

CIP Highlight

Transit Maintenance Facility

Background

Driven by a rapid demand for transit since Cityhood in 1987, in February 1997 the City undertook and approved the Transportation Development Plan which projected the City's transit system needs over the next 20 years. A major goal of the Transportation Development Plan was construct a facility to house the City's growing transit fleet. By March 1998 the Transit Maintenance Facility Study was completed. In addition to confirming the immediate need for a transit maintenance facility, the study also identified a substantial operational inefficiency cost to the City if it continued operating from the current facility. The study also defined future space needs based on projected transit growth; and evaluated site options within the City. Given the immediate and projected space needs requirements, various potential sites were identified. Evaluations of four final sites were made based on accessibility, availability, readiness and environmental issues. Upon evaluation and consideration of the attributes and constraints for all potential sites, an 11.8-acre site within the Rye Canyon Business Park was ultimately selected as the preferred site.

Description: The project includes the property acquisition, design and construction of a permanent facility to accommodate the operation, maintenance and administrative functions of the City's transit system. Due to funding limitations, construction of the facility will be phased. Phase 1 will meet the City's existing needs and allow for the transit systems expansion over the next five to ten years. It will also address all deficiencies and provide for the use of alternative fuels to meet anticipated regulations. At ultimate build-out, the Transit Maintenance Facility will accommodate 150 buses, providing approximately 53,800 square feet for fleet maintenance, and approximately 18,200 square feet for operations and administrative functions.

Fiscal: The proposed Transit Maintenance Facility is a federally funded Transit project, with 80 percent of the total project cost funded by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants and 20 percent of the project cost to be funded by local match contributions. The total estimated cost of the TMF is \$26.5 million.

The acquisition, design and the initial construction phase of the project is estimated to cost \$20 million, with approximately 80 percent federal funds (\$16 million) and the balance matched by local funds (\$4 million). The federal and local funds required to complete the design and initial construction phase of this project have been secured and budgeted.

Design Start: June 2002. **Phase 1 Construction Start:** August 2003. **Operation:** Fall 2004.



Future Site