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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the Public Safety Facilities Status Report. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On September 5, 2006 the Fire and Police Chiefs made a presentation to the City Council on Priority Public Safety Facility Needs. Subsequently, at the meeting of January 23, 2007 the City Council requested an update on those facilities, particularly in the Port area. The status of each of those projects is listed in Attachment A.

Also attached is a letter of support (Attachment B) from the Port of Long Beach regarding the fire facilities in the Harbor District. It should be noted that construction of the new Station 24 on Terminal Island broke ground on January 26, 2007, with an estimated build time of twelve months.

Many of the City's current fire stations are over-aged and deteriorating. Because of their size, it is difficult to renovate them for gender accommodation and for modern-sized fire apparatus. Further, the Fire and Police Departments, with Homeland Security funding, have obtained emergency units and equipment that also require shelter and security. In addition, the conceptual design of the neighborhood fire stations, as well as several of the police facilities, anticipate the inclusion of a moderate-sized meeting room that can be used by community groups.

This matter was reviewed by Principal Deputy City Attorney Charles Parkin and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on February 1, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is not time critical.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There are no costs associated with this report. Each project discussed has separate funding approvals.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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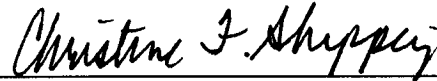


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Attachments

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES

Status of Projects
As of January 2007

FIRE

FACILITY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS
STATION 24 - PORT	Relocation	<p>The Port has awarded a \$6,378,000 contract to construct a new 6,264 square foot Fire Station 24 at 111 Pier S Avenue. When finished, the station will consist of two bays for two fire apparatus trucks, quarters for five firefighters and the station's captain. The site is 2.0 acres, which includes parking and an area for training.</p> <p>Construction on the station has commenced. The contract has a 12-month duration. This will allow the Fire Department to move in early 2008. Temporary Fire Station 24, located on Pier T next to the old Navy Building 303, will be removed after FS 24 crews relocate to the new quarters.</p> <p>A groundbreaking ceremony for the new station is being scheduled. This should occur in February and allow the Mayor and City Councilmembers as well as the Harbor Commission and other City officials to view the new site and celebrate this milestone.</p>
STATIONS 15 & 20 - PORT	Relocation	<p>Port Maintenance has expended \$15,000 to replace 16 old aluminum frame windows with modern, double insulated glass windows at these two stations. The new windows provide better soundproofing and weather protection.</p> <p>Discussions have begun for possible relocation quarters for FS 20 crews and equipment when the Gerald Desmond Bridge is replaced. FS 20 is directly under the bridge's eastern tower and could interfere with new bridge construction and demolition of the old bridge.</p> <p>FS 15, located at Pier F, is adjacent to the Port's new Security Command and Control Center (SCCC), which has just begun construction. The SCCC will be the Port's security headquarters and house all Harbor Patrol staff. When complete, there will be limited space for other law enforcement agencies such as U.S. Coast Guard, Customs and Border Protection, and LBPD.</p>

		<p>Because the SCCC site is very crowded, and FS 15 shares the area, the Port has begun review of possible options to better utilize this area. Options include reorienting FS 15 and the Fire Boat dock or reconstruction of new FS 15 facilities. To obtain the necessary land to build new facilities, the Port will need to obtain property from the neighboring container terminal leasehold. The new container terminal lease hinges on environmental approvals. If approved, and the parcel becomes available, more space for an improved FS 15 would allow construction of a new FS 15 station.</p>
HEADQUARTERS	Relocation – lease purchase	<p>Negotiations are concluding with the owner for airport area property, to be submitted for City Council consideration in March 2007. This facility will be a joint use by Fire (headquarters, apparatus storage, Wellness Center) and Police (helicopters, Special Support, Homeland Security).</p>
STATION 1 (DISTRICT 2, DOWNTOWN)	Renovation	<p>Station 1 is the department’s largest station and is located adjacent to the Police Headquarters building on Magnolia and Broadway and houses 14 personnel around the clock. The living quarters were remodeled and now provide for gender accommodation and privacy as well as updated fixtures and cooking facilities. The office and work areas were improved as well as the electrical and communication systems, the exhaust system in the apparatus bay, abatement of asbestos and lead paint and seismic upgrades. The cost of \$1 million in improvements was financed as part of the Public Safety Bond. Final improvements, such as storage cabinets for turnouts, handrails, pole holes, and minor electrical adjustments were paid out of the Fire Department’s operating budget and are almost complete.</p>
STATION 12 (DISTRICT 9) 6509 GUNDRY AVE	Relocation	<p>The site and floor plans developed for Fire Station No. 10 are being viewed as a prototypical plan that can be site adapted to the Station No. 12 site. An assessment of multiple sites on the Artesia corridor has been completed for adapting the Fire Station 10 concepts. The next step is to secure the site and present a proposal for design and construction documents to the City Council.</p> <p>This station will be funded by the Redevelopment Agency. It will include relocation of the equipment and supply warehouse.</p>

STATION 7 2295 ELM AVE STATION 9 3917 LB BLVD (DISTRICT 6)	Relocation	Repairs including replacing flooring and rebuilding the hose tower have been made to Station 7 to maintain functionality. Possible sites for relocation are under review with RDA staff.
STATION 10 (DISTRICT 6)	Relocation	<p>A new facility is required that meets the Fire Department's need for growth to serve the neighborhood. The facility will have the capability to house a ladder truck, a fire engine, a Rescue (Paramedic ambulance) and basic life support companies. As mentioned above, the CP/FFS that includes this facility is 95% complete.</p> <p>The program and site layout at the corner of East Anaheim and Walnut St. is complete. The building square footage has been established at approximately 15,500 SF and results in a two-story fire station with living quarters on the second floor. The floor plan has had an extensive review and is in the process of being refined. The site allows for three drive-through bays and 25 parking spaces. This location is sufficiently large to also house the fire museum.</p> <p>A project budget has been developed and is under review by Public Works. The estimated overall budget without land costs is \$13.5 to \$14M.</p>
STATION 16 (AIRPORT, DISTRICT 5)	Improvement	Electrical and conduit upgrades have been made in order to route power to house the Airport's spare crash rig. Construction of a shelter for this apparatus is currently under study.
STATION 13 (DISTRICT 7)	Repairs	Station 13, located at 2475 Adriatic Avenue, has had new flooring installed and privacy improvements. In addition, a reroofing project is scheduled for February 2007.
STATION 18 (DISTRICT 5)	Repairs	Station 18, located at 3361 Palo Verde Avenue has had its leaking roof repaired, the rain-damaged lockers and flooring replaced and the interior re-painted.
STATIONS 11, 12, 10	Gender accommodation	Planning and scheduling are underway to construct gender separate locker rooms, bathrooms and dorms.

<p>DOUGLAS PARK/ STATION 19 (DISTRICT 5)</p>	<p>Relocation</p>	<p>The impact of the Douglas Park development may require the rebuilding and relocation of Station 19. A 1 ½ to 2-acre site would be required and include the capability to house a ladder truck.</p> <p>Response profiles are being studied as part of the possible site relocation. The emergency response profiles are developed utilizing an advanced computer model and evaluates the effect of adjacent stations as well.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY SERVICES/STATION 8 (DISTRICT 3)</p>	<p>Renovation</p>	<p>Station 8, located in Belmont Shore on 2nd Street, completed improvements for gender separation, roof repair, energy efficient windows, HVAC improvements and solar panels. Preliminary planning is being made on renovating the Community Services center adjacent to the fire station.</p>
<p>BEACH OPERATIONS HEADQUARTERS (DISTRICT 2)</p>	<p>Relocation</p>	<p>This facility requires replacement as it was built in 1939 and is about 1/5 the size of what a modern lifeguard headquarters requires. In addition, since it is designated as a historical building, there are restrictions on rehabilitation.</p> <p>The preliminary proposal is to rebuild behind the current site, in conjunction with the amphitheater, skate park and restroom project planned by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM). PRM has allocated \$90,000 in Tidelands funds in FY07 for the general design, site elevations, and floor plans for the Beach Operations project. That will provide the ability to issue a Request for Proposal for construction bids.</p> <p>Options for the re-use of the current building are still to be explored.</p>

POLICE

FACILITY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PERIMETER FENCING	Enhancement - security	This project will replace the existing chain link fencing surrounding the Public Safety Building (PSB) with a more secure metal, decorative, safety fence design. The project is currently under construction and is 40% completed. Anticipated completion is April 2007.
POLICY ACADEMY - POLICE BULLET TRAP CONTAINMENT	Enhancement - safety	This project will provide a structural canopy roof-type addition to existing wall structure to contain stray bullets from leaving the range site. Construction is on going and is 75% completed. Anticipated completion date is February 14, 2007.
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING - POLICE CAR WASH	Improvement	An automatic, reliable, and self-serving car wash facility within the PSB parking area is currently being planned and is pending further investigation and review. PD has recently requested Public Works (PW) to go forward with the project pending reasonable cost estimates. A project meeting between PW and PD has been scheduled for February 2007.
POLICE YOUTH SERVICE DIVISION FACILITY	Relocation	<p>The Needs Assessment for the Youth Services Division project is complete. The assessment has identified the need for a new 26,370 SF facility to serve the Youth Services Division (YSD). The goal is to locate the YSD in Central Long Beach and a site area of approximately 3.16 acres (two stories) has been identified as necessary.</p> <p>PD would like to replace the existing YSD facility, located at 1957 Pacific Avenue, due to problems with usage, operations, security, etc. Accordingly, plans are underway to build a new YSD facility to replace the existing one. Under a Combined Police/Fire Feasibility and Conceptual Study (CP/FFS), PW is planning the development of this and other combined City police and fire facilities. The study is currently 95% completed and the consultant is conferring with the Police, Fire, Community Development, and Planning and Building departments and other City stakeholders in the process. The project is taking into account relevant factors including, but not limited to, client and public needs identification, lot sizes, location, square footage, conceptual design, facility operations, etc. Presently PW and its consultant are meeting with the Redevelopment Bureau who have identified a number of possible sites for the facilities including those on Anaheim Street, PCH, and Long Beach Blvd. The RDA personnel estimate that land</p>

		<p>acquisition of this magnitude (3 acres) in Long Beach can take as long as 3-4 years.</p> <p>The project team is currently working with the Redevelopment Agency in the search for appropriate sites within Central Long Beach for the project. Redevelopment prefers that public uses be located adjacent to each other and has requested the team look for opportunities to locate fire and police facilities next to each other. Current sites being considered for the YSD include a site adjacent to the proposed Fire Station No. 10 site or adjacent to a future relocated Fire Station No. 7 on Long Beach Blvd. north of PCH. A budget for this project will be completed at the end of the site identification process.</p>
POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL) FACILITY	Relocation	<p>PD desires that its West PAL facility be relocated to a more centrally located area for more accessibility to the neighborhood teen community. The PAL facility offers popular activities including but not limited to youth boxing and karate. Presently the PAL facility is located in the Westside Harbor area at the intersection of Caspian and 10th Street. Carpooling or other forms of commuting are needed to transport many of the teens to the existing facility. This facility is included in the aforementioned CP/FFS, which is 95% complete.</p> <p>The Needs Assessment for this project is complete and it has identified the need for an approximately 21,000 GSF facility on a 2.60-acre site. A site has not yet been identified for this facility and a search will begin once the parking criterion has been refined. A project budget will be provided once a site has been selected to complete the project.</p>
POLICY ACADEMY	Replacement	<p>A complete needs assessment, site plan and conceptual design is required. Based on that outcome a cost estimate can be made, site selected and funding options determined.</p>
EAST DIVISION	Replacement	<p>A complete needs assessment, site plan and conceptual design is required. Based on that outcome a cost estimate can be made, site selected and funding options determined. A proposal to acquire the BRAC property, Schroeder Hall, located on Willow Street and Grand Avenue was submitted in early December. If the proposal is accepted the property will not be available for use until 2011.</p>



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The Port of Long Beach depends on the Long Beach Fire Department to provide fire and marine safety services, including medical and emergency response to its facilities, Port tenants and visitors. The Port has budgeted and will transfer \$10.4M to fund Fire personnel, overtime, equipment, and operational costs in Fiscal Year 2007. This is an increase from \$8.7M provided in FY 2006. The Port owns and maintains two fire boats. Additionally, the Port funds certain Fire related capital improvements.

There are four fire stations in the Harbor District. One is being replaced at Port cost and planning is underway for possible relocation or renovation of two other stations, subject to approval of the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Fire Station 24, on Terminal Island, is currently located in rented trailers. Construction of its permanent replacement has begun and will take place through 2007 with an occupancy target of early 2008. The Port of Long Beach expects to spend approximately \$11M million to construct this station, located across from the City's SERRF plant.

Assessments are being made regarding Fire Boat Stations 15 and 20. Recent improvements were made at Station 20, including the addition of an apparatus bay, sleeping quarters and bathroom for female firefighter personnel. New windows have also been installed which provide better sound-proofing and weather protection.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, our staff lead on the Harbor Safety Facilities Master Plan, Kevin Eldridge, has been unable to continue progress on this project. This project has been reassigned to Doug Thiessen, Chief Harbor Engineer.



The Port is committed to ensuring that the Long Beach Fire Department continues to have the ability to provide quality customer service delivery in the Harbor District. Management and staff of the Port will continue to closely coordinate and reach agreement with the Fire Department on proper levels of fire service. In FY 2007, capital expenditures and operating transfers to the City of Long Beach for Fire services and projects will exceed \$20M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard D. Steinke", written in a cursive style.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR