

Meetinghouse Standard Plan Committee

Meetinghouse Facilities Department

MSPC Decisions Affecting North America Operations—No. 8

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Item 1: Digital Video Distribution for New Construction and Replacement Projects

The Meetinghouse Standard Plan Committee has approved the transition from analog to digital video distribution systems for meetinghouses. This approval affects all new construction and maintenance projects which will be budgeted for 2016 and later annual plans.

The new digital systems will allow for the distribution of high definition video and HDMI compatible signals throughout the meetinghouse. It will primarily affect the video systems used for live events such as general conference and stake conferences within the building. The change does not immediately impact the use of video resources for lesson media such as the “Come Follow Me” youth curriculum. Teachers who wish to use these resources should continue to download these media resources prior to Sunday meetings for use in class.

Standard Plans: The Architecture Engineering and Construction Division (AEC) has posted updated drawings for the Heritage 98 standard plans which include this change, and will be posting other updated standard plans in the near future. These plans are the basis of design for both new construction and replacement projects.

New Construction Projects: Projects in planning or design phases are to implement the new digital video system. Projects under construction should be implemented at the discretion of the project manager. If funding is available, it is highly recommended that the new system be implemented.

Replacement and Improvement Projects:

Projects with a PM: Where funding is available, projects in planning or design phases that require replacement of the video system should implement the new digital video system. Projects under construction where the existing video system is to be replaced should implement the new video system at the discretion of the PM.

Projects managed by the FM: All projects that meet replacement criteria to be funded and installed in 2016 or later are to have the new digital video system. Projects funded under the 2015 annual plan do not have sufficient funding for the new system and are not required to make the change. If the FM feels the change to digital video is needed and has sufficient funding they can implement the new system.

The new system is estimated to cost between \$8-12,000 more than the cost to replace the current analog system. Every meetinghouse is different, however, and before establishing funding, PMs and FMs need to review the project with the approved sound/AV consultant.

Flat Panel TVs and Projectors: The change to digital video will require TVs and projectors with HDMI inputs. If meetinghouses have existing TVs and projectors without HDMI inputs, they will need to be replaced by the FM before or at the same time the new system is installed. The cost of new TVs and projectors will need to be included in the cost of a replacement project. Refer to the Purchasing Reference Guide for current models and pricing. The number and size of approved models has not changed.

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