

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 14, 2025

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee

TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Jesse Moreno (Vice Chair), Laura Cadena, Maxie Johnson, Jaime Resendez, William Roth, Kathy Stewart

SUBJECT **Dallas Fire-Rescue's Facility Construction Update**

Please accept this memorandum as an update on the ongoing and upcoming construction and facility improvement projects involving Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR), in collaboration with Facilities and Real Estate Management (FRM), the Office of Bond and Construction Management (BCM), the Office of Economic Development (ECO), and various construction contractors.:

1. ONGOING PROJECTS:

a. Fire Station 43 Replacement and Fire Station 11 Remodel

- i. DFR was awarded funding in the recent bond election to replace Fire Station 43 (2844 Lombardy Ln., Council District 6) and remodel Fire Station 11 (3828 Cedar Springs Rd., Council District 14).
- ii. On September 10, 2025, FRM received Council approval to fund and acquire land near Lombardy Ln. and Brockbank Dr. for the new Station 43. Negotiations with landowner led to settlement amount approved by Dallas City Council.
- iii. A draft design for the Station 11 remodel is still in development. Negotiations are ongoing regarding leased property behind the fire station targeted for use during renovations. This involves coordination with the City's Real Estate Division to determine valuation of improvements on leased city property adjacent to Fire Station 11.

b. Digital Landline Conversion

- i. DFR is upgrading all fire stations from analog to digital landlines. While new stations are built with digital lines, existing facilities must be converted individually.
- ii. Each conversion takes approximately two weeks.
- iii. The project is approximately 26% complete.
- iv. Progress has been paused for 90 days for AT&T upgrades that will allow multiple numbers to be upgraded at once.
- v. Timeline for remaining Fire Stations will be determined after relaunch.

c. Apparatus Approach Repairs

- i. FRM and the Department of Transportation & Public Works are continuing to visit fire stations to develop plans for apparatus approach improvements across multiple stations.
- d. FY25 Station and Facility Modifications
 - i. FRM and DFR have prioritized FY25 funding for the following updates:
 - 1. Installation of a lactation room at 1551 Baylor Street-Project completed
 - 2. Renovation and code compliance updates for the Fire Dispatch kitchen (L1CS) at City Hall: consultant finalization of redesign plans is nearing completion.
 - 3. Renovation of restrooms and showers at the 5000 Dolphin Rd. Training Academy (Building B). The initial meeting to discuss options and needs with FRM commenced on 6/16/25. The RFP is being reviewed with intent to issue the RFP to five (5) firms from the pre-qualified list of A/E consultants (Solicitation CIZ24-BSD-3075, dated 04/03/2024) by the end of October.
- e. Roof Repairs – Fire Station 56
 - i. Roof work is completed at Station 56 (7040 Belt Line Rd., Council District 11).
- f. Training Academy (5000 Dolphin Rd.) Updates
 - i. Propane prop training is underway with staff and recruits. The project is progressing on schedule, with gas line construction drawings completed. An RFCSP to hire a contractor is pending.
 - ii. On March 3rd, structural investigation and exploratory work on Building C were completed. A final consultant report with recommendations has been received and is still in review.
 - iii. Training tower renovations are moving forward. Demolition and prep work are complete. Work is expected to begin by November as the BCM Department collaborates with DFR and an engineering contractor to plan for needed repairs.
 - iv. FRM is finalizing a contract to fully repair the bay wall of the Maintenance Building during this fiscal year.
- g. Fire Station Alerting System Implementation
 - i. The Fire Station Alerting System project launched with a kickoff meeting on March 26, 2025.
 - ii. The initial project timeline targets completion by December 2026.
 - iii. An initial project schedule was received. The detailed full implementation timeline and project schedule are being developed.
 - iv. Implementation will begin pending delivery of all required equipment, beginning in early October with fire stations under Battalion 1's

command (3, 4, 6, 18, 24, and 45) that will include concurrent testing as each battalion is completed.

1. All Station Designs are complete.
2. Equipment installations will factor in asbestos abatement at the older fire stations where testing has confirmed the presence of asbestos in construction materials
3. DFR, ITS, and the contractor will conduct final station walkthroughs of Battalion 2 through 10 to make any equipment adjustments needed before installation begins at each station.

h. Fire Station 18 Relocation Project

- i. On April 1, 2025, the Downtown Connection TIF District and the Downtown Dallas Development Authority approved the relocation of Fire Station 18.
- ii. Meetings and discussions with project architects have commenced regarding the station design.

i. Preventative Roofing Maintenance

- i. FRM has contracted Castro Roofing to conduct inspections and perform preventative maintenance on station roofs.
- ii. Minor issues are being addressed onsite; more serious items will be scheduled for future repair.
- iii. To date, 35 of 59 DFR facilities have been inspected, and all assessment reports have been generated. The reports include information on recommended repairs (emergency and proactive), associated costs, and suggested replacement cycle. FRM will assist in developing a 5-year plan to address needs with this information.
- iv. Roofing PM work-85% of facilities have had a PM completed (50 facilities).

j. HVAC Preventative Maintenance

- i. FRM has also contracted work to perform preventative maintenance on HVAC systems.
- ii. The first step, involving the collection of asset data for each station's HVAC, has been completed.
- iii. Preventative maintenance work has been scheduled, and work has begun. All 59 stations have had quarterly PMs completed with 49 service requests created for minor HVAC issues across 59 fire stations.

k. Fire Station 5 Renovation Project

- i. Structural assessment with Bond and FRM was done on Fire Station 5, dated July 17, 2023.
- ii. Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on June 13, 2025, for foundation, kitchen, and MEP Improvements

iii. Approval from the Department Director is in the process and will send the highest ranked Firm a Letter of Intent to Award a contract.

iv. The OBCM Department walked through the station on 09-03-25 with general contractors which will provide the scope of services for this project

viii. A walk through with architecture & engineering firm on 09-25-25 to scale and scope the necessary work for foundation repairs.

I. Fire Station 54 Renovation Project

i. 07-05-25 Surface mold was reported by station personnel in the main and officers bunk rooms ceilings and walls.

ii. 07-14-25 FRM investigated and determined that since the affected areas are sleeping rooms, it would be moved up to priority status.

iii. 07-16-25 Command and Station personnel informed that remediation demolition will commence on 07-21-25 and members should be relocated during the project.

iv. 07-31-25 demolition and remediation still on going and has expanded into removal of the tile flooring throughout the station.

v. This project has been completed and the members moved back into the station on 09-15-24

Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Fire Chief Justin Ball at justin.ball@dallasfire.gov.

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