Memorandum



DATE October 29, 2024

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee

To Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Kathy Stewart (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT Dallas Fire-Rescue's Facility Construction Update

Please accept this memorandum as an update to the ongoing construction projects involving fire stations through a collaboration between Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) and Facilities and Real Estate Management (FRM), the Office of Bond and Construction Management (BCM), Office of Economic Development (ECO), and construction contractors:

- 1. Updates on previously reported items that are ongoing:
 - a. DFR accepted delivery of 6 new generators that will support critical infrastructure and ensure continuous emergency response capabilities during power outages. The generators are being installed at Fire Stations 2, 7, 15, 18, 31, and 52.
 - b. 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).
 - DFR and BCM have identified a potential site for replacement Fire Station 43; an appraisal and environmental assessment are being completed.
 - ii. Scope of work assessments related to lead and asbestos remediation and a draft of the remodel design for Station 11 are in progress.
 - c. Asbestos remediation projects continue to be prioritized based on the extent of current damage to contaminated areas; Station 48 (10480 E. Northwest Hwy, Council District 9) is scheduled for a final walk through and re-opening during the week of 10/28/2024.
 - d. DFR has begun a project to upgrade all Fire Stations from analog to digital landlines. While all new sites are designed and built with digital lines, the existing facilities must be converted one at a time.
 - e. The DFR Maintenance building has one repair bay wall where bricks have started to fall. FRM made the area safe to work around and DFR and FRM have prioritized scheduling for a full repair in FY25.

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2. New items:

- a. Work to replace a propane gas training prop at the 5000 Dolphin Rd. Training Academy (Council District 02) has started. This involves laying new gas lines and installing a new controller to ensure that the training device is safe and functional.
- b. Site visits to Fire Station 3 (500 N. Malcolm X, Council District 02) and Fire Station 40 (2440 Kirnwood Dr., Council District 08) to begin repairing the concrete on their approaches (fire apparatus driveways) are scheduled for next week.
- c. DFR and FRM Capital have prioritized FY25 funds to pay for the following station and work location modifications:
 - i. Lactation Rooms for 1551 Baylor St., 5000 Dolphin Rd., and a portable room (pod) that can be delivered to fire stations as needed.
 - ii. Renovation and code updates for the Fire Dispatch Kitchen, located at L1CS City Hall.
 - iii. Renovation and repurposing of the old Fire Station at 3241 N. Hampton Rd. (Council District 06) that will house the Safety Staff who work in the Quartermaster Program (provides clean Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to firefighters after emergency incidents).
 - iv. Renovation of restroom and shower facilities at the 5000 Dolphin Rd. Training Academy.

Should you have any questions please contact Interim Fire Chief Justin Ball at justin.ball@dallasfire.gov.

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