

# CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION FORM

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**ITEM:** Central Fire Station Site Selection

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**I. REQUEST/ISSUE & BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This project started in late 2018 with a goal to locate viable options for the Central Fire Station, based off of response times, staffing, apparatus, and training needs of the department. The project has progressed nicely and has culminated in a concept to build a smaller satellite station in the downtown district accompanied by a complete rebuild of the Mountain Fire Station as the department flagship station in the mountain district. Two locations have been identified as the most viable options for the downtown district location, 401/425 Lincoln Avenue and 1125 Lincoln Avenue.

**II. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:**

Direction from City Council after the last presentation was to place the Mountain Fire Station rebuild on the back burner and to focus efforts on determining which of the two proposed Central Fire Station locations best suits the needs of the community. City Council did request that city staff continue to work on the CDOT right of way issue regarding the triangle of land adjacent to the Mountain Fire Station and the ballfields in anticipation of the future rebuild. Meanwhile, OZ Architecture and staff have continued to refine the programming needs of

the department in reference to the two future stations (Mountain and Central) and have developed conceptual designs highlighting the differences between the two proposed locations for the Central Fire Station.

Without getting to far into the design aspect of the Central Fire Station, the team has also received some Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) numbers on the potential costs of the Central Fire Station. As always, it is important to keep in mind that these are very high-level estimates and since design of the station has not yet begun, these numbers are purely for planning purposes.

**III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

City Staff and the Central Fire Station Site Selection Committee feel that both of the proposed sites will adequately meet the programming needs of the Central Fire Station. The committee however recognizes that 401 Lincoln Avenue is a larger site and offers opportunity to provide needed community and fire department space as well as additional parking needs. This location also provides needed space for snow storage and ancillary equipment such as an emergency generator.

**IV. FISCAL IMPACT:**

The project is currently on track in regard to the budget provided for the site selection.

The next fiscal impact City Council will need to consider is the purchase of the selected Central Fire Station location. This impact is estimated to be approximately \$2.6 million for 1125 Lincoln Avenue and \$3.5 million for 401/425 Lincoln Avenue.

**V. LEGAL ISSUES:**

There are no legal issues at this time.

**VI. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

There are no apparent conflicts or environmental issues noted.

**VII. CONSISTENCY WITH COUNCIL GOALS AND POLICIES:**

This project remains consistent with City Councils goal of selecting a downtown fire station location, defining budgets and developing financing options with a potential groundbreaking in 2021.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Central Fire Station Site Feasibility Presentation

Attachment 2: SSFR 1125 Lincoln Program

Attachment 3: SSFR 401 Lincoln Program

Attachment 4: 1125 Lincoln Site Conceptual Budget

Attachment 5: 401 Lincoln Conceptual Budget