

**MEMORANDUM**

May 4, 2009

TO: County Council

FROM: Minna K. Davidson, Legislative Analyst *MKD*

SUBJECT: FY09-14 Capital Improvements Program amendments – Wheaton Rescue Squad Relocation

**Public Safety Committee Recommendation**

At the Public Safety Committee’s request, Executive staff provided an updated expenditure schedule and PDF text amendments for this project based on updated cost estimates. The Committee reviewed the updated information on April 24, and recommends approval as presented by Executive staff.

Specific changes are shown in the table on page 2 of this memo. They include:

- Reduce the County’s total cost for this project by almost \$2 million, from \$11.8 million to \$9.8 million.
- Reallocate funding from the schedule in the approved PDF, with expenditures from FY08 and before to FY10, to a new schedule with expenditures from FY09 to FY11.

**Public Safety Committee Review**

*January 15 CE Amendment - Wheaton Rescue Squad Relocation, No. 450505, PDF 15-19 (in \$000s)*

	Total	Thru FY08	6 Years	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14
Approved	11,804	6,629	5,175	3,507	1,668	0	0	0	0
CE Rec.	11,804	6,629	5,175	3,507	168	500	1,000	0	0
Difference	0	0	0	0	-1,500	500	1,000		

*Recommended funding sources: \$11,798 in G.O. Bonds, \$6 in PAYGO  
CE Recommended PDF on © 2. Approved PDF on © 3.*

On January 15, the Executive recommended an amendment to the Wheaton Rescue Squad Relocation project to shift funds for fiscal capacity. The amendment would have deleted a total of \$1.5 million from FY10, and added \$500,000 in FY11 and \$1 million in FY12. Although the approved PDF showed completion in FY10, MCFRS staff said that completion was expected in FY12.

At the time of the Committee’s review in March, the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad (WVRS) was in the process of soliciting four new cost estimates for budgeting purposes. The Public Safety Committee requested that Executive staff provide an updated PDF incorporating the new estimates before making a Committee recommendation. Executive staff provided an updated expenditure schedule and recommended changes to the PDF text on © 1. The table below summarizes the changes between the approved FY09-14 PDF and the updated schedule.

***Updated Expenditures - Wheaton Rescue Squad Relocation, No. 450505, PDF 15-19***  
*(in \$000s)*

	Total	Thru FY08	6 Years	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14
Approved	11,804	6,629	5,175	3,507	1,668	0	0	0	0
Updated	9,842	6	9,836	312	6,482	3,042			
Difference	-1,962	-6,623	4,661	-3,195	4,814	3,042			

*Recommended funding sources: \$9,836 in G.O. Bonds, \$6 in PAYGO*

*Updated expenditure schedule on © 1. Approved PDF on © 3.*

As was previously agreed, the County is paying approximately one-half the cost of this project, and the WVRS is paying the other half. The total project cost has decreased by about -\$3.8 million from about \$23.6 million to about \$19.6 million. The County’s half of the cost has decreased by about -\$1.9 million. If construction begins this summer as planned, Executive staff now expect the project to be completed in FY11 rather than FY12.

While the total project cost has decreased, the six year cost has almost doubled, from about \$5.2 million to \$9.8 million. Expenditures are now programmed for FY09 through FY11, with the largest amount, \$6.5 million, scheduled for FY10. Like other CIP projects, this one is subject to the Council’s reconciliation process, and funding levels may be adjusted for fiscal capacity reasons.

The County paid only \$6,000 through FY08 because the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the WVRS and the County had not yet been signed. Now that there is a signed MOU, the County is in the process of reimbursing the WVRS for the County’s portion of the design costs.

**PS Committee recommendation:** Although it will add expenditure pressure in FYs 10 and 11, approve the updated expenditure schedule and PDF text amendments as presented, as they reflect the most current information available.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** DeFazio, Blaise

**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2009 11:28 AM

**To:** Davidson, Minna

**Cc:** Stiles, James; Carter, Jacqueline (OMB); Evans, June

**Subject:** Wheaton Rescue Squad PDF - Revised Cost Estimates

Hi Minna,

Below are the revised cost estimates from DGS based on bids received for the project. The table reflects the estimated project schedule; OMB can work with you and Glen Orlin in regards to funding capacity. Besides the cost changes, there are just four small changes on the PDF:

- In the "Cost Change" section, change "increase" to "decrease"
- In the third sentence in the "Other" section, change "will develop" to "have developed"
- Remove the last two sentences in the "Other" section about off-site improvements (none are programmed)
- For the "Appropriation Request Est.," change it from zero to -\$1,962 (reflects the lower cost of the project)

If you have any questions, let us know.

- Blaise

	Total	Thru FY08	Est. FY08	5 Years	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	Beyond 5 Years
<b>Planning, Design, &amp; Supervision</b>	\$ 1,035	\$ 6	\$ -	\$ 1,029	\$ 312	\$ 478	\$ 239	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Land</b>	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Site Improvements &amp; Utilities</b>	\$ 1,349	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,349	\$ -	\$ 899	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Construction</b>	\$ 5,933	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,933	\$ -	\$ 3,955	\$ 1,978	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Other</b>	\$ 525	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 525	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 375	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	\$ 9,842	\$ 6	\$ -	\$ 9,836	\$ 312	\$ 6,482	\$ 3,042	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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Wheaton Rescue Squad Relocation -- No. 450505

Category  
Subcategory  
Administering Agency  
Planning Area

Public Safety  
Fire/Rescue Service  
Fire/Rescue Service  
Kensington-Wheaton

Date Last Modified  
Required Adequate Public Facility  
Relocation Impact  
Status

January 12, 2009  
No  
None  
Planning Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY08	Rem. FY08	Total 6 Years	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	1,151	6	658	487	347	47	47	46	0	0	0
Land	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	1,349	0	1,349	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	8,096	0	4,436	3,660	2,160	93	453	954	0	0	0
Other	208	0	180	28	0	28	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,804</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6,623</b>	<b>5,175</b>	<b>3,507</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G.O. Bonds	11,798	0	6,623	5,175	3,507	168	500	1,000	0	0	0
PAYGO	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,804</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6,623</b>	<b>5,175</b>	<b>3,507</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

Maintenance				154	0	0	0	36	59	59
Energy				117	0	0	0	27	45	45
<b>Net Impact</b>				<b>271</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>104</b>

DESCRIPTION

The Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad (WVRS) is planning to relocate from its existing facility, located at 11435 Grandview Avenue, to a new site at the corner of Georgia Avenue and Arcola Avenue. The WVRS has been at the Grandview Avenue location for approximately 35 years. The facility, a Class 1 Fire/Rescue Station, will be located on property owned by the WVRS.

JUSTIFICATION

The Grandview Avenue facility is in poor overall condition and is significantly undersized to meet the needs of the WVRS. This project is recommended in the Fire, Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, and Community Risk Reduction Master Plan approved by the County Council in October 2005.

OTHER

Preliminary cost estimates have been provided by the WVRS. The expenditures reflect about one-half of the total cost of the project as WVRS is contributing the remaining one-half using non-County funds. MCFRS and the WVRS will develop a Memorandum of Understanding to address terms for construction, financing, ownership, and operation of the new station. Upon completion of the project, the County and the WVRS will share ownership of the station and land. Preliminary cost estimates do not include all costs for off-site improvements, if needed. The total project cost will increase if additional off-site improvements are programmed.

FISCAL NOTE

Debt service for this project will be financed with Consolidated Fire Tax District Funds. Project schedule amended to reflect current implementation plan.

OTHER DISCLOSURES

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

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA		
Date First Appropriation	FY05	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate	FY05	4,239
Current Scope		
Last FY's Cost Estimate		11,804
Appropriation Request	FY10	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		11,804
Expenditures / Encumbrances		6
Unencumbered Balance		11,798
Partial Closeout Thru	FY07	0
New Partial Closeout	FY08	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

**COORDINATION**  
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service  
Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad  
Department of General Services  
Department of Permitting Services  
Department of Technology Services  
County Attorney's Office  
Mid-County Regional Services Center  
Wheaton Redevelopment Office  
M-NCPPC



## Wheaton Rescue Squad Relocation -- No. 450505

Category                    Public Safety  
 Subcategory                Fire/Rescue Service  
 Administering Agency      Fire/Rescue Service  
 Planning Area                Kensington-Wheaton

Date Last Modified            June 05, 2008  
 Required Adequate Public Facility    No  
 Relocation Impact            None  
 Status                            Planning Stage

### EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

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Site Improvements and Utilities	1,349	0	1,349	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	7,779	0	4,436	3,343	2,160	1,183	0	0	0	0	0
Other	525	0	180	345	0	345	0	0	0	0	0
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### OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

Maintenance				272	0	36	59	59	59	59
Energy				207	0	27	45	45	45	45
<b>Net Impact</b>				<b>479</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>104</b>

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#### COST CHANGE

Increase due to construction cost re-estimation.

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Appropriation Request Est.	FY10	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		90
Expenditures / Encumbrances		6
Unencumbered Balance		84
Partial Closeout Thru	FY06	0
New Partial Closeout	FY07	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

#### COORDINATION

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