

Hollywood Fire Station 82 Breaks Ground 20th Prop F Fire Bond Facility Goes into Construction

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Hollywood Regional Fire Station No. 82 and Annex, 5769-77 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA was held on May 28, 2009. Among the speakers were Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Fire Chief Deputy Andy Fox, President of the Board of Public Works Cynthia Ruiz, and City Engineer Gary Lee Moore.

The interior design and layout of Fire Station 82 represents the most current technological advancements allowing for more efficiency than older stations.

Fire Station 82 is a state of the art 18,600-square foot Fire Station with over a 14,000-square foot underground parking structure. The station has three heavy apparatus bays and three light apparatus bays. One of the main design layout elements is the heavy apparatus bay. It is designed so that the 55-foot long hook and ladder truck and other heavy apparatus vehicles enter from the back yard and directly into the bay, eliminating the need for the driver to back in.

The three-story station provides working, living, sleeping, restroom, lockers, showers, fitness and training functions and accommodates a Battalion Chief, three captains, four paramedic personnel, and nine firefighters. The first floor includes the apparatus bays, laundry room and shops. The second floor has administra-



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tive offices, conference rooms, a kitchen, wellness room and handball court. The third floor features the dorm rooms and locker rooms.

Being a Regional station, the required apparatus storage and training multipur-

pose room will be located at the existing fire station site located at 1800 N. Bronson Street. Once construction at the new site is completed in early 2011, and staff from the old 82 relocates to the new station, the existing 4,900-square foot station which has been deemed eligible as a cultural monument will be adaptively re-used and a new 6,000-square feet building for additional apparatus storage and training purposes will be constructed.

Sustainability is an important part of environmental responsibility. Fire Station 82 is designed to be a LEED "Certified" building in compliance with requirements from the US Green Building Council. Materials and methods of construction were selected to meet this goal.

Once constructed, Fire Station 82 will be the first fire station in the City of Los Angeles, and perhaps California, with a living green roof to slow down stormwater release and to help keep the building cool. In addition, the design includes water ef-



Rendering of Three-Story Regional Fire Station 82 in Hollywood.

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efficient fixtures in the restrooms and shower rooms. The project will be using resource efficient and environmentally-friendly materials to offer the healthiest and most desirable working and living space for the fire fighters.

The station's landscaping includes the approximately 2900 square feet of vegetated roof, and 135 water-efficient plants and shrubs, and over 17 trees of various species. Green spaces will be located along the property lines.

The old Fire Station 82 at 1800 N. Bronson, was constructed in 1951. Station 82's district is approximately 2 square miles and serves the Hollywood area, including Griffith Park, several television studios and many large homes on hillsides and heavy brush areas. When originally built, the district was predominately residential. The existing station is overcrowded, its main systems, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, are antiquated, plus there are seismic and building code issues, etc. The current site was too small to accommodate a replacement Regional Fire/Paramedic Station.

Funding for the project comes from Proposition F - Fire Facilities Bond, the general obligation bond approved by over two-thirds of the voters in 2000.

The design architects are RRM Design Group. The General Contractor is Morillo Construction, Inc. Construction is expected to be completed in three years. During construction the Bureau of Contract Administration will have a full time project inspector, John Calderon, at the project site, under the supervision of Brett McReynolds, Principal Inspector.

BOE staff worked closely with the Council offices and community to find the appropriate site for the new station. Congratulations go to Fire Facilities Bond Program Manager **Allan T. Kawaguchi**, Senior Project Manager **Reza Shahmirzadi**, and everyone else who worked on the project, on achieving this project milestone.



l to r: Fire Battalion Chief Chris Kawai, Fire Chief, Public Works Board President Cynthia Ruiz, Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Fire Deputy Chief Andrew Fox, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, Inspector of Public Works John Reamer.



Rendering showing the adaptive reuse of existing Fire Station 82 at 1800 N. Bronson St.



Councilmember Tom LaBonge



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