



Fort Worth Convention Center Re-Development

The Fort Worth Convention Center was constructed in 1968 and has seen expansions in 1983, 2002, and 2003. The 253,226 square-foot facility attracts events and visitors from across the country, and the first phase of yet another expansion of the property, a $95 million renovation, was completed in December 2025, with the facilities remaining open during construction.

This expansion and redevelopment costs approximately $701 million, with the $606 million second phase expected to begin in late 2026 and run through early 2030. These new plans are set to bring 257,250 square feet of exhibit hall space, accompanied by 60,900 square feet of meeting space, nearly doubling the facility's capacity. According to Visit Fort Worth, the city's visitor economy generates $3.5 billion annually and employs more than 30,000 people.

Phase 1 realigned Commerce Street, creating a site for a future convention hotel and additional shops and restaurants surrounding the Convention Center. Mike Crum, director of public events for the City of Fort Worth, called Phase 1 "only the first step in a bolder future for Fort Worth as a convention destination."