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San Diego Police Department Traffic Division Facility Needs

Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods
Committee
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Background



- SDPD Traffic Division currently operates out of a 19,323-square foot modular facility
- Located on City-owned land adjacent to Eastern Division on Aero Drive
- Includes Special Events and other units
- Temporary facility built in 1999 has deteriorated and lacks functionality for Police Department

FY 2016 Budget Process



- FY 2016 Budget Modification Memoranda
 - Majority of Councilmembers requested \$700,000 for the design of a permanent Traffic Division facility
- IBA Proposed Revisions to FY 2016 Budget
 - Provided information but did not recommend approval at the time
- FY 2016 Adopted Budget
 - Funding not included for this purpose; currently no CIP for this project

Current Facility Condition



Staff-recommended Service Level:

Public & Semi-Public Facilities: FCI - 15

(Good)

City Office/Work Yard/Operations: FCI - 29

(Fair)

FY 2014 Condition Assessment:

Traffic Division Facility:

FCI - 27 (Fair)

Police Operational Needs



- Traffic Division has outgrown the aging modular facility, which lacks functionality
- Demands placed on the facility have grown since its construction in 1999
- A new permanent facility would improve the Department's ability to serve the community and enhance the morale of employees

Site Challenges



- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
 restrictions on site adjacent to Montgomery Field
- Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) limits permanent structures to approximately half of site; requires Airspace Determination by FAA
- City Airports Department supports a permanent Traffic Division facility on site with FAA approval



Estimated Costs



FY 2014 Facility Condition Assessment:

Total Capital & Maintenance Needs: \$3.1 million

Building Replacement Value:

\$11.2 million

MYCP and 5-Year Outlook



- Traffic Division facility currently not included in the current FY 2016-2020 Multi-Year Capital Plan (MYCP)
- Police Department has identified numerous facility needs, including those at Traffic Division, as a priority for the upcoming FY 2017-2021 Five-Year Financial Outlook
- Outlook to be released November 13

Conclusion



- Current Traffic Division facility lacks operational functionality and does not meet recommended FCI service levels
- Whether to meet facility needs by repairing the temporary structure or constructing a replacement permanent building is ultimately a policy decision for the Mayor and Council.
- Our office proposes a feasibility study and a
 report on Police Department facilities priorities

Recommendations



- 1. Fund a feasibility study for a permanent Traffic Division facility at \$250,000
 - Options for Council include the FY 2016 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments and the FY 2017 Budget Process.
- 2. Request that the Police Department report back to the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee on its facilities priorities.