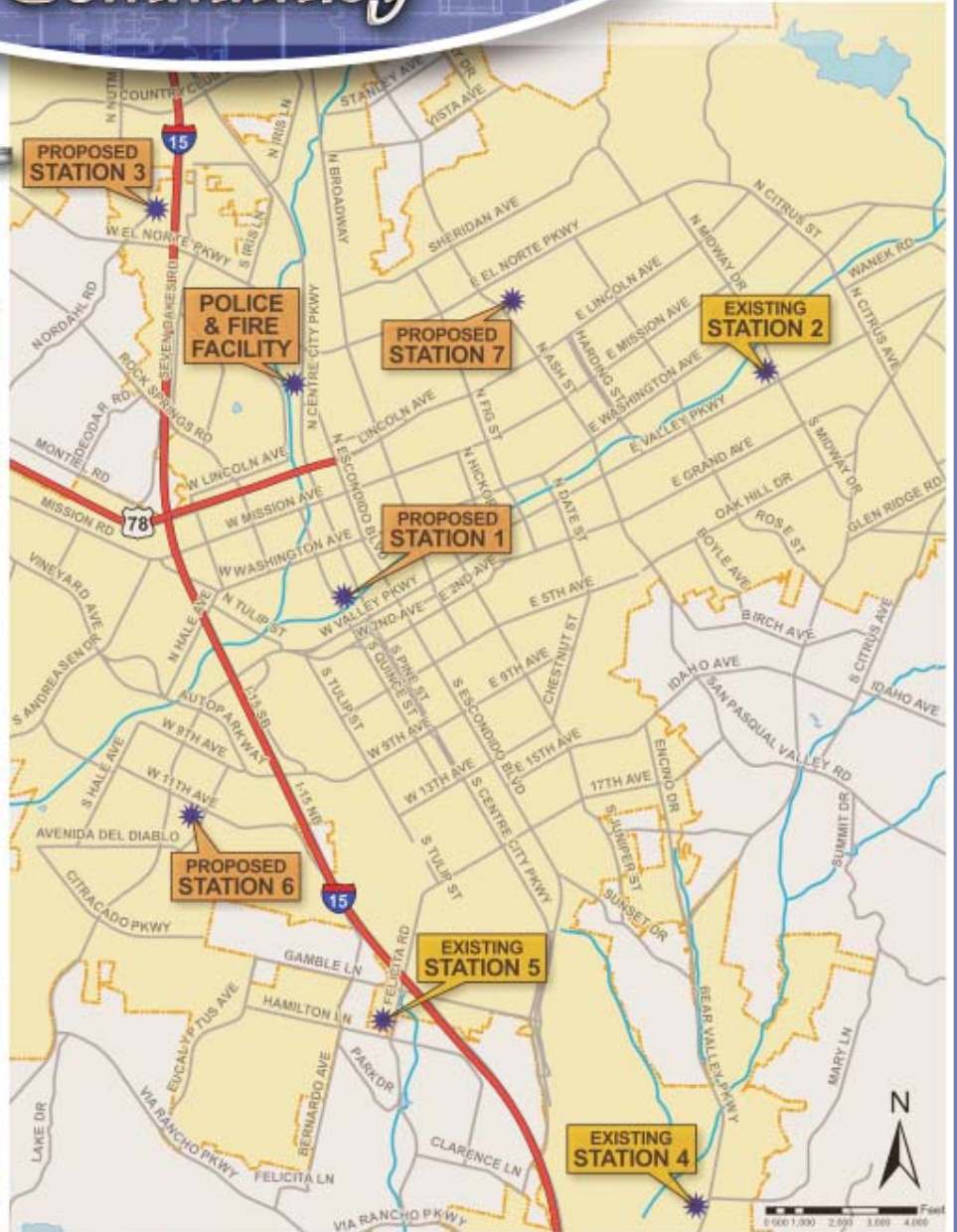


PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

First Annual Report to the Community



May 2006





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Letter from the Chair

This first annual report summarizes the overall status of activities and progress for the City of Escondido's Public Safety Facilities project. It provides overviews of the duties of the Oversight Committee, program scope and budget for Prop P projects, as well the significant accomplishments from March 2005 through May 2006.

The voters of Escondido should feel assured that the improvements promised by Proposition P are in progress and that the staff and consultants entrusted with managing these projects are exhibiting the skills, knowledge and abilities to achieve or exceed the expectations of the project.

The Oversight Committee appreciates the opportunity to serve and advise the City Council and community about these important projects.





~ Carl Skaja, Chair

In November 2004, Escondido voters approved Proposition P, an \$84.3 million General Obligation Bond for the construction of a much-needed new joint Police and Fire Facility, as well as the construction of three new neighborhood fire stations and the construction of a replacement Fire Station I.

The purpose of the Public Safety Facilities Oversight Committee is to assure voters that bond proceeds are spent only for the uses listed in the Prop P ballot language and that no funds are used for administrators' salaries.

The committee consists of seven members, appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the City Council, to serve a term of two years without compensation. The activities of the Oversight Committee are advisory only and do not replace or impede the activities or responsibilities of elected City Council members in any manner, including the responsibility of the City Council to make all final decisions regarding the expenditure of bond funds.

Duties of Committee

-  Receiving and reviewing copies of any annual independent financial audits performed by consultants; receiving and reviewing copies of any annual independent performance audits performed by consultants selected by the City; inspecting public safety facilities, sites, and construction areas to assure that bond revenues are expended in compliance with applicable law; receiving and reviewing proposed construction plans and schedules.
-  Providing regular reports to the City Council (oral or written at the Council's discretion).
-  Ensuring that no bond revenues are used for any administrator's salaries.
-  Reviewing and providing comments to the City Council on expenditure plans, staffing and consultants, schedule and completion times, construction activities, and related matters.






Oversight Committee Members

Van Bethea
Darol Caster
Jim Crone
Kris Hartnett*
Larry Lynch
Scott Molloy*
Richard Marino
Barry Newman*
Carl Skaja (Chairman)

* Due to personal reasons, Barry Newman resigned on March 11, 2005. He was replaced by Van Bethea. Kris Hartnett and Scott Molloy resigned on March 1, 2006 and March 10, 2006, respectively. Darol Caster has been appointed as a replacement but one vacancy remains.











Oversight Committee Accountability

To carry out its responsibilities, the Oversight Committee has been meeting regularly since its inaugural meeting on February 24, 2005. The committee currently meets on a bi-monthly basis. Oversight Committee members have:








-  Conducted all business in compliance with the Brown Act
-  Reviewed project plans
-  Reviewed financial statements
-  Reviewed and approved the financial audit for FY 2004-2005 performed by Conrad and Associates, L.L.P., Certified Public Accountants
-  Ensured that expenditures of bond proceeds are consistent with stated purposes of Prop P.
Note: *The City of Escondido has not yet expended any bond money. City officials anticipate the bond sale will occur in August 2006.*

Project Accomplishments

POLICE & FIRE FACILITY

-  Hired WLC Architects to provide architectural services
-  Hired The McCuskey Group to serve as the construction manager
-  Modified building design with City Council's approval, in order to control costs, yet still meet community needs for the next 30-40 years
-  Installed perimeter fencing at the construction site
-  Awarded the bid for the parking lot expansion to ABC Construction Company in the amount of \$164,512
-  Nearing completion of Design Development phase
-  Received approval from Design Review Board on exterior architecture
-  Held informational community meeting on April 27, 2006
-  Issued Mitigated Negative Declaration for public review
-  Project received approval from the Planning Commission

FIRE STATIONS

-  Decided to build all three new fire stations and reconstruct Fire Station 1 concurrently for maximum efficiency and cost-effectiveness.
-  Acquired land for fire station #7 to be located at 1220 North Ash Street
-  Selected WLC Architects to provide architectural services for Fire Stations 3, 6, and 7
-  Selected Jeff Katz Architects to provide architectural services for the reconstruction of Fire Station 1
-  Initiated eminent domain proceedings to acquire property at 1517 West 11th Avenue for use as Fire Station 6 and for property at 1828 Nutmeg Street for use as Fire Station 3
-  Reviewed preliminary design drawings for all of the fire stations
-  Received City Council approval to temporarily relocate Fire Station 1 operations to the Public Works Yard during demolition and reconstruction of Fire Station 1

Prop P Projects

Police and Fire Facility

The new Police and Fire Facility will be located at 1163 North Centre City Parkway. The facility will consist of an approximately 115,371 square-foot, three-story building with ample public and employee parking. It will provide operational and administrative space for the following functions: Police patrol, investigations, juvenile crime, domestic violence, community-oriented policing, communications and 911 emergency response services, crime lab, computer-aided dispatch center, emergency operations center, short-term custody of prisoners, and community meeting space. The Fire Department area will include administrative and training spaces, fire prevention services, paramedic services management, and community education areas.

The total Prop P budget is \$50.6 million, which includes design, construction, parking and furnishings. Due to escalating construction costs, the actual cost is expected to be approximately \$61 million.



Station 1

This project is located at 310 North Quince. It will include the demolition and removal of the existing Fire Station 1 and reserve apparatus building, as well as the reconstruction of a new 29,186 square foot facility, hose tower and classroom. The first floor will be approximately 21,336 square feet. The second floor will be over the apparatus bays and will have 7,850 square feet of living quarter areas. It will accommodate 1 paramedic fire engine, 1 truck company, 2 ambulances and 1 battalion chief vehicle. This amounts to 12 persons per shift. The total Prop P budget is \$14.5 million, which includes design, construction, parking and furnishings.

Station 3

This facility will be a medium-sized fire station located at 1828 Nutmeg Street on a 1.3 acre parcel. The structure will be approximately 9,000 square feet with about 4,632 square feet of apparatus floor and associated areas, 2,777 square feet of living quarter areas, and 136 square feet of public area. It will accommodate 1 paramedic fire engine and 1 ambulance and 1 wildland brush engine. The total Prop P budget is \$6.0 million, which includes land acquisition, design, construction, parking and furnishings.

Station 6

This facility will be a small-sized fire station located at 1517 West 11th Avenue on a 1.1 acre parcel. It will be approximately 6,500 square feet with approximately 3,190 square feet of apparatus floor and associated areas, 1,850 square feet of living quarter areas, and 136 square feet of public area. It will accommodate 1 paramedic fire engine and 1 wildland brush engine. The total Prop P budget is \$5.0 million, which includes land acquisition, design, construction, parking and furnishings.

Station 7

This facility will be a medium-sized fire station located at 1220 North Ash Street on a 1.0 acre parcel. This two-story structure will be approximately 9,000 square feet with about 4,632 square feet of apparatus floor and associated areas, 2,777 square feet of living quarter areas, and 136 square feet of public area. It will accommodate 1 paramedic fire engine, 1 wildland brush engine and 1 ambulance. The total Prop P budget is \$6.5 million, which includes land acquisition, design, construction, parking and furnishings.