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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT Fire Facilities Bond Program



The Los Angeles Fire Department has been involved with an aggressive construction program since the passage of Proposition F. Proposition F is the Fire/Animal General Obligation Bond that was approved by the voters of Los Angeles City in November of 2000. This proposition authorizes bond funding for Fire

Stations, Emergency Helicopter, Air Operations and a Maintenance Facility at the Van Nuys Airport along with Animal Shelter Facilities.

The Fire Facilities Bond has 19 projects totaling \$378.6 million. These projects consist of the following:

- Replacing seven existing stations with the new Regional Fire Station Design. (The stations selected for these projects are FS 5, 21, 64, 81, 82, 84, and 87.)
- 15,250 square foot Station House.
- 6,000 square foot Apparatus Storage Facility.
- 2,500 square foot Classroom/Multipurpose Room.
- About 2 acres of land area.
- Expanding three existing stations into a Regional Fire Station Design. (The selected stations for these projects are FS 59, 89, and 94.)
- 6,000 square foot Apparatus Storage Facility.
- 2,500 square foot Classroom/Multipurpose Room.
- Replacing seven stations with a new 15,250 square foot Standard Fire Station. (The selected stations are FS 13, 43, 62, 65, 77, 78, and 83.) These stations will be built on about one acre of land area.
- Constructing a new 8,500 square foot Satellite Fire Station in San Pedro. This station will be FS 36.



- Replacing the existing temporary heliport and maintenance facilities at the Van Nuys Airport with permanent Air Operations Facilities consisting of:
 1. GSD Maintenance Hangar – 57,000 square foot.
 2. LAFD Air Operations Hangar – 56,000 square foot.
 3. LAPD Fixed Wing Hangar – 7,920 square foot.
 4. Crash and Rescue Station – 14,825 square foot.
- Replacing OCD/EOC Complex, along with a supporting Fire Station. The station chosen for this project is FS 4 and the new location for this Public Safety Complex is on Temple, east of Alameda. This project is a combination Prop F (FS4) and Prop Q (OCD/EOC/DOC) funded project.
 1. 80,000 square foot complex for OCD/EOC
 2. 40,000 square foot Fire Station to support Station and OCD personnel.
 3. Two level secured parking structure at the s/w corner of Temple and Vignes.

Additionally, part of the Prop F team are members of the Department of Public Works from the Bureau of Engineering, led by their Program Manager Allan Kawaguchi. Also, there are two ITA members, the private firms of BOVIS, and Black and Beach who provide staff for construction services. This team of about 40 people is working in a collaborative approach to deliver these new state of the art fire

employed within our Department for many years to come.

As of April 2005, 11 of the 19 projects have commenced, with another 3 Fire Stations in design and 3 others in the bid and award process. One of the 11 projects has been completed. If you have visited FS 89 lately, you may have had a chance to tour the new apparatus storage facility that has been built in place of the old drill



The Proposition F Project Team is comprised of 9 members of the Fire Department Building Administration Division, both sworn and civilian. Assistant Chief Alfred Hernandez currently commands the Division. There are two Battalion Chiefs assigned to this Division who manage the Prop F Program and the Prop Q Program. Four Captain II's and two civilian staff are also assigned to the Building Administration Division. The Prop F Program is involved with the new construction of fire stations. The Prop Q Program is involved with capital improvements to existing fire stations and other special projects.

facilities that will be in service for the next 50 plus years.

Last year on October 14, 2005, the Prop F team was invited to the Quality and Productivity Awards Ceremony and Luncheon which was hosted by the City of Los Angeles. The Prop F team was recognized and received a productivity award for prototype plans and design of fire stations. Retired Battalion Chief Roy Prince was the original Battalion Chief assigned to Building Administration when the Prop F Program commenced. His industrious efforts to develop and create the prototype designs earned acknowledgment during the awards ceremony. The forward thinking and positive effects of his efforts will be

tower classroom and locker room. This Apparatus Storage Facility at FS 89 is the first of ten that is scheduled for construction during the Proposition F Bond.

This facility is a new concept that contains the storage capacity of four bays (three truck-size bays and one engine-size bay), along with a pit that allows for undercarriage cleaning of heavy apparatus. There is a system to assist our members with undercarriage maintenance of our apparatus, plus a clarifier to support proper disposal of wastewater. These facilities are being strategically located throughout the city.

This design also includes a multi-purpose classroom that has two



restrooms and a lobby area. These classrooms will allow training to be scheduled in locations that are more localized for the surrounding first-in districts. This will provide for quicker availability of fire and rescue companies once training activities are completed.

The In-Service Training Section has also assisted in providing the audio visual system in the classroom.

classes, Temporary Disaster Relief Offices, small banquets, and other community activities.

Fire Station Construction

The 15 stations that are being fully replaced have an average service time of 59.4 years. The previous dates of construction of the 15 stations being replaced range from 1936 to 1951. Even after the completion of the Proposition F Construction Program, the

into quarters, all without having to go into the street to stop traffic, thus providing more safety for our members. Additionally, a second structure, the Apparatus Storage Facility and Multi-Purpose Classroom is also included as part of the Regional Fire Station.

As mentioned previously, three of the Regional Fire Stations are existing stations. Fire Stations 59, 89, and 94 will have the apparatus storage facility added. Additional land has been purchased for the Fire Station 59 location. Construction has commenced at this location and should be completed late this year or early next year. The Fire Station 94 project will move forward once land has been acquired. Fire Station 89 Apparatus Storage Facility is in operation. The In-Service Training Section makes the schedule for use of this facility and is looking forward to the completion of the other 9 facilities.



FIRE STATION 13

This is the same audio-visual TV monitor/projector system that is in use at Frank Hotchkins Memorial Training Center in the classrooms. The funding provided through the Cal-JAC Program will be instrumental in purchasing this technology for presentations. Additionally, the classroom is being furnished with tables and chairs through this same funding source. Officers can assist with this endeavor by continuing to be diligent in recording all members training activities in the SAS system.

Furthermore, these multipurpose classrooms will provide the Department the opportunity and the flexibility, to host various community functions such as community neighborhood council meetings, CERT meetings, CPR

Department will still have 19 more stations that have been in service for at least 50 years and another 8 stations that have been in service between 42 to 49 years.

Regional Fire Stations

This type of station will be located on about two acres of land. The station will be a two-story structure with about 15,250 square foot. Some of the stations have variations, but are very similar with the interior designs. The exteriors have been designed to blend in with the communities they serve. All of the regional stations will have four drive-through heavy apparatus bays along with separate light apparatus bays on the other side of the station. The apron in front of these three bays is large enough to allow light apparatus to maneuver and back

Standard Fire Stations

This station will be located on about one acre of land. This station is a two-story structure with about 15,250 square foot. All of the standard stations will have three drive-through heavy apparatus bays, along with three light apparatus bays on the other side of the station, configured just like the regional stations. All of the stations are being built with a conference room and a dedicated wellness room. There are two locker rooms to accommodate the two genders for officer and non-officer ranks. The various dorms will be common to all and there are no lockers in any of the dorms. The rescue personnel will have a separate dorm room provided.

Satellite Fire Station

A new fire station will be opened in San Pedro. The Groundbreaking



Ceremony was on May 2, 2005. The new fire station will be Fire Station 36. The firehouse will be a one-story station with a three bay apparatus floor that will be drive through. This station will be a little more than one-half the size of the standard stations at about 8,500 square foot and on about two-thirds of an acre of land. This station is set up to accommodate a Battalion Command Team along with an Engine Company and Rescue Ambulance.

Air Operations

As of early May 2005, the Air Operations project is approximately 40 percent completed. This project is being built on five acres. Fire Station 114 is included in this first phase along with the LAFD hangar that will house our six Fire Department helicopters. The Fire Station is a two-story facility that will accommodate the Air Operations personnel, the Crash/Rescue personnel, and the Air Operations administrative staff.

Next door to Fire Station 114, construction of the General Services Maintenance Facility and LAPD's fixed winged hangar. This hangar will maintain not only the LAFD fleet, but also airships used by LAPD and DWP. The projected completion date for the Air Operations Complex is scheduled for the spring of 2006.

Fire Station 4/OCD/EOC Complex

This complex combines the resources of Propositions F and Q to fund this new concept. The new OCD/EOC/DOC portion is a 80,000 square foot two-story structure. Its design includes a base isolation system that will enable the structure to move 2 feet in any direction during an earthquake. The base isolation system is similar in concept to the system installed at City Hall. The first floor will house the EOC, LAPD's



RECRUIT TRAINING CENTER AND FIRE STATION 81

DOC, and offices for the Emergency Preparedness Department. The second floor will house OCD, LAFD's DOC, and the OCD administrative offices.

Fire Station 4 will be constructed directly adjacent to the OCD/EOC complex. There will be a connecting interior corridor essentially creating one complex. The station will be about 40,000 square feet. Fire Station 4 will house a Battalion Command Team, a regular Task Force and Rescue Ambulance. The living, dining, and recreational space have all been designed to accommodate both Fire Station 4 and OCD personnel.

In conclusion, the Department continues the process of renewing its infrastructure. The Proposition F Program is providing a key phase of the transformation effort. These effects will enable the Los Angeles Fire Department to enhance and continue to achieve our mission, the preserving of life and property, promoting public safety and fostering economic growth, through leadership and effective management for the citizens and friends of Los Angeles.



Special thanks to Battalion Chief Gary Clark of the Fire Facilities Bond Program. Chief Clark has been a member of the Fire Department for 25 years and is currently assigned to the Fire Facilities Division.