

FIRE STATION 10 - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Why do we need Fire Station 10?

The city is building a new fire station, Fire Station 10, to better serve residents in the Northwest Bellevue, Downtown and BelRed areas. Response time is the key to saving lives and Bellevue Fire's goal is to respond to emergencies on location within 4 minutes travel time. As Bellevue continues to grow, Fire Station 10 will close a growing gap in service by improving response times for fire and medical emergencies in those areas.

Fire Station 10 will be a vital part of Bellevue's systemwide support network of existing stations, ensuring every individual receives the same standard of excellence, no matter where they might live or work.

Any current response into Downtown can also draw fire apparatus and crews from other fire stations, increasing response times to the neighborhoods where those stations are located. Fire Station 10 will not only provide critical services for Downtown, BelRed and Northwest Bellevue, it will also allow the other nine fire stations to better serve their surrounding neighborhoods by reducing the amount of time spent away from their primary response areas.

Reduced stress on the entire system allows for better service and, most important, better response times.

Where is Fire Station 10 located?

Fire Station 10 will be on the 1200 block of 112th Avenue Northeast. Since 2016, the City has negotiated with all property owners and has acquired all 9 properties needed for Fire Station 10, totaling 2.82 acres.

When will it be operational?

Proposed construction will start in early 2021 and is expected to be operational by the end of 2022.

How will the new station be funded?

The City Council approved funds in the 2015-2021 General Capital Investment Program for property acquisition for Fire Station 10. In November 2016, Bellevue voters approved the 20-year Fire Capital Levy to fund the department's facilities capital needs, which includes the design and construction of the new station.

What will the building, equipment and staff look like at Fire Station 10?

The Fire Station building will be two story, approximately 20,000-25,000 square feet, and will include three drive through and two smaller apparatus bays.

In 2022, Fire Station 10 will house a fire engine, aid car, paramedic unit and battalion chief (Engine 110, Aid 101, Medic 101 and Battalion 101 will be posted there). Initial staffing will be nine personnel with room for growth in the future. The Medic Unit will be relocating here from Overlake Hospital.

The building and site will be designed to take advantage of green building and sustainability features such as solar panels, green roofs, stormwater management, healthy building materials, ample daylight, and design that supports firefighter health and wellness.

LEED and other sustainability certification will be reviewed in the design process.

How will the City care for the environment at this location?

The existing wetland on the site will be restored and the goal is to retain and enhance the tree canopy to complement McCormick Park. Native plants and trees will be added. Additionally, the stormwater will be managed to the best practice of Salmon Safe certification.

What can nearby neighbors expect with having Fire Station 10 as a new neighbor?

Firefighters work in 24 hour shifts and the station is their home away from home. They want to be good neighbors and strive to fit seamlessly into the community in all of their neighborhood stations.

All possible operational practices will be implemented to minimize noise to the neighbors.

A minimum 50' buffer zone is proposed to separate the fire station activities from residential uses.

A traffic study is being done to assess potential impacts. The need for a traffic signal for engines exiting the station has been identified. This would enable the fire staff to move traffic through when necessary.

How do I follow the progress of Fire Station 10?

On January 23, 2020, the public is invited to an Open House and presentation on Fire Station 10. This will be held at City Hall, 5:30–7:30 p.m. There will be information on the project and the public will have an opportunity to comment and participate in the process.

In Spring, 2020, a second public meeting will be held to present preliminary design of the station. Following this meeting the land use application process will be initiated, which includes submittal of Conditional Use Permit applications that have opportunity for public comment, and subsequent public comment meetings are to be announced.

To follow progress of Fire Station 10, please visit BellevueWA.gov/fire-station-10, email FireStation10@bellevuewa.gov or contact Marina Stefanovic, project manager at 425-452-4486.



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