



KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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TO: KFPD Board and Staff, KPPCSD Board and Staff, City of El Cerrito Staff, & General Public Notice

RE: Public Safety Building Seismic Renovation Schedule

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The design and planning for the seismic renovation of the **Kensington Public Safety Building**, begun in 2015, is nearing the Construction Phase pending final approval by the KFPD Board of Directors. Since the [Board's approval on 04/14/2021](#) to proceed with the [2019 PSB conceptual plan](#), staff have reported monthly on progress to finalize the permit and bid documents. [Planning approval](#) was obtained on 03/18/2022 and a building permit is expected shortly.

In November 2021, the district conducted a [long-term financial analysis](#) for the project, which concluded that the renovation and associated costs were feasible despite construction industry inflation, and that the district could maintain the necessary emergency and vehicle reserves. Prior building cost estimates were revised in [October](#) and [December 2021](#), and again in [February 2022](#). Due to inflationary factors, the financial analysis was also [updated](#) to track rising interest rates. In April 2022, the board approved the [acquisition of loan proposals given the interest rate concern](#). Fortunately, the timely RFP process locked in a rate before an historic Federal Reserve increase. The locked rate, though, and the anticipated construction bids mean that the district has reached a financial threshold where the seismic work may become infeasible in the future with any further cost or interest rate increases.

In order to ensure that the necessary seismic work can proceed, the following critical path schedule is presented. Please note that the schedule is pending the receipt of the construction bids in order to finalize the financial plan and, subsequently, the approval to proceed at the [July 13, 2022 Board of Directors meeting](#). Critical dates are highlighted in red.

KENSINGTON PSB SEISMIC RENOVATION SCHEDULE

06/29/2022 = Schedule Progress Update and Actions (Special Board Meeting)

07/01/2022 = PSB Bid Opening Date (Bid prices expire after 90 days on 09/30/2022)

07/13/2022 = PSB Bid Award & Bond Approval (Interest rate lock expires - Regular Board Mtg)

09/26/2022 = Initialize vacating PSB (Fire and Police Depts)

09/29/2022 = General Contractor Mobilization begins on PSB Site

10/06/2022 = Complete vacating PSB

10/07/2022 = General Contractor begins demolition phase

04/08/2024 = PSB Renovation Construction Complete (Note: Maximum 18mos schedule)

Please note: All PSB Seismic Renovation documents are posted at:
<https://www.kensingtonfire.org/public-safety-building>