



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 23-1777, Agenda Item #: 2.**

**5/4/2023**

### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Emergency Medical Services Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to increase appropriations by \$17,000,000 for emergency medical services and fire station renovations. Related to Items #3 and 9.

### **Lead Department**

Emergency Medical Services.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available from Certificates of Obligation to be issued August 2023 or later. A fiscal note is attached.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The November 2018 Proposition F for Public Safety in the amount of \$38 million supports planning, renovating, improving, and equipping existing public safety facilities, specifically fire and emergency medical service stations, buildings, and other related facilities. The following stations have \$30 million allocated from the 2018 bond program: EMS 1 Station (stand-alone), EMS 5 Station (stand-alone), Joint EMS Station 10/Fire Station 25, Joint EMS Station 13/Fire Station 23, and Joint EMS Station 7/Fire Station 8.

The five stations listed below that house Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services (ATCEMS) and Austin Fire Department (AFD) were built in the 1970s and 1980s. The stations were designed for fewer staff, smaller emergency vehicles, and gender-specific living quarters. This design has caused inefficiencies and safety concerns in the living quarters and apparatus bays. The subject stations, along with their corresponding locations, are listed below.

EMS 1 Station	3616 S. 1st St., 78704	Council District 3
EMS 5 Station	5710 N. Lamar Blvd., 78752	Council District 7
EMS Station 7/Fire Station 8	8989 Research Blvd., 78758	Council District 7
EMS Station 10/Fire Station 25	5228 Duval Rd., 78759	Council District 6
EMS Station 13/Fire Station 23	1330 E. Rundberg Lane, 78753	Council District 4

The planned renovations to these locations support the continued partnership between EMS and Fire. This amendment will allow all five stations to be fully renovated, aligning the stations to current EMS/Fire design program standards. Program standard modifications will include renovations and additions for gender-neutral living quarters, more efficient and functional apparatus bays, updated emergency alerting systems, back-up emergency power, and additional upgrades to the HVAC systems. These improvements will allow the stations to meet modern building codes and standards as set by the National Fire Protection Association and International Code Council.

A reimbursement resolution is a separate, but related item on this Council agenda. A reimbursement resolution

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is required by federal and state law whenever a bond issuer plans to use bond proceeds to retroactively reimburse itself for expenditures the issuer already incurred. The use of a reimbursement resolution is approved in the City's financial policies and allows the City to start projects to be funded with bonds before the City's next scheduled general obligation bond sale. The City typically schedules its annual issuance of general obligation debt in late summer to coordinate with the budget cycle.