

# The Grand Trunk Media and Cultural Center

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The Grand Trunk Media and Cultural Center will be a place for media, business and culture to intersect in the town of Montague.

The center will have two main spaces:

- A 30' x 30' **working area** accessible by both egress doors, and which contains:
  - Four desks for MCTV staff use
  - Several public editing stations for video editing and production, as well as Internet access
  - A conference table, which will be made available to the public on a reservation basis for meetings, and will be the main meeting space for the Montague Business Assoc.
  - Wall space for paintings by local artists
  - A kitchen area and two bathrooms.
  - A “Welcome Area” with a table and display space for brochures and other information about Montague, which will be coordinated in conjunction with the Montague Business Association. The mural that is currently on the outside of the building will be installed on the south wall where the Welcome Area resides. Information available in the Welcome Area will also be made available within mounted display boxes on the exterior of the building, both in the area where the mural was, and on the north wall facing the Discovery Center.
- A 33' x 25' **television studio**, complete with TV cameras, lighting, and backdrop curtains. This area will be where all the in-studio video taping and production will occur. This studio space would also be made available for meetings of local committees and organizations, such as the School Committee, Finance Committee, etc., and could be video taped for broadcast.

In addition, the Center will have a small, private editing room for larger projects; a “rack room” for the broadcast equipment and storage; and the control room for the television studio.

The two bathrooms (one of which is ADA compliant) will be available to the public if they enter the building, but will not be advertised as “public bathrooms” as MCCI does not have a janitorial staff to handle the potential mess that could be created.

## **Operation Schedule**

The working / welcome area will be staffed by MCTV for the purposes of MCTV business. MCCI does not have the budget to pay for Welcome Center staff, and so the welcome area will be un-manned, and informational in nature. MCTV may create an interactive screen in the future to further augment the welcome area's effectiveness. The MCTV area will be staffed 30+ hours per week, the same schedule as MCTV is currently staffed.

## **Physical Attributes**

The existing floor tiles will not be removed, but instead sealed under a raised floor, comprised of 2x4 and insulating foam under plywood and industrial carpeting. This will make the building warmer and

minimize noise and vibrations caused by passing traffic.

Ceiling tiles will hold two feet of insulation against the roof, and the walls will have six inches of insulation between the exterior brick and dry-wall.

The result of the six sides of insulation (four walls, floor and ceiling) is a tight, super-insulated space.

HVAC will be provided by an electric-powered double split system, with units in each main area, providing flexibility in zoned temperature control and quieter operation.