

**Item Title:** Approval of Schematic Design for the EMS Station 5 on Hargrove Road in Raleigh, NC

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners approves Schematic Design for the EMS Station 5 Project.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** The Board of Commissioners reviews and approves Schematic Design for all new construction projects. This is an important milestone in the development of a building, renovation, park, or other major project.

**Background:** EMS Station 5 is a 4,383 square foot replacement of the existing EMS station at 4704 Hargrove Road, Raleigh, NC. The existing facility has reached the end of its lifecycle and no longer meets the needs for a typical neighborhood EMS station. This new station will be built on the same site with a larger footprint to include modern amenities, energy efficient systems, and an additional emergency vehicle bay.

Built in 1989, the existing station is 2,066 square feet, has two vehicle bays, and was designed for a staff capacity of two-personnel. Besides exceeding its functional and serviceable lifespan, the station no longer supports call demands in the community where several large, multifamily housing developments and commercial facilities exist and where there is a need for quick access to Capital Blvd. and the greater Mini City area.

**Strategic Plan:** This action supports Safer Community Together Goal 1: By 2029, 80% of all County public safety calls will receive an appropriate and timely emergency response.

**Fiscal Impact:** Funding for the design of this project was appropriated in FY 2026 as part of the EMS Capital Improvement Plan. The remainder of funding required for construction (\$4.5M) has been requested as part of the FY 2027 budget. No other funding is required for this project currently.

**Additional Information:**

The 2019 Revised EMS Facilities Master Plan prioritized the need to replace and modernize EMS Station 5 on Hargrove Road, Raleigh, NC by 2028. As part of this replacement, the building is being enlarged to accept the County's new ambulance configuration and to add one response unit to the station. In addition, the new facility will provide greater staff support areas, wellness, modern building systems, and enhanced

communication technologies. County staff embarked on a similar replacement of EMS Station 2 (“Five Points EMS”) on Noble Road earlier this year.

The proposed replacement station will be approximately 4,383 square feet with three bays for emergency response vehicles. The building will be a combination of structural steel and load-bearing masonry with brick veneer, and a gable-style roof. The color pallet is a cooler, light tone with a standing seam metal roof and sectional overhead doors to fit the design esthetic of the community. The floor plan will have a day room for EMS staff, a kitchenette, multi-purpose room with lockers, wellness room, workspace for staff, bathrooms, support areas, and a whole-house emergency generator. The building will be equipped with a solar photovoltaic system.



Site work includes a single emergency drive apron, access drive with parking for 13-vehicles including 2-ADA parking spots, storm water control measures to address any additional storm water impacts, and landscaping that includes native, draught tolerant plant materials and is intended to replace any tree canopy loss that occurs during the redevelopment of the site.



While this EMS facility rebuild is in a primarily commercial district, EMS Staff have reached out to the community regarding this project via a direct mailer. In addition, an online registry will be created so that members of the community can follow project progress and get important updates.

The project is currently on track to bid in the Summer of 2026 and is estimated to begin construction in the Fall of 2026. The estimated completion of the project is Fall 2027.

**Attachments:**

1. Presentation
2. Schematic Design Floor Plan