

Relocate Fire Station 603

Estimated Project Cost: \$6,750,000

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Summary

Buy land, design and build a new site for Fire Station 603 in the McCormick Ranch area to improve response times to that portion of the city. The new station will include crew quarters and facilities, office space, OSHA-certified decontamination area, safety gear storage and two apparatus bays.

Project Cost

Design	\$540,000
Bond Issuance Cost	\$60,000
Construction	\$3,150,000
Project Management	\$460,000
Contingency	\$540,000
Land	\$2,000,000
Total Cost	\$6,750,000

Project Location

The ideal location for the new station is the McCormick Ranch area, but a specific location has not been identified.



ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT

Background

Fire Station 603 is located just east of Scottsdale Rd. and McDonald Rd. intersection and is on the most western edge of the City of Scottsdale. This site was originally chosen to be advantageous for Rural/Metro to provide services to both the City of Scottsdale and the Town of Paradise Valley when Rural/Metro provided services to both entities.

After a third-party updating of the Fire Department's Standard of Coverage and Deployment plan, it was confirmed that the city and its residents

would be better served if FS603 were relocated to the northeast in the McCormick Ranch Area. This relocation would provide for a better level of service and decrease response times.

Safety

The current facility does not have OSHA-certified decontamination area or a storage area for personal protective equipment that meets industry standards as outlined in National Fire Protection Association 1500 and 1851 recommendations.

ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT

What is the customer experience?

EXTERNAL: The current location is in the wrong location to best serve the customers/citizens of the City of Scottsdale. This inappropriate location results in longer response times to the majority of its designated service area and specifically to the McCormick Ranch and Gainey Ranch neighborhoods.

INTERNAL: The current facility is not commensurate with contemporary industry standards or City of Scottsdale employee expectations.

Recent Staff Action

The Scottsdale Fire Department, following the recommendations of COS Audit Report No. 1413, updated their Standard of Coverage and Deployment Plan document by contracting with Emergency Services Consulting International to provide a third-party perspective. The contractual scope of work identified three components to be completed; Standard of Coverage, Facilities Assessment, and Fleet Assessment.

The consultant also hired a third-party architect to work with COS Facility personnel to complete the comprehensive fire facilities assessment. In the executive summary of the 'Fire Station Assessment' specific to FS603, "Scottsdale Fire Station No. 3 was

constructed in 1971 and is the oldest fire station still in operation within the city. The facility has undergone numerous renovations including a dormitory addition, lengthening of the apparatus bays, addition of a fire sprinkler system and various interior finish revisions. The facility is not very functional and does not meet the current standards established by the City of Scottsdale Fire Dept. as is evident in their current fire station designs. The facility does not meet current ADA standards, is not on emergency power and has severe site drainage issues and structurally failing drives and apparatus bay concrete. Interior finishes are all very dated and the facility still contains hazardous materials that have not been remediated. The overall assessment of the facility is very poor and would indicate that the facility has reached the limits of its functional life. Its replacement/relocation should be considered in the near future"

Community Involvement

There will be multiple opportunities for community involvement through the design and construction of the new station.

Council Goals

The implementation of this project supports the Council Goal: Enhance Neighborhoods

RESOURCE IMPACTS

Operating Cost

This is a facility asset staffed 24 hours per day, 365 days per year and would be similar in ongoing operation costs of like sized fire stations housing four employees. The operating cost for this facility would be offset by the closure of the old FS603.

Staffing, Workload Impact

There will be no impact on staffing or workload due to the new station. Existing employees will be relocated into this facility.

Maintenance Requirements

This is a facility asset that would fall into their normal and routine periodic maintenance schedule similar to other fire stations of like size.

Impact if this project is not implemented

The fire department would continue to house employees and respond to customer needs from the current location.