

ESER 2020 Firefighter Training Facility

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The City and County of San Francisco is proposing a \$628.5 million **Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response (ESER)** bond for the March 2020 ballot, which will fund a seismically safe, state-of-the-art training facility for the San Francisco Fire Department to meet its training needs.



The Fire Department currently conducts trainings for both recruits and existing personnel at two facilities: One on Treasure Island, and a smaller complex in the Mission District. At present, these facilities are inadequate to meet the training demands of a 21st-century urban fire department and with the upcoming closure of the Treasure Island facility due to development on the island, the department's training capabilities will be significantly limited.

What is the Firefighter Training Facility

The department's Treasure Island training facility serves as the site for all department academies for firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics.

The training facility on Treasure Island is used for recruit training as well as the regular in-service training for all employees. The facility provides classroom instruction but also specialized training, including active shooter, confined and trench space rescue, water rescue, roof ventilation, emergency vehicle operations, wildland firefighting, elevator extrications and more to ensure maximum safety for San Francisco residents and visitors.

Why do we need to build a new training facility?

The Fire Department inherited its current training facility on Treasure Island from the U.S. Navy. Plans are underway to close the training facility to make way for a development project on the island.

Beyond the pending closure and physical size limitations, there have been changes in industry standards, best practices and state and federal training mandates and the current facilities do not adequately address the training needs of the department.

The smaller training facility in the Mission District cannot serve the department's training needs on its own. If a new facility is not built, the City will be left without sufficient space for new firefighter, EMT and paramedic recruit academies, as well as continuous in-service and specialized trainings for veteran firefighters.

ESER: A San Francisco Bond Program

Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response (ESER) is San Francisco's bond program to strategically address critical needs for San Francisco's public safety. Voters overwhelmingly approved the first ESER bond in 2010, and a second one in 2014. The proposed 2020 ESER bond will allow the City to continue to bolster resiliency and safeguard San Francisco for years to come.

What are the benefits of the Firefighter Training Facility?

A state-of-the-art department training facility will provide firefighters, EMTs and paramedics the training and advanced skills they need to safely and effectively perform their jobs protecting people and property in San Francisco's unique environment of hills, narrow streets and highly varied building types.

A new, enhanced fire training facility will allow for cross training between the Fire Department and other San Francisco public safety agencies, such as the San Francisco police and sheriff's departments. In addition, other regional partners could, when facility resources are available, train at the facility, resulting in improved emergency response for the entire Bay Area.

What are the accountability standards for the project?

- Ongoing needs assessment to determine top priorities
- Reports on a regular basis in regard to budget, schedule and scope aspects, posted to the ESER website: sfearthquakesafety.org
- Transparency through annual reviews, audits and reports to the Citizens General Obligation Oversight Committee and Capital Planning Committee; and additional transparency through other City reviews, audits and reports

ESER 2020: What's Proposed

Projects	Budget*
Neighborhood Fire Stations and Support Facilities	\$275 million
District Police Stations and Support Facilities	\$121 million
Emergency Firefighting Water System	\$153.5 million
9-1-1 Call Center Renovation	\$9 million
Disaster Response Facilities	\$70 million
Total	\$628.5 million

Why now?

Protecting lives.

The loss of the Treasure Island training facility means that required training will be severely impacted. Training is critical for first responders to be adequately prepared to confront the impacts of a major earthquake, fire or other emergency and protect the safety of our residents and visitors.

Using tax dollars wisely.

Every year that we delay improvements and needed upgrades to our public safety facilities, the cost escalates. These facilities must be fixed sooner or later; by acting now, we can improve safety and save local taxpayer dollars.

Are we prepared?

When people are gravely injured, we count on our first responders to arrive quickly and provide immediate care to save lives. This measure would make investments to ensure that firefighters, EMTs and paramedics are properly trained to quickly respond to emergencies during and after a disaster.



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