

## Fire Station-5 Relocation Project Update



### Project

- Relocation of Fire Station-5 currently located on Parker Hill Road to Newgate Drive in Fountaingrove.
- Construction of a 5,400 square foot “Essential Services” fire station at Newgate Drive.

### History

- **2002** – FIREScope Inc. “Fire Station Location & Deployment Study” report recommends relocating fire station from Parker Hill Road to Fountaingrove Parkway to improve response times.

<http://cityweb.srcity.org/departments/fire/admin/gis/Shared%20Documents/FIREScope%202002%20Deployment%20Study/Original%20Deployment%20Analysis%20PDF%20Report.pdf>

- **2004** – Sonoma County Grand Jury Report “Santa Rosa Fire Station Deployment.” Report recommends relocating fire station from Parker Hill Road to Fountaingrove Parkway to improve response times.

<http://sonoma.courts.ca.gov/sites/all/assets/pdfs/general-info/grand-jury/2003-2004/17SRFire.pdf>

- **2004** – Santa Rosa General Plan amended to include PSF-E-7: To better serve the community, move the fire station on Parker Hill Road to a new location near Fountaingrove Parkway and Parker Hill Road. Project estimate: \$4.5 million.
- **2010** – Architectural plans approved by Building Department. Design Review, Planning Commission and City Council approval for project. Project shelved until funding was located.

- **2013** – Measure “O” oversight Committee and City Council approve \$350,000 per year of Measure “O” funds to be used over a 12-year period to pay a Private Placement Lease Financing for an amount not to exceed \$3,600,000 in funding.
- **October 2013** – Project goes out to bid. Low bid exceeds Engineers Estimate by \$718,126.

**Funding**

- Project Costs:

Engineers Estimate:	\$2,464,158
Soft Costs (Inspection, Project Mngt., 10% Contingency)	\$725,481
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,189,639</b>

Low Bidder (GCCCI - local builder):	\$3,117,000
Soft Costs (Inspection, Project Mngt., 10% Contingency)	\$790,765
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,907,765</b>

<b>Difference:</b>	<b>\$718,126</b>
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- Proposed Funding Plan:

From Existing Project Funding Balance of \$168,215	\$150,000
Private Placement Lease Financing	\$3,600,000
Proposed Measure "O" Plan Change Fund Transfer from Southeast Fire Station Account:	\$600,000

<b>Total Proposed Funding:</b>	<b>\$4,350,000</b>
<b>Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$3,907,765</b>

<b>Remaining Additional Contingency:</b>	<b>\$442,235</b>
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- Backup Contingency:
  - Current Undesignated Fire Measure “O” Reserve is \$1,379,875. 46% undesignated reserve.
  
- Factors to Consider:
  - The bid is good for 60 days from October 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Need for fire station to reduce response times. The Fountaingrove area traditionally has the lowest response time compliance in the City at approximately 51% of calls arrived to within 6 minutes.
  - Construction activity has risen for the past 5-months and construction costs are increasing as we come out of the recession.
  - Wording in proposed Private Placement Lease Financing. Finance and City Attorney are addressing.
  - Some Measure “O” Oversight Committee concern over the high reserve in Fire’s Measure “O” account. The reserve is currently 46% at \$1,379,875.
  - New Building Codes go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup> and if the permit is not pulled we would be required to redesign to meet the new codes. This would further increase the projects costs. There is a provision that would allow us to pull the permit ourselves to avoid the redesign. This is not a provision that is generally open to the general public and we may need to evaluate the appropriateness of this option.
  - Once the station is constructed, the existing station will be sold and \$500,000 of the proceeds will return to the General Fund reserve to pay back the loan from Station-11 (Lewis Road.)