

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 9, 2024

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Kathy Stewart (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno
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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. These are being installed at Fire Stations 02, 07, 15, 18, 31, and 52.
 - i. As generators age and before the new generators are installed, DFR rents generators to ensure coverage.
 1. FS48 (10480 E. NW Hwy Council District 9) and FS54 (6238 Bonnie View Rd. Council District 8) are scheduled to receive rentals.
 - 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).
 - i. DFR and BCM have identified a potential site for replacement Fire Station 43; an environmental assessment has started and an offer to purchase is being processed.
 - ii. A draft of the remodel design for Station 11 is in progress.
 - c. 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.
 - i. So far, Fire Stations 05, 39 (partial), 19, 28, 36, 41, and 58 have been converted.

- d. 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.
- e. Concrete approach (fire apparatus driveways) repairs are in progress for Fire Station 3 (500 N. Malcolm X, Council District 02) and Fire Station 40 (2440 Kirnwood Dr., Council District 08).
 - i. FRM and the Department of Transportation & Public Works are compiling a list of fire stations with apparatus approach damage and are developing a plan for repairs.
- f. DFR and FRM Capital have prioritized FY25 funds to pay for the following station and work location modifications:
 - i. A Lactation Room for 1551 Baylor St.
 - 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.

2. New items:

- a. DFR and FRM have a prioritized list of required roof repairs. Fire Station 56 (7040 Belt Line Rd. Council District 11) is scheduled to have the roof replaced in December, without an interruption to emergency responses from the station. The project may take up to 60 days, depending on the weather.
- b. FRM is assisting DFR with evaluating feasible locations for the new hybrid fire engine that is expected to go in service in May 2025. This involves performing an electrical assessment to determine the station's ability to accept the install of the engine's electrical charging system. It will require an upgrade to the station's electrical panel.
- c. DFR and Data Analytics and Business Intelligence (DBI) developed a digital dashboard to allow better visualization of facility repair and services requests in real-time, by managers in the Communications and Logistics Bureau.
- d. DFR recently revised the fire station / work location manual of design and build standards, in cooperation with FRM. Once finalized, this

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document will be used as the standard for new build and remodeled stations.

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