

# ESER 2020

## District Police Stations and Support Facilities

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## Are we prepared?

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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. The purpose of this bond is to fund seismic upgrades and much-needed improvements to our aging police stations and other capital infrastructure that will allow San Francisco to quickly respond to damage and reduce life-safety risks from a major earthquake or other disaster.



There are 10 district police stations in San Francisco, and 14 other buildings – from specialized units to support facilities – that house officers. The San Francisco Police Department relies on its stations and support facilities to effectively deploy and support the work of its officers in the field.

## Why do we need to strengthen, improve and rehabilitate district police stations and support facilities?

District police stations are vital to their neighborhoods. They focus on a particular smaller geographic area, allowing officers to tailor services to the specific needs of a neighborhood or community.

In recent years, the City's population has grown, and new businesses and infrastructure have rapidly increased. These changes directly impact the volume of 9-1-1 calls for service and response times. The San Francisco Police Department is increasing its staff to meet the changing needs of the City. This presents a challenge to the Police Department's district stations and support facilities as they were built for a smaller police force and lack adequate space for the current staffing level.

Some City police stations are nearly a century old and many renovations were implemented more than 25 years ago. There is an urgency to make improvements to police facilities to bolster their resiliency in the event of an earthquake. Most don't meet current seismic codes for new construction.

The stations and support facilities have a broad range of functional, security, technical and seismic inadequacies. Since their inception, many have operated continuously and are in need of modernization. Putting off these improvements can hinder police capabilities in responding to emergencies.

The older facilities do not have the capacity to support modern law enforcement standards – from deployment protocol to data-driven strategies. Most police facilities were not designed to effectively support the 21st-century changes to technology, staffing, equipment and preventative policing strategies.

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# 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.

## ESER 2014: Progress Made

ESER 2014 identified 14 improvement projects across 12 district police stations and related facilities. Nine of the 14 projects have been completed, three projects will be brought to completion by the end of 2019, and the remaining two projects are ready to go to bid. All projects are being delivered to allow uninterrupted police operations and public safety services to the City.



## 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](http://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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$628.5 million</b>

## Why now?

### Protecting lives.

The longer we delay making these improvements, the more at risk our public safety facilities – and the first responders and San Franciscans who depend on them – will be during a major earthquake or fire.

### Using tax dollars wisely.

Each year that we delay renovations and needed upgrades to our public safety facilities, the cost escalates. These facilities inevitably must be addressed; by acting now, we can improve safety and save local taxpayer dollars.

## Are we prepared?

In an emergency, we count on our police to arrive quickly and provide the help we need. If building system deficiencies are not addressed, the Police Department will continue to operate in deteriorating and outdated facilities and risk the timely deployment of officers to calls for service.

It is important that we seek to install new technologies and efficiencies that will remain operational after a major earthquake. These upgrades cannot be delayed. This measure would make investments to ensure that police and first responders can respond to emergencies quickly during and after a disaster.



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