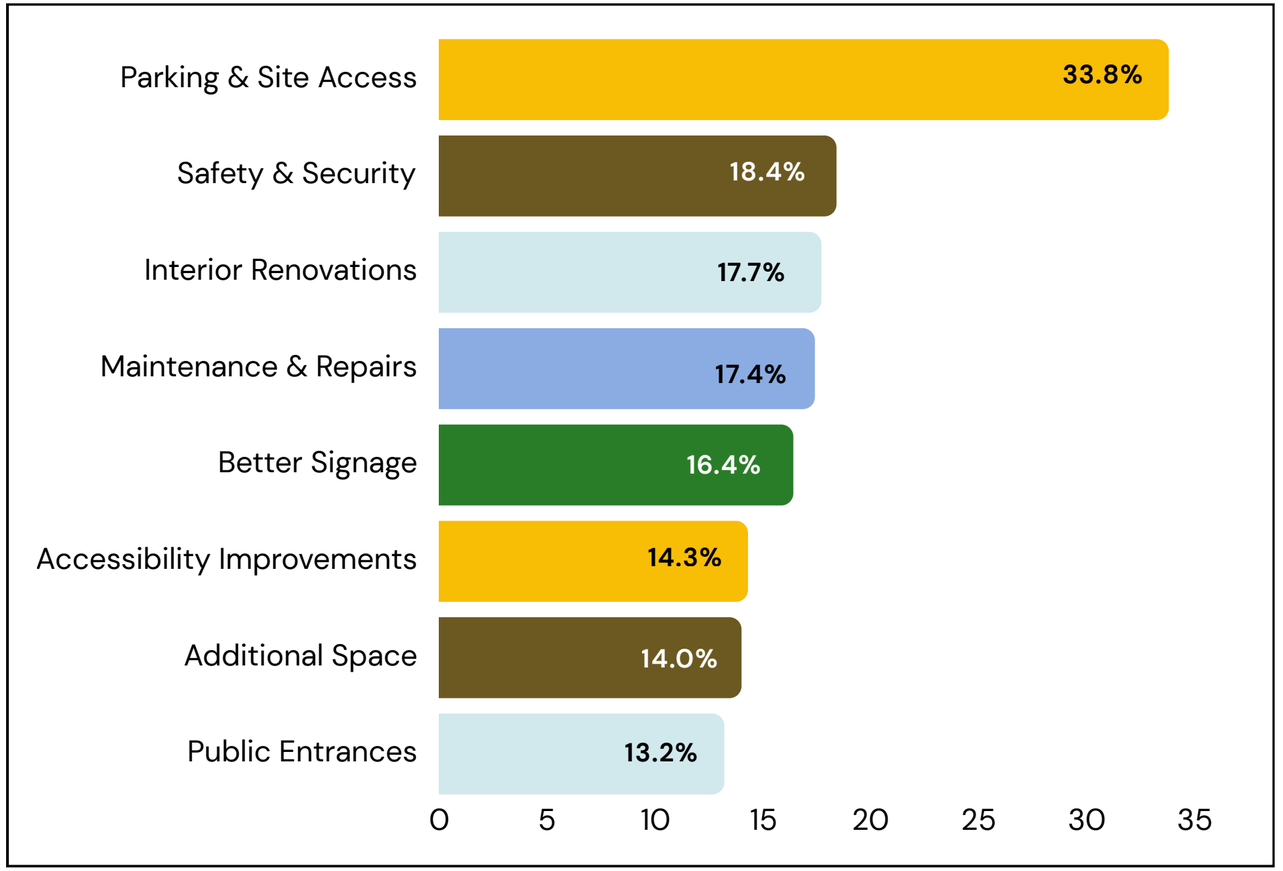
TOP FACILITY
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

34%

selected parking & site access

18%
selected safety & security

18%
selected interior renovations



THE COURTHOUSE

62%
Rated Overall Condition
Excellent or Good

30%
Rated Parking
Poor or Very Poor

Common Comments

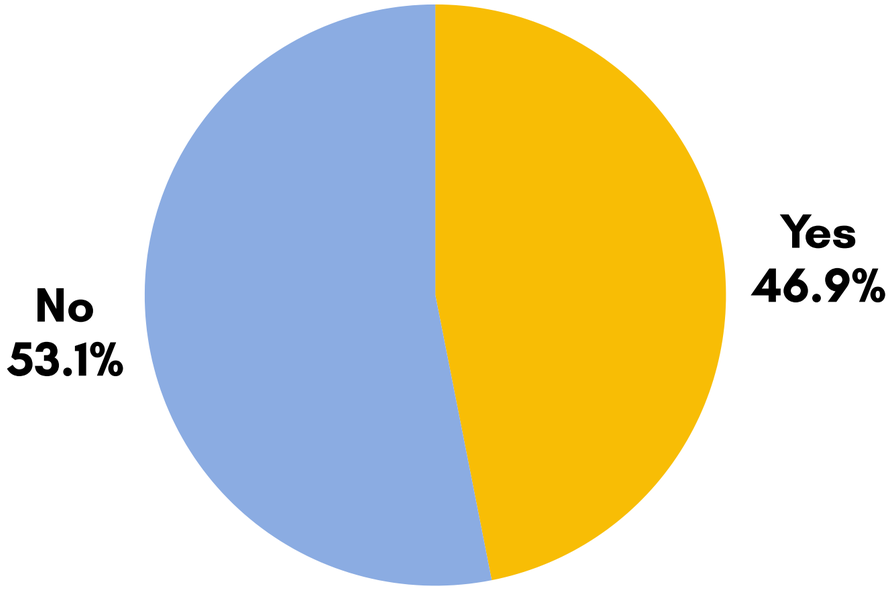
Aging Facility
Outdated interiors, restrooms, and building systems

Confusing Layout
Difficult to locate offices; inadequate signage

Access & Security
Inconvenient entrances, long walking distances, and accessibility concerns

Have you visited this facility in the past 12 months?

# of Responses: 385



WHAT'S NEXT

1. **October–November 2026**
   Close the Community Survey and summarize final results. Continue developing preliminary facility findings and summaries.

2. **Before year-end**
   Establish and kick off the Citizens' Committee.

3. **Early 2027**
   Complete space programming, adjacency analysis, and space allocation reports for presentation to the BOCC.

4. **Subsequent phases**
   Evaluate facility alternatives, capital priorities, and financial strategies.

DISCUSSION