

Temporary Multi-Purpose Storefront and Public Safety Training Center

In the original Measure A spending plan, a portion of the sales tax funds could also be allocated for a temporary public safety training facility in central Chula Vista. The facility would not be a permanent structure but could provide for joint training opportunities for Police and Fire personnel. The Fire Department currently utilizes the four-acre site in Rancho Del Rey located at 850 Paseo Ranchero for training purposes. The location provides both classrooms and training props designed for hands-on training experience. The funding would add an additional facility on the property to be used on a temporary basis.

The Police Department would use portions of the temporary facility to enhance training and to provide a secure area from which officers patrolling the eastern sector of the City could work. At this time, CVPD does not have the personnel to staff a storefront facility, however, an appropriately designed temporary facility could enhance police service to central and eastern Chula Vista by allowing officers a secure area to work when they are not engaged in patrol activities. Depending on the design, there could also be public access to meet officers for reports or hold community meetings. It would also provide a training venue within the City limits for police officers. Many training venues are outside of the City limits, thus requiring additional travel time. Having a facility near the center of the City will reduce travel time, allow more time for training related activities and get officers back in service faster to serve the operational needs of the Police Department. An appropriately designed and staffed facility would also give the public an alternative to driving to the main police station for service. This would serve to support the Police Department personnel as it seeks to improve response times in the eastern area of the City.

The original Intended Public Safety Expenditure Plan had a \$200,000 allocation to fund a Multi-Purpose Store Front and Public Safety Training Center for the Police Department. In 2020, the \$200,000 allocation was removed from the expenditure plan because the Police Department did not have the personnel to staff a storefront facility and training facility and the associated language was deleted. Although no funds are allocated in the current Public Safety Expenditure Plan, this will remain as a line item in the plan for potential use in the future.

Fire Training Center

On April 22, 2024, the Measure A Citizen's Oversight Committee confirmed the usage of \$15.2 million of the Fire Department Measure A fund balance to develop a Fire Department Training Facility. The department's growth and increased training demands (e.g., new hire academies, ongoing mandated training requirements, promotional exams, etc.) demonstrate the need to expand the current Training Facility. Station 4 was identified as a viable location due to its central location within the City, minimizing out-of-service times for fire resources. The former Rancho Del Rey Library site (located at 850 Paseo Ranchero) was identified for this project. As a result, land acquisition for the Paseo site from the library Public Facilities Development Impact Fee (PFDIF) fund are required to complete the Fire Training Facility project. The Millennia Library will meet the City's Library Master Plan requirements that was the intent of the Ranch Del Rey Library site, which allows this land to be repurposed for other uses. While the PFDIF

can be used for various public facilities, a Fire Department Training Facility, is not an eligible use of these funds.

The \$15.2 million was used to establish a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) line item designated for the development of a permanent Fire Department Training Facility and included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Adopted Budget. Additionally, the Measure A COC approved moving future year's fund balance into the designated CIP, demonstrating the commitment to long-term planning and development for the Fire Training Center.

Furthermore, staff will coordinate a Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) land swap in compliance to existing City policies, which will provide an additional 8 acres of property for the Training Facility. The addition of the land swap will increase the total property size to approximately 14 acres.