Software to Make Construction Planning Easy

Tips to help you invest in the best construction planning tool

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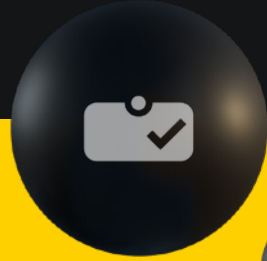
Software That Works for
Complex Construction Planning

As one of the least digitalized industries in the world, construction is lagging when it comes to utilizing technology and pushing innovation. Yet, according to a study by Dodge Construction Network, 95% of field workers are willing to use digital transformation tools that could make their jobs easier.

Transforming the industry calls for tools and software that are easy to use and adopt. Not flashy technologies that have a steep learning curve or a complicated interface. If you're looking for a connected, smart, and easy-to-use construction planning tool, consider the tips offered in this buyer's guide.

This guide will review the benefits of construction planning software and what to look for as you make your decision.

✓ Look for a tool that was made for the industry and digitizes the big room planning process.

✓ Make sure it has a simple interface that your team and subcontractors will be able to use — and enjoy using.

✓ Find a solution that combines whiteboarding, task management, and planning. Let it be your single source of truth for all your planning needs.

✓ Insist on robust automation, collaboration, and real-time reporting.

What to Look For

We know that construction projects are becoming increasingly complex with a higher degree of specialization. This results in an increased need for robust automation, collaboration, and real-time reporting.

The right planning software can increase efficiency by reducing risk, error, wasted time, and materials. It increases the visibility of teams, keeps processes lean and simplified, and helps you achieve greater success on a regular basis. In fact, many customers save significant time and money when utilizing software to digitize otherwise analog processes (see page 5).

Features to Insist On

User Interface

Bells and whistles are great on some things, but the construction industry has a low tolerance for software that's hard to use or doesn't work the way it's supposed to. Field crews and trades need software that's easy to use. Looks for a solution that has a low learning curve and one that offers customer education and support.

Reporting Features

Reports, dashboards, and visualizations are critical in the successful planning of complex projects. The right solution will provide tools that make it easy to identify variance reasons, manage crew sizes, provide weekly look-aheads, and more. Automated real-time reporting ensures teams have this information and can adjust as needed.

Collaborative Whiteboard Area

A whiteboarding area provides an accurate view of the project plan so you can make better decisions. Look for a solution that gives you the ability to extend the project planning to include spreadsheets, branding, images, tables, CAD/architectural drawings, etc. Let it be your single source of truth for all our planning needs.

Communication Features

It's no secret that our industry lacks communication and accountability, leading to budget and timeline overages. Look for a solution that provides an easy-to-use and understand visual platform that holds everyone accountable for their commitments.

Integrations

Almost every company relies on an assortment of software-as-a-service (SaaS) technologies — and they must provide secure and frictionless integrations. You'll want to make sure what you're currently using is compatible with your new solution.

Planning Features

Make sure the solution has the features you're looking for. Some typical planning features include:

- **Tasks:** Allows users to populate tasks ahead of time to accelerate the planning session with easy drag-and-drop functionality.

- **Variances:** Delays and incomplete tasks can be tracked and explained. For example, marking the day's task with "weather" will document the blocker and duplicate the task to be planned for another day.

- **Dependencies:** Define by connecting tasks across the plan. This allows the team to better understand the workflow and logistics of their plan as well as the chain-reaction effect on a plan if the weather does prohibit work for a day.

Benefits

Construction planning software can secure all project details in one place. Project managers can easily monitor, measure, and stay informed by connecting with the whole team in real time regardless of location. Here are some areas where those tools can help.

Simplify Complex Projects

Construction projects are becoming increasingly complex with a higher degree of specialization. Construction planning software can foster greater collaboration and better organization of all your project details.

Improve Communication

Improving communication and collaboration within your organization can lead to increased productivity, reduce the time spent on non-productive work, and enhance the overall performance of your workforce.

Increase Efficiency

Construction planning tools are proven to increase efficiency by reducing risk, error, wasted time, and materials.

Increase Engagement

Connecting remote participants ignites engagement. Users of collaboration tools are given a space to interact with their entire team in real time.

Protect Security

Cloud-based construction planning software offers custom security features to protect project plans and confidential information.

The **Impact**

The goal of most construction projects is to come in on time, budget, and scope. And crews are motivated to meet those goals. They need an easy-to-use tool that increases efficiency and reduces costly errors. However, it can be difficult for companies to make the switch to digital when they do not have the proper tools.

"Adopting Hoylu on our project has enabled us to manage our site and schedule more effectively.

— said Benjamin Quintin, Superintendent, G.S.I., EllisDon Construction and Building Services

"We were pleased with its ease of use and how quickly our subtrades were able to get on board with it. The Hoylu team has been very responsive with our needs and is always avilable to support our team."

While many digital solutions are complex technologies that require extensive training and integration periods, some are easy to use. Hoylu collaborated with construction industry experts to develop a tool that is simple to use and easy to adopt across organizations.

Here's what one of our customers experienced:

SAVE

2-4

HOURS/ WEEK

of managerial labor creating and updating manual reports

REDUCE MEETINGS

50%

Reduce time spent in daily, weekly and phase planning meetings by 50%

SAVE

2,000

HOURS

Save, on average, over 2,000 hours on a 2-year project (20 team members x 2 hours per week x 104 weeks x 50%)

Navigating
The Switch

Teams can't be expected to make the switch on their own. They need a place where they can come together and plan, build, and manage all their complex projects.

Whatever your planning style, Hoylu fits the way you structure your team and integrates all the productivity tools you're already using. So, you easily plan and complete any project.

When it comes to the work itself, Holyu gives your team the freedom to drag and drop anything from documents to maps and even video conferences. Anyone can easily share and embed live files for the entire team to work on — all from anywhere, on any device.

We're helping hundreds of companies simplify their complex projects. Contact us to learn more.

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