



Fleets and Facilities Department

Fire Facilities and Emergency Response Levy Program

Making Seattle the Most Prepared City in America

Levy Oversight Committee

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Fourth Quarter Highlights

Council Actions

Council Consultant's Neighborhood Station Program Review

After receiving the *Neighborhood Station Program Financial Update* in January of this year, the Council hired a consultant to review the program. Staff from Fleets and Facilities and the Fire Department have met with the consultant to provide background materials and answer questions. The consultant's report is due in early December.

2007 Budget Proviso

Until it has considered the report of its consultant, the Council will authorize funding only for pre-design activities on the eight 2007 station projects. Full appropriation for these projects may be released once the Council has considered the consultant's report.

Land Acquisition

Fire Station 38 (Ravenna/Bryant)

The City's offer for immediate possession and use of the new site for Fire Station 38 was accepted and the funds were transferred to the Superior Court. Further environmental testing is being conducted to better define the extent of soil contamination at this former gas station site. City staff are working with the Law Department on next steps for remediation and recovery of costs from the former owner and oil company.

Large Fireboat (Leschi)

Construction is 80% complete, and the boat will be delivered to Seattle by the end of the year.

Emergency Disaster Supplies Caches

Permits have been issued for all four sites, and site work is under way at the Westbridge location. Earth work will begin at the Sunny Jim and Haller Lake sites in November, with construction starting in December. Project signage for the cache at Catharine Blaine Elementary has been posted and work at that site will begin during the school vacation at the end of December.

Fire Station 10 Project

This project is 40 per cent complete and on schedule, despite the long concrete workers strike earlier in the year. Concrete walls, foundations, and below-slab mechanical and electrical infrastructure are being placed. The concrete walls of the Emergency Operations Center can be seen along 5th Avenue. There will be a presentation on this project at the November Levy Oversight Committee meeting.

Neighborhood Station Program

Eight stations are scheduled to begin in 2007: 14 (SODO) 30 (Mount Baker), 33 (Rainier Beach), 35 (Crown Hill), 37 (West Seattle/Highpoint), 38 (Ravenna/Bryant), 39 (Lake City), and 41 (Magnolia). Interviews with architecture and engineering firms competing for these station projects have been completed and reference checking has begun.