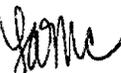


MEMORANDUM

January 26, 2010

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst 

SUBJECT: **Briefing: Program of Requirements for Public Safety Training Academy**

Expected for this briefing:

David Dise, Director, Department of General Services
Chief Richard Bowers, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Chief Tom Manger, Montgomery County Police Department
Hamid Omidvar, Department of General Services

At this session, the Committee will receive a briefing on the Program of Requirements for the new Public Safety Training Academy (PSTA) that is to be located at the Webb Tract. Last June, the Council approved the purchase of the Webb Tract (\$46.621 million) and \$1.695 million in master site planning monies for the PSTA, Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) Food Distribution Facility, and MCPS and Maryland-National Park and Planning Maintenance Facilities.

The Executive's FY11-16 Recommended PDF for the PSTA project is provided on the back side of this memo. At this time, the Executive is recommending \$5.515 million in planning and design money. The PDF notes that design is scheduled to begin this summer.

Because the Council has not yet held its CIP worksessions, this is not the Committee's worksession on this project. The Committee should use this opportunity to ask any questions it may have about the POR and the Executive's recommendation so that the responses may be brought back to the Committee in February as a part of its CIP worksessions.

Public Safety Training Academy (PSTA) Relocation -- No. 471102

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Public Safety
Other Public Safety
General Services
Gaithersburg

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

January 10, 2010
No
None.
Planning Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY09	Est. FY10	Total 6 Years	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	5,515	0	0	5,515	4,224	1,291	0	0	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,515	0	0	5,515	4,224	1,291	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Interim Finance	5,515	0	0	5,515	4,224	1,291	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,515	0	0	5,515	4,224	1,291	0	0	0	0	0

DESCRIPTION

This project is part of the County Executive's comprehensive Smart Growth Initiative and provides for the planning and design of the relocation of the Public Safety Training Academy (PSTA) from its current location at the intersection of Great Seneca Highway and Darnestown Road to a site on Snouffer School Road known as the Webb Tract. The PSTA is the primary training facility for the Department of Police and Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service. The project includes: an academic building with various classrooms and training rooms, an EMT paramedics training facility, a simulation area, a student study center, a gymnasium, an indoor firing skills training range, office spaces, locker rooms, a graphics and video development area, a canine support facility, an Emergency Vehicle Operation Center (EVOC), driver training classes and simulation rooms, a driver training skid pan, a driver training skills pad, a driver training speed track, a fire safety training building, and staff and visitor parking. A future phase may include the addition of a lecture hall.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

The design phase will commence during the summer of 2010 and is expected to last twelve months.

JUSTIFICATION

The PSTA was completed in 1973. Since then, the training needs of user agencies have changed significantly. As a result, there is a need for reconfiguration and expansion of the PSTA to meet current needs. The County needs better preparation for first responders, and the current facility is not adequate. Given the current status of the academic building, its aged systems, and site constraints that do not allow for reconfiguration of functions that will allow the County to meet current and future training standards and requirements, in the long term, it is prudent to relocate this program to a new location, and allow Montgomery County to pursue future smart growth opportunities at the old PSTA site.

Relocation of the PSTA will promote medical research economic development and prepare Montgomery County for future smart growth possibilities.

Plans and studies for this project include: "Program of Requirements for Montgomery County Public Safety Training Academy" August 27, 1998; M-NCPPC Shady Grove Sector Plan, Approved by the Montgomery County Council, January 2006, adopted by the M-NCPPC, March 15, 2006; "Montgomery County Property Use Study Updated Briefing to the County Council," April 29, 2008 (based on Staubach Reports); "Montgomery County Smart Growth Initiative Update to County Council," September 23, 2008.

OTHER

The public safety memorial will be located in the new Public Safety Headquarters site at 100 Edison Park Drive in Gaithersburg.

FISCAL NOTE

Interim financing will be used in the short term, with permanent funding sources to include G.O. Bonds and Land Sale Proceeds.

OTHER DISCLOSURES

- A pedestrian impact analysis will be performed during design or is in progress.

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