

CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

Municipal Building, Executive Conference Room, 201 West Gray, Norman,
OK 73069

Tuesday, August 04, 2026 at 5:30 PM

AGENDA

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CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE REGARDING STUDENT PROJECTS IN CITY PARKS.
2. DISCUSSION REGARDING AN UPDATED FIRE STATION STUDY TO PERFORM PRELIMINARY DESIGN SERVICES AND A NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR VARIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES.

ADJOURNMENT



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University of Oklahoma – School of Architecture X Norman Parks Partnership

Council Study Session – Aug 4, 2026

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Building an Inclusive Community



American School Design-Build University of Oklahoma, College of Architecture

American School Design-Build (ASDB) at the University of Oklahoma is an immersive two-semester studio and lab course where 5th-year Architecture students team up with senior Construction Science students to design, construct, and **deliver** a small-scale facility project for a local community partner. ASDB has partnered with non-profits, housing agencies, schools, Native American tribes, and private philanthropists across the state to deliver a range of projects over the past ten years.





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American School Design-Build University of Oklahoma, College of Architecture

The City of Norman and the University of Oklahoma School of Architecture are partnering to create a student-designed and student-constructed outdoor shelter in Reaves Park, developed in conjunction with the upcoming TSET Kids Space Playground Project. This collaboration provides OU architecture students with an applied learning opportunity while delivering a valuable new amenity to one of Norman's most active public parks.

The project will center on designing and building a small, functional, and aesthetically integrated shelter adjacent to or near the TSET Kids Space Playground project. The structure will provide shade, seating, and weather protection for families and visitors. Students will work closely with City of Norman Parks & Recreation staff throughout all phases, including conceptual design, coordination, materials evaluation,



Mobile Clinic Wichita/Affiliated Tribes Completed Spring 2021

This mobile studio unit was designed in collaboration with the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. The design process began with an exploration of the tribe's material history, spatial traditions, and connections to land and collective memory. Understanding the significance of the grass house, the tribe's traditional architectural form, became central to the design inquiry, not as a nostalgic reference, but as a structural and conceptual framework adaptable to contemporary fabrication methods and design tools.

Engage Learning Greenhouse Completed Spring 2022

This project builds upon a tradition of experiential architecture for under-resourced schools; OU students previously constructed similar greenhouses for Mark Twain Elementary and Crutch Public Schools, supporting Engage Learning's mission to integrate practical, creative STEAM experiences across the OKC area



Crutcho Greenhouse Completed Spring 2023

Designed and built by University of Oklahoma Design+Build students in partnership with Engage Learning, this project reimagines a greenhouse as a stacked, prefab plywood “cassette” system—assembled like LEGO bricks—and clad in dual-layer polycarbonate to serve as a hands-on educational grow lab for Crutcho Elementary School students.



John Rex Greenhouse/Urban Item 1. Completed Spring 2024

The Urban Learning Greenhouse at John Rex Charter School in Oklahoma City serves as a space for education, sustainability, and community engagement. The design-build project was created in response to the need for urban agriculture education, showcasing a commitment to both education and community involvement.



SunHive Collective Community Space Completed Spring 2025

The SunHive Collective Community Space is a light-filled, flexible hub fostering connection, skill-building, and independence for young adults with disabilities. Its barn-inspired gable form, wrapped in corrugated metal, references Norman's agricultural landscape while signaling strength, durability, and familiarity. A translucent polycarbonate vestibule brings a slice of regulated, patterned southern sun at entry, while a continuous north facing skylight washes the interior with indirect light, casting a soft glow that subtly shifts through the day conveying openness, transparency, and welcome.



WildCare Bat/Chimney Swift Enclosure Completed Spring 2026

The native bat and chimney swift enclosure is a dedicated facility at WildCare in Noble, OK who's mission is to rehabilitate native Oklahoma wildlife. This pressure treated wood-frame and polycarbonate skin completes an innovative oval design intended to accommodate continuous in-flight rehab of injured species.





Reaves Park – Kids Space Area



Kids Space Shelter Build

Cost

- \$75,000 Material & Supplies
- \$7,500 Admin Fees

Scope

- Design & Construct Shelter (Approx 1,500 sqft)

Schedule

Late August:	First Meeting with City
Mid-September:	Concept Design and Cost Estimate
Late September:	Design Revisions and Cost Estimate
Early October:	Start On-site Work
Mid-December:	Foundations Complete
Mid-January:	Framing Commences
Spring Break:	No On-Site Work
Early May:	Project Completion



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QUESTIONS



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Norman Fire Department Facility Designs, Location Studies & Cost Estimates



NEW FIRE STATIONS

Add three more fire stations to meet fire service needs of the community:

- **Station 10** recommended to be placed in Norman's southern region.
- **Station 11** recommended to be placed in area of Tecumseh Road & NE 24th Avenue.
- **Station 12** recommended to be placed in area of 108th & Franklin.



STATION REPLACEMENTS/RENOVATIONS

Replacement, 0-5 Years

- Station 1
- Station 2
- Station 5

Renovation, 0-5 Years

- Station 4
- Station 6



STAFFING PRIORITIES

- **High Priority:** Increase Suppression Staff (78)
 - Increase minimum staffing at Station 8 & 9
 - Increase minimum staffing for ladder companies
 - Account for staffing at incoming Stations
 - Establish Battalion Chief positions with new stations
- **High/Medium Priority:** Administration/Training/Prevention additions (11)
- **Medium Priority:** Additional Suppression/Rescue Staff (12)



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Develop a succession plan and mentoring program to support staff and ensure organizational continuity; work with Emergency Communications to share knowledge and establish protocol to improve consistency of service and to benchmark performance objectives.



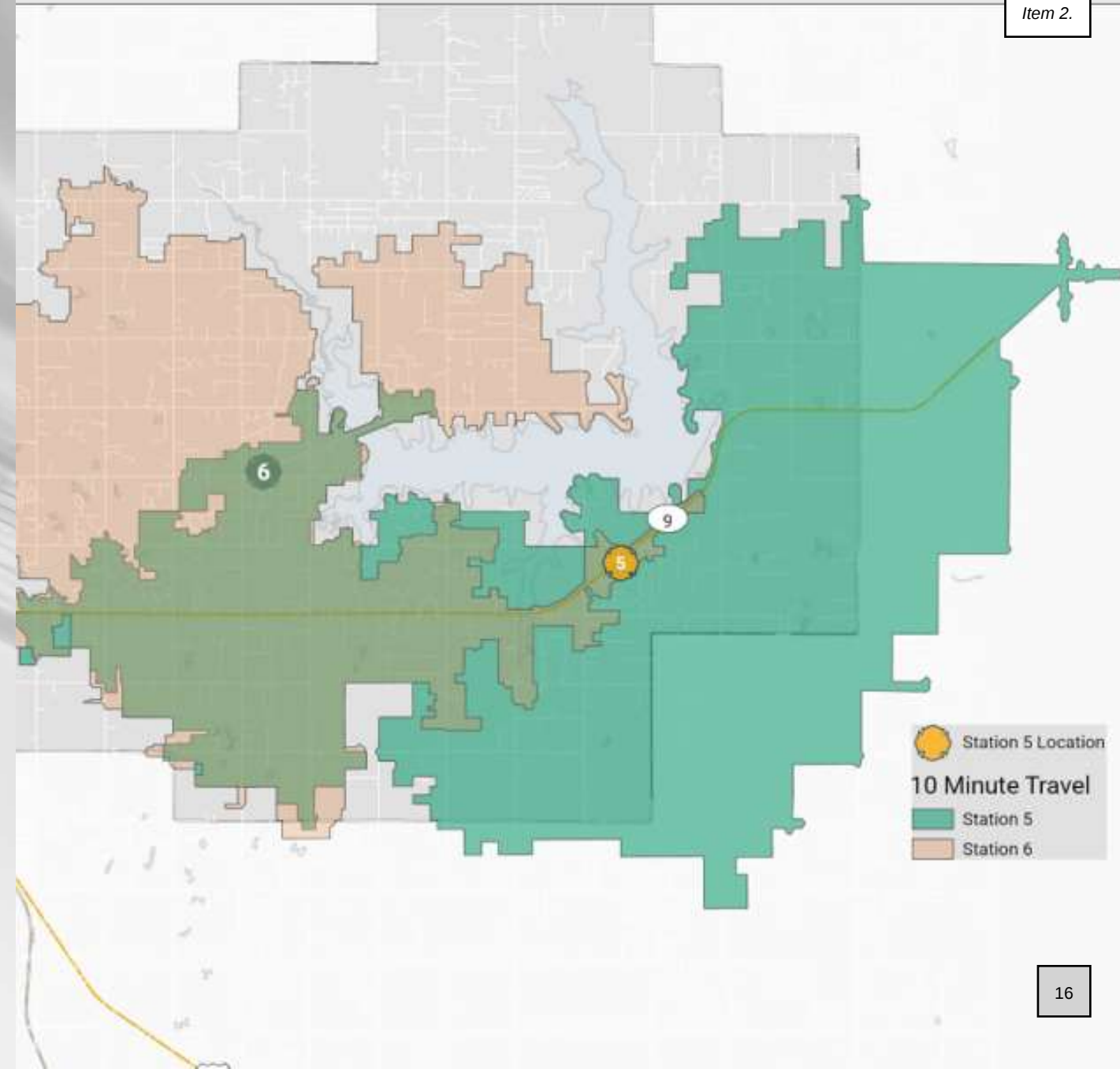
Station	Year Completed	Population	Total Call Volume	% Increase
Fire Station 7	2001	97831	9929	
Fire Station 8	2011	111517	14371	44.74
Fire Station 9	2013	115583	14979	4.23
	2025	132923	24155	61.26

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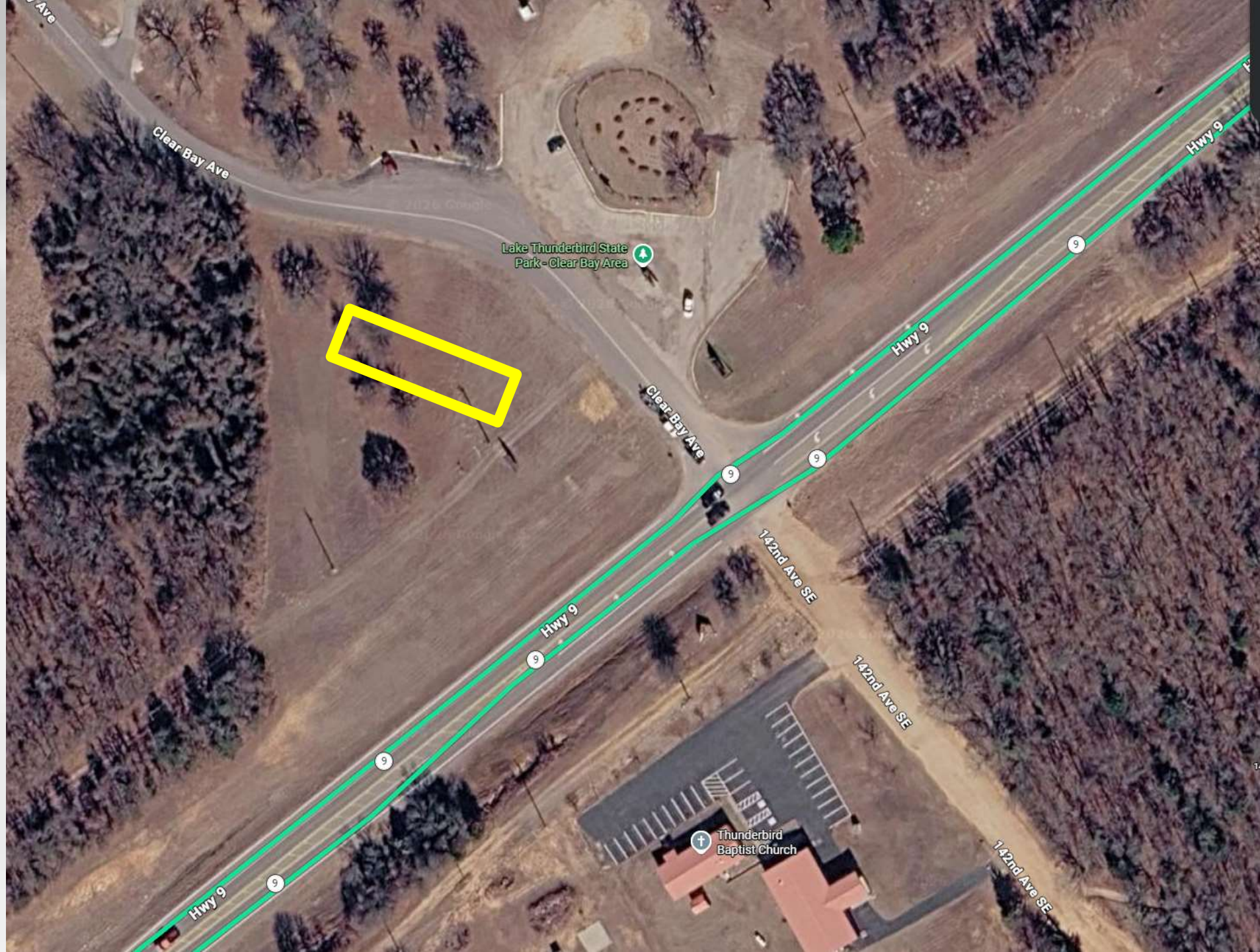
Norman Fire Records Management System

Fire Station 5 Public Safety Study (PSS) Proposed Location

The 2025 Public Safety Study (PSS) stated the need for immediate replacement. Moving the station location to Highway 9 and Clear Bay Avenue remains viable. It provides improved service levels in the areas south of Lake Thunderbird and continues service levels in the eastern sections. Also, there is improved service-level support for the Station 6 area and the anticipated South Extension. The following map illustrates the 10-minute travel time with Station 5 in the new location (Public Safety Study Pg. 43)











Fire Station 10 Public Safety Study

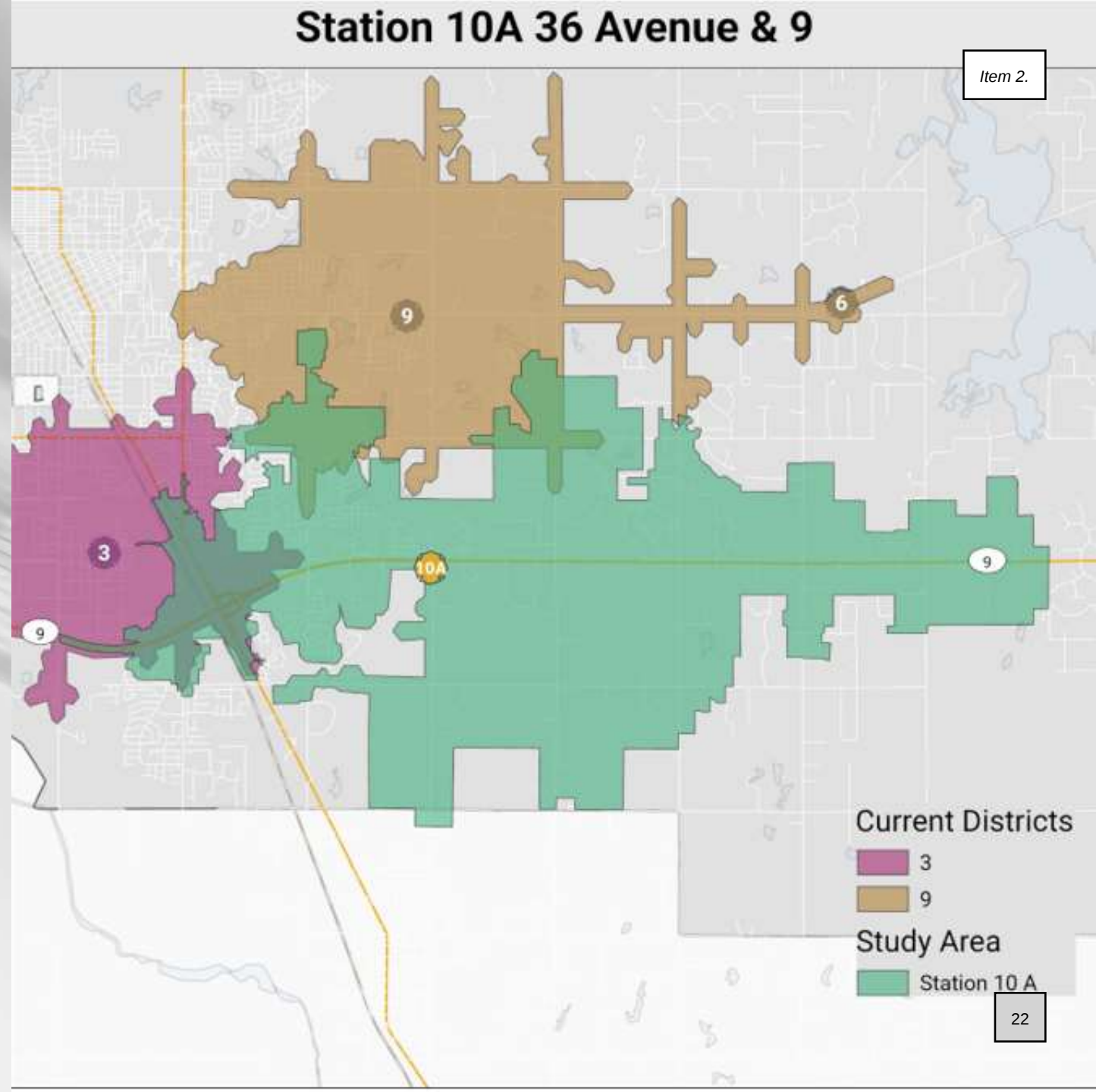
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Proposed Location(s)

- Location 10A- 36th Avenue and HWY 9
- Location 10B- 24th Avenue and Cedar Lane
- This region is rapidly growing and has the closest resources located to the north on Highway 9 at the University of Oklahoma Campus. The PSS (2025) report recommended that the design, construction, and staffing of Fire Station 10 should begin immediately, as further delay risks leaving this area without adequate coverage as demand continues to grow (Public Safety Study pg. 35).

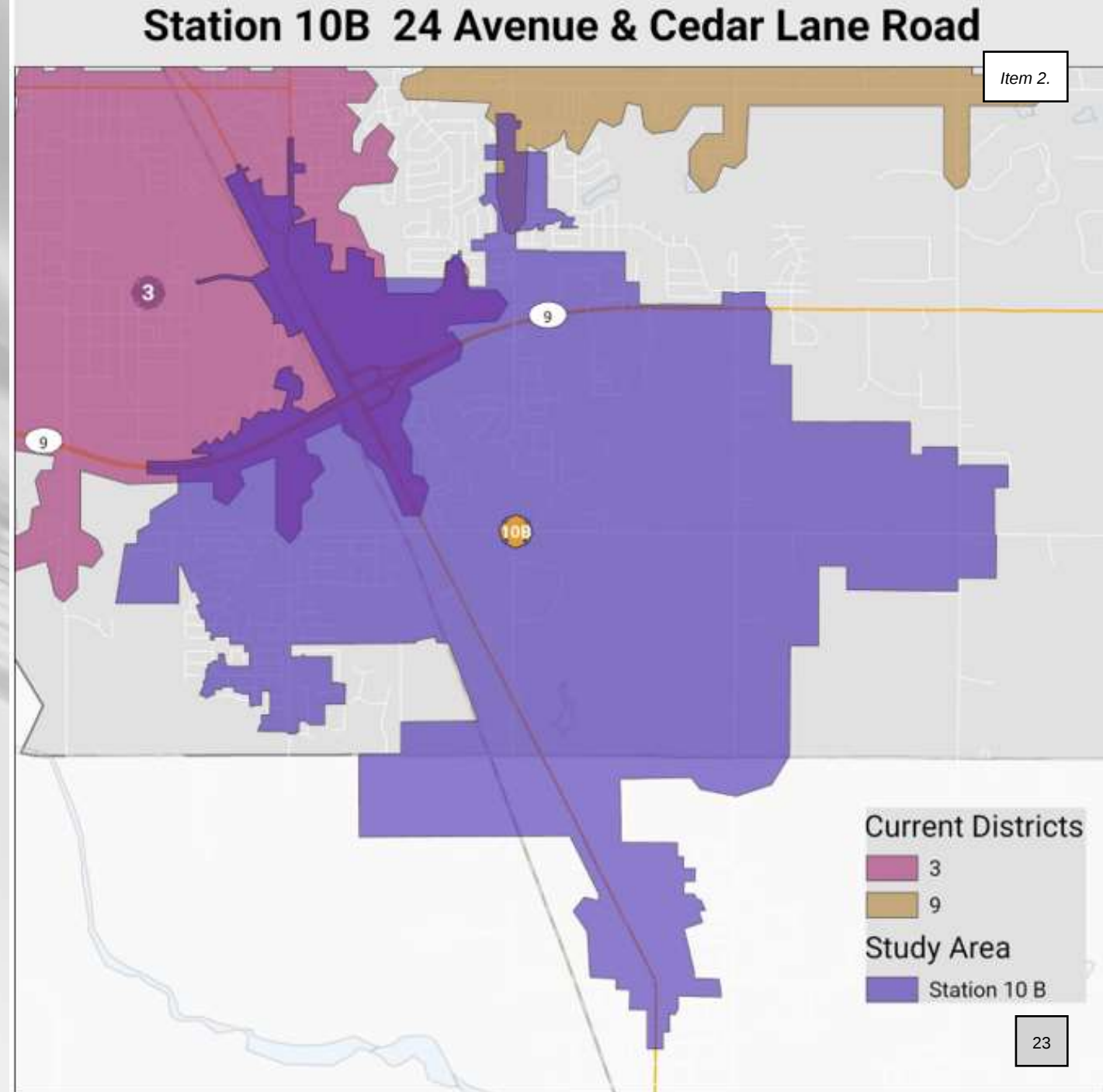
Proposed Location 10A

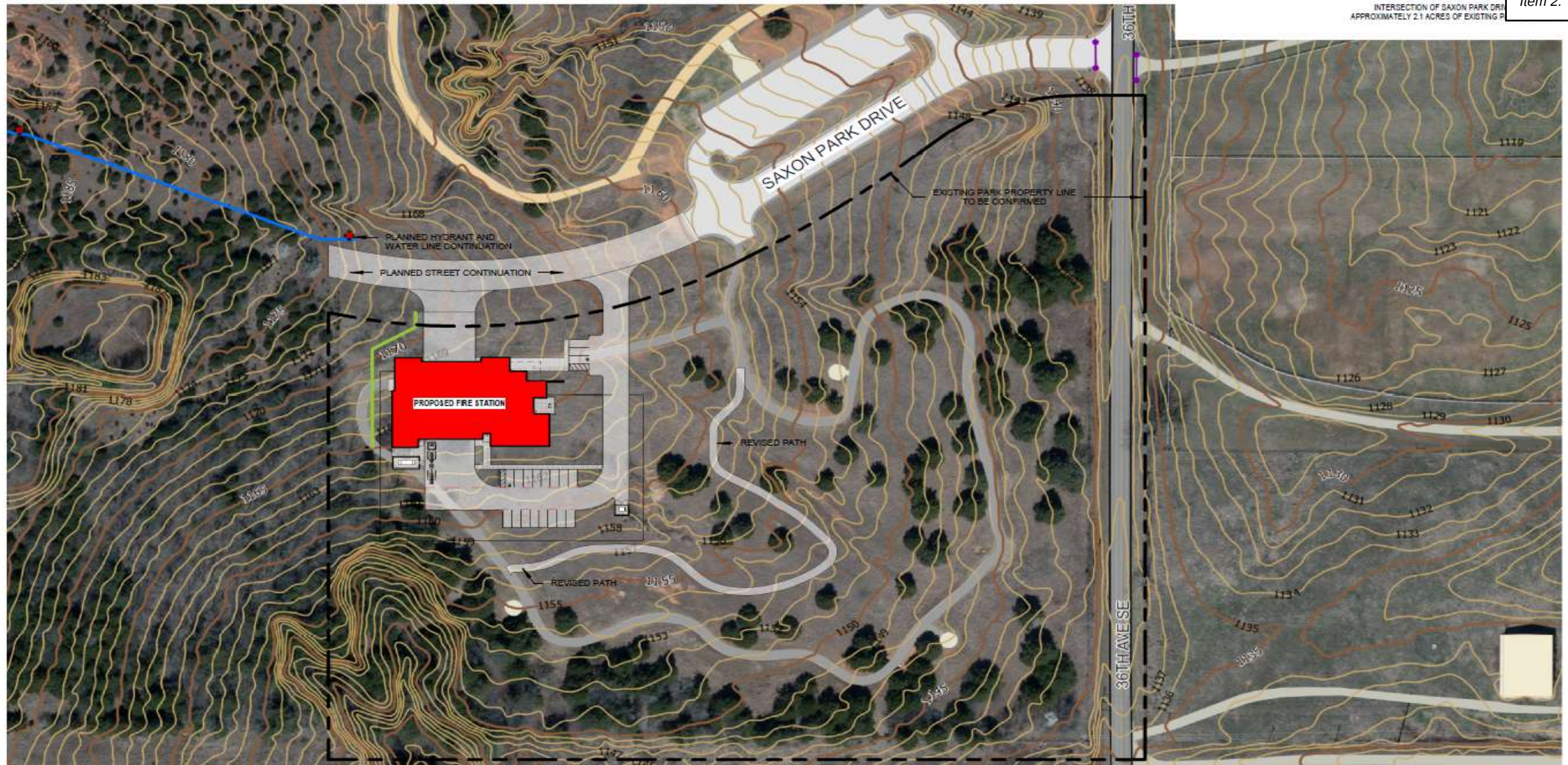
- This location provides direct access to Highway 9, a primary east-west corridor, allowing for extended reach to the east and west (Public Safety Study pg.36).



Proposed Location 10B

- Locating the new Station 10 at the intersection of Cedar Lane Road and 24th Avenue SE would improve service levels on the west side of Highway 77. This location would extend service to a wider area south of Highway 9 and position resources closer to the development currently underway there. This site also provides convenient access to Highway 77, a primary north-south corridor. The following map illustrates the travel time for this location (Matrix page 37)





OVERALL SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 100'-0"

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North Base Plan-Fire Training and Prevention Deployment Review (DR) Proposed Location

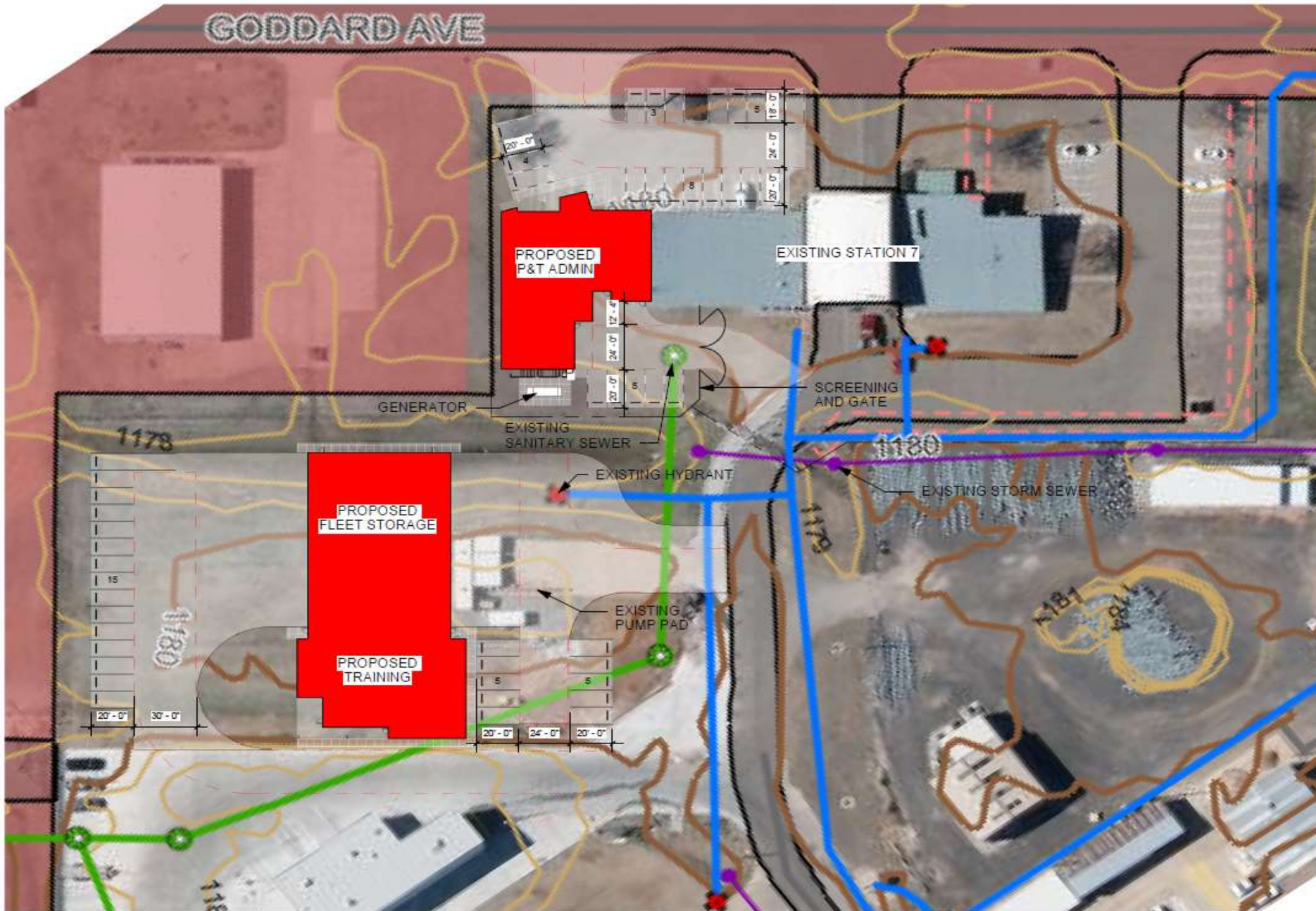
- Use current land at Station 7 and expand facility.
- Move Fire Prevention from current locations and build out facility.
- Increase current Fire Training area and Health and Safety Quarters.
- A headquarters campus concept could integrate emergency response operations, administration, fire prevention, training, fleet support, and other departmental functions into a single location. Such an approach would create a centralized hub for department operations, allowing leadership, support staff, training personnel, and field operations personnel to remain closely connected. This organizational proximity promotes collaboration, improves communication, strengthens accountability, and enhances the department's ability to coordinate operational, training, and community risk reduction initiatives (Deployment Review pg. 34).

GODDARD AVE

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FIRE PREVENTION & TRA

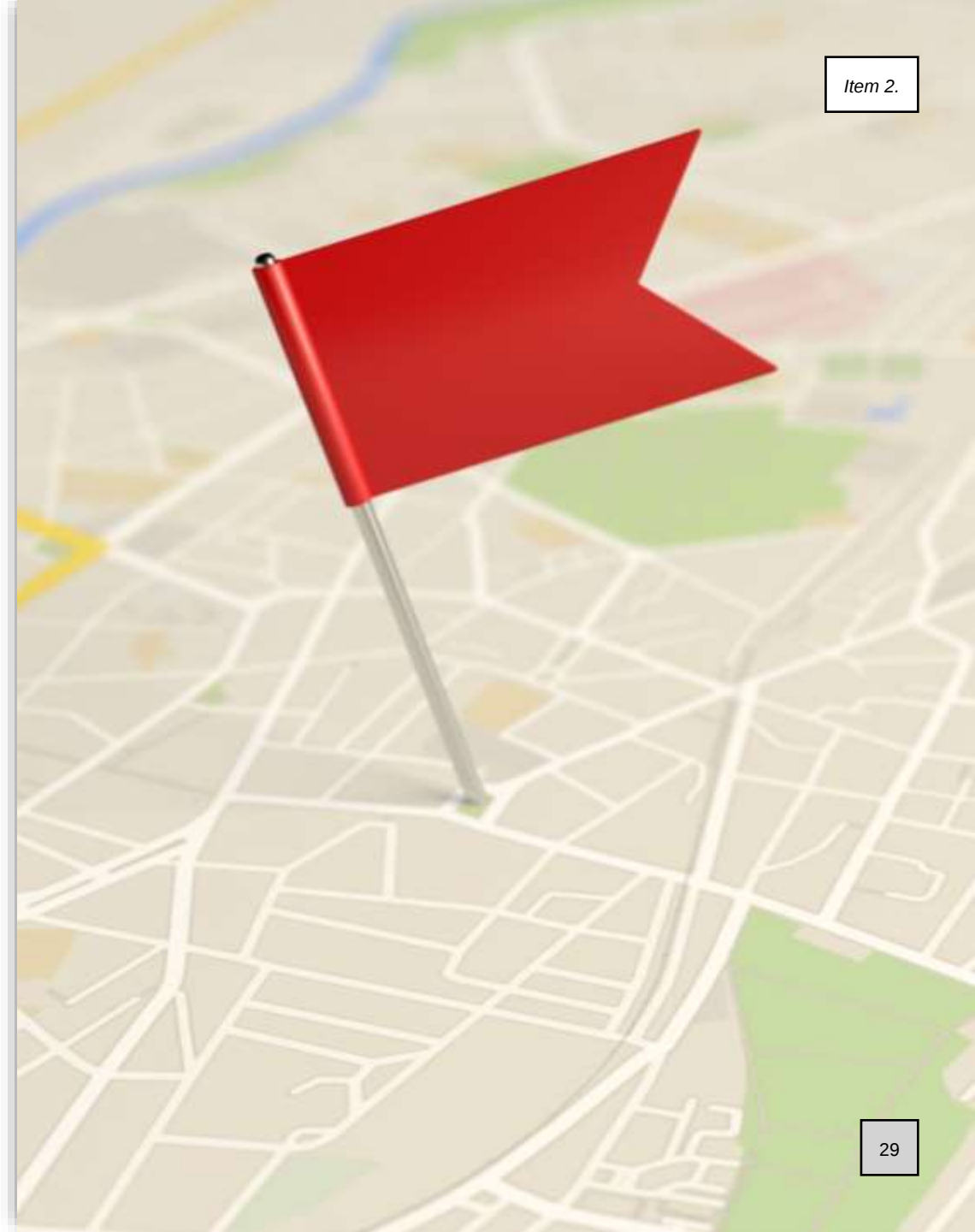
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Proposed locations for Station 1 & Administration

- Location 1- 411 East Main
- Location 1C- West Main at Santa Fe South Avenue.
- Options 1 and 1C provide the strongest operational response capabilities. (Defined Deployment Review (2026)).



Administration

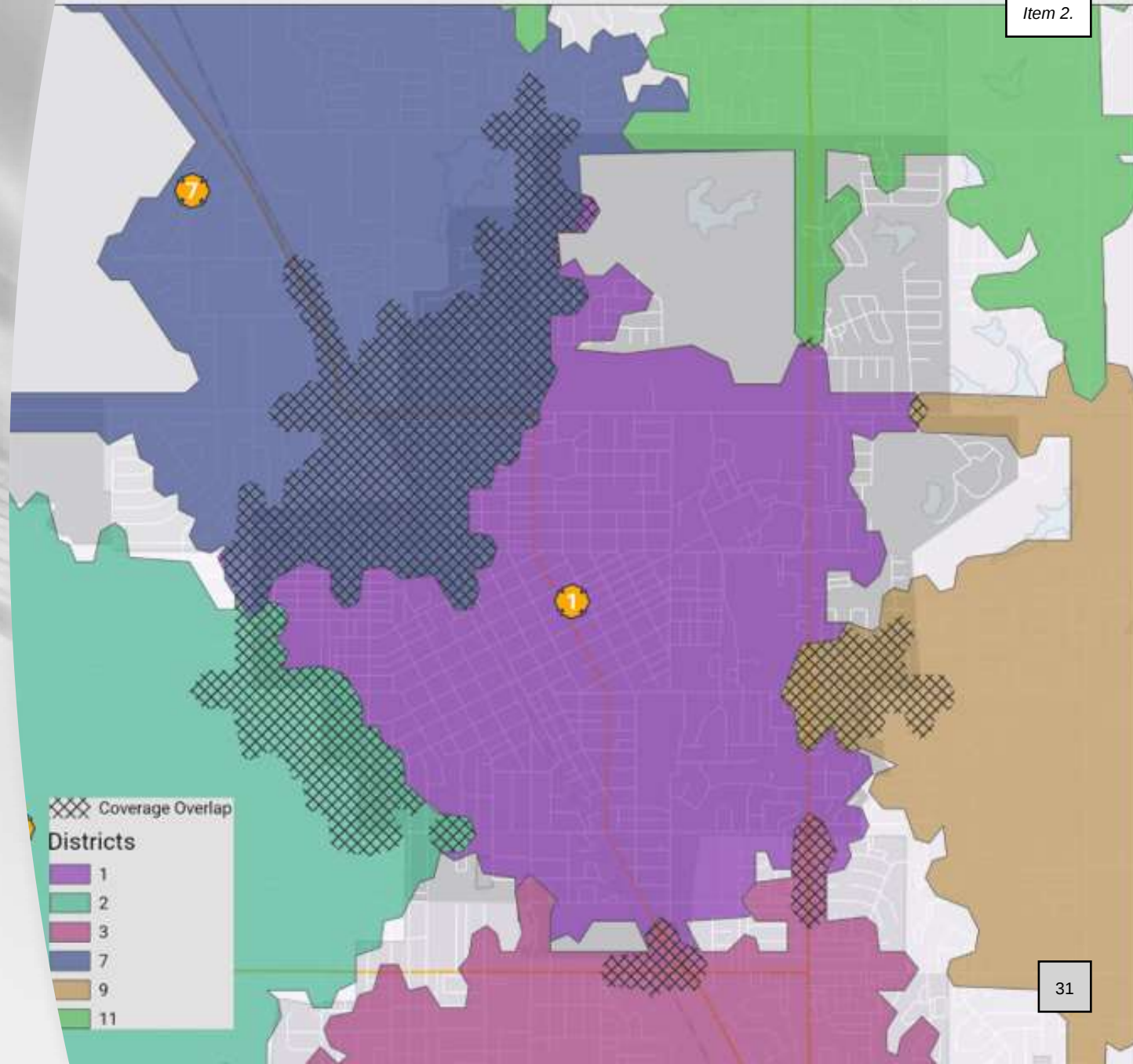
Fire service organizations are generally most effective when administrative and support functions remain closely integrated with operational personnel. Locating these functions within an active fire station or department headquarters allows leadership and support staff to maintain direct awareness of operational activities, interact regularly with field personnel, and remain connected to the department's emergency response mission. This proximity promotes effective communication, facilitates timely decision-making, and enhances the department's ability to identify and address operational, training, and service delivery needs (Deployment Review Pg. 27) .

Proposed Location 1-411 East Main (current)

Based on the operational analysis, rebuilding Station 1 at or near its current location provides the most reliable long-term deployment strategy. It retains the operational strengths of the current system, avoids introducing new constraints associated with rail crossings, and positions the central district to benefit from future station additions without creating new service gaps (Deployment Review pg. 33).

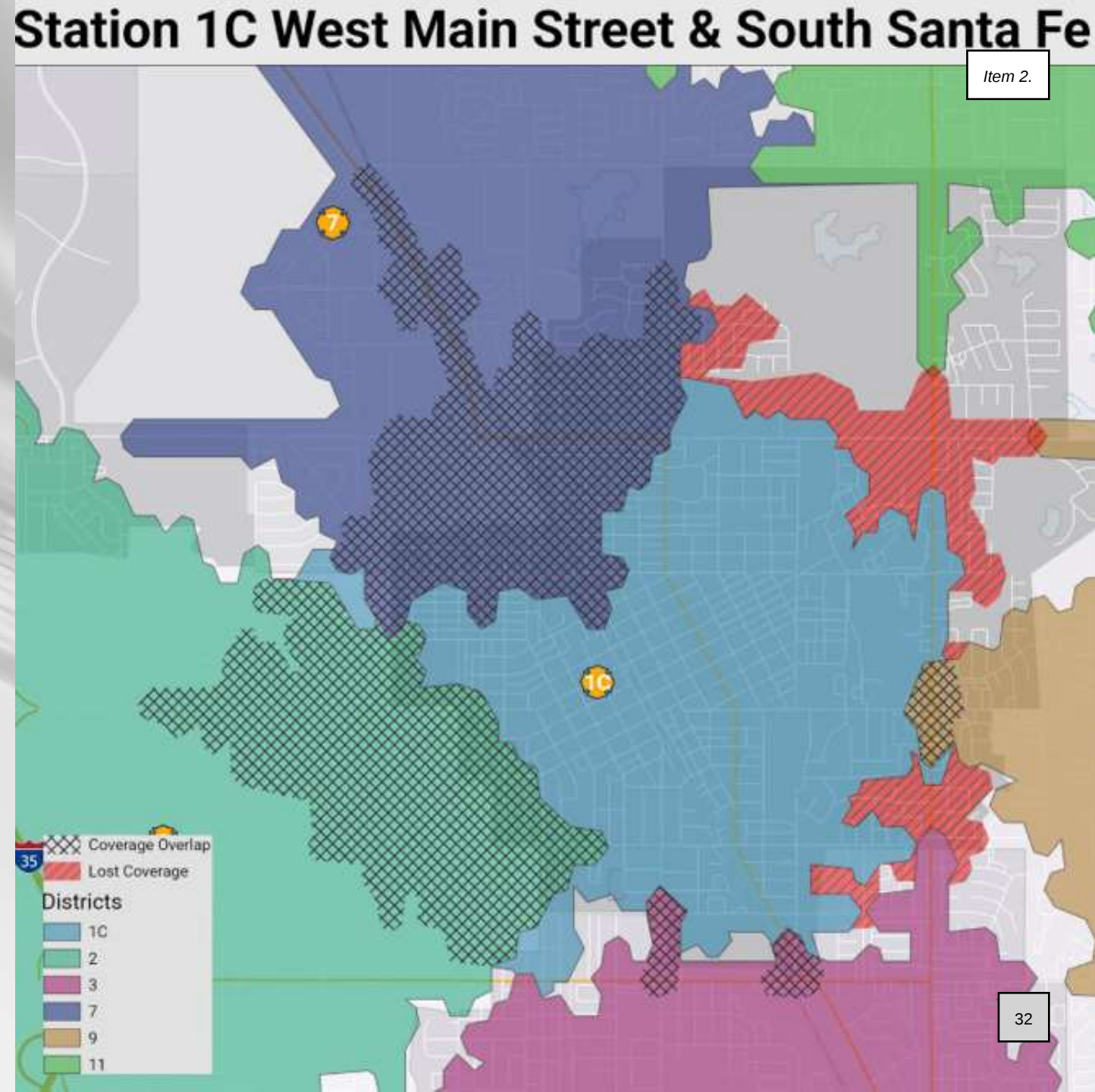
Norman Station 1 Location Analysis

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Proposed Location 1 C W. Main & S. Santa Fe

- However, Location 1C remains a viable alternative. While the analysis indicates that the current location provides the strongest operational performance, the differences in overall response capability between the two sites are not substantial. Location 1C offers a more prominent position in the city's central area and may provide opportunities for enhanced visibility, community presence, and integration with future redevelopment initiatives. If the City desires a highly visible public safety facility that incorporates both emergency response operations and administrative functions, Location 1C may offer advantages that extend beyond response performance alone (Deployment Review pg. 33).



Fire Station 1C Aerial Map View

- Option 1C Location-Corner of Santa Fe and West Main Street
 - Land would have to be acquired.
 - First Baptist Church
 - Southwestern Bell parking
 - Parking for fire personnel must be examined.
 - Facility design would integrate with downtown architecture.

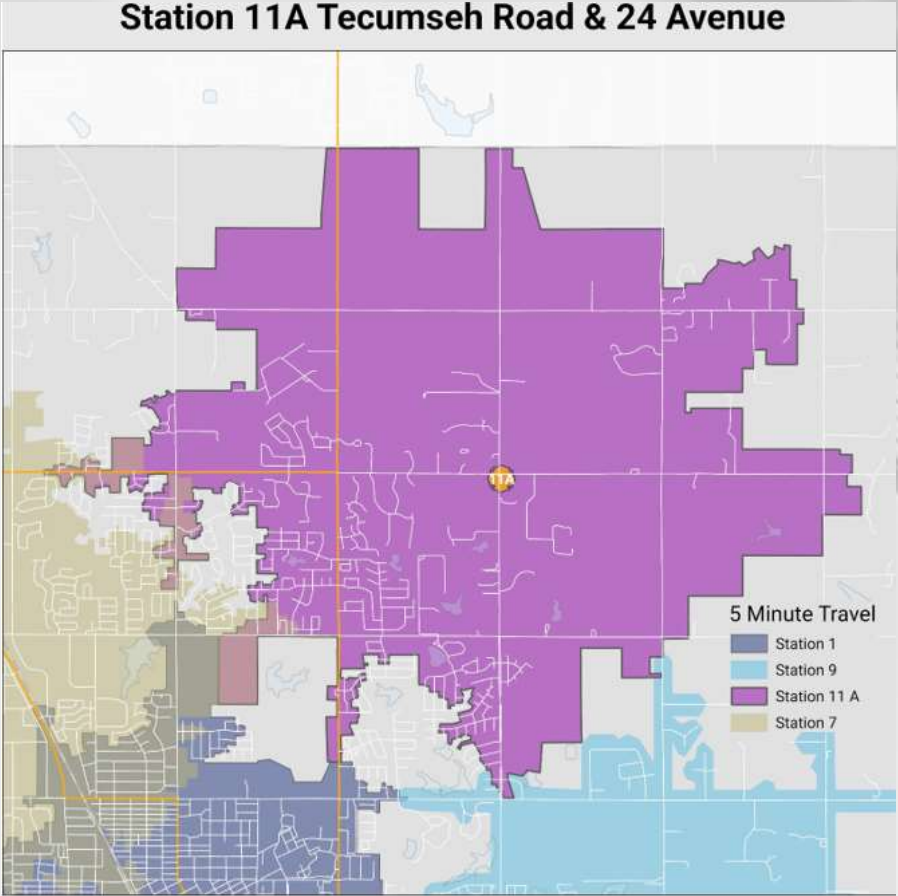




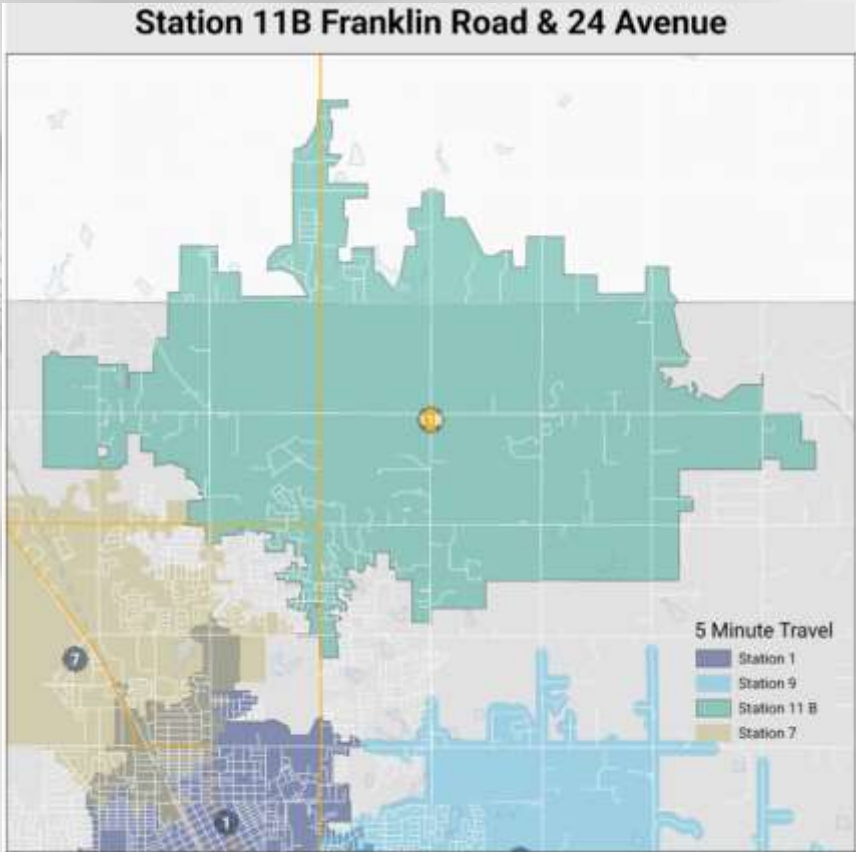




Station 11 Proposed Locations



As shown, this location provides a good response area north to the city limits, with some overlap with Stations 7 and 9.



This location moves the station farther north, allowing the response area to extend beyond the northern city limits and reducing overlap with Station 7. This location also eliminates overlap with the Station 9 response area and creates an area between Station 9 and the proposed Station 11 response area that falls outside the 5-minute travel time polygon.

Station 12

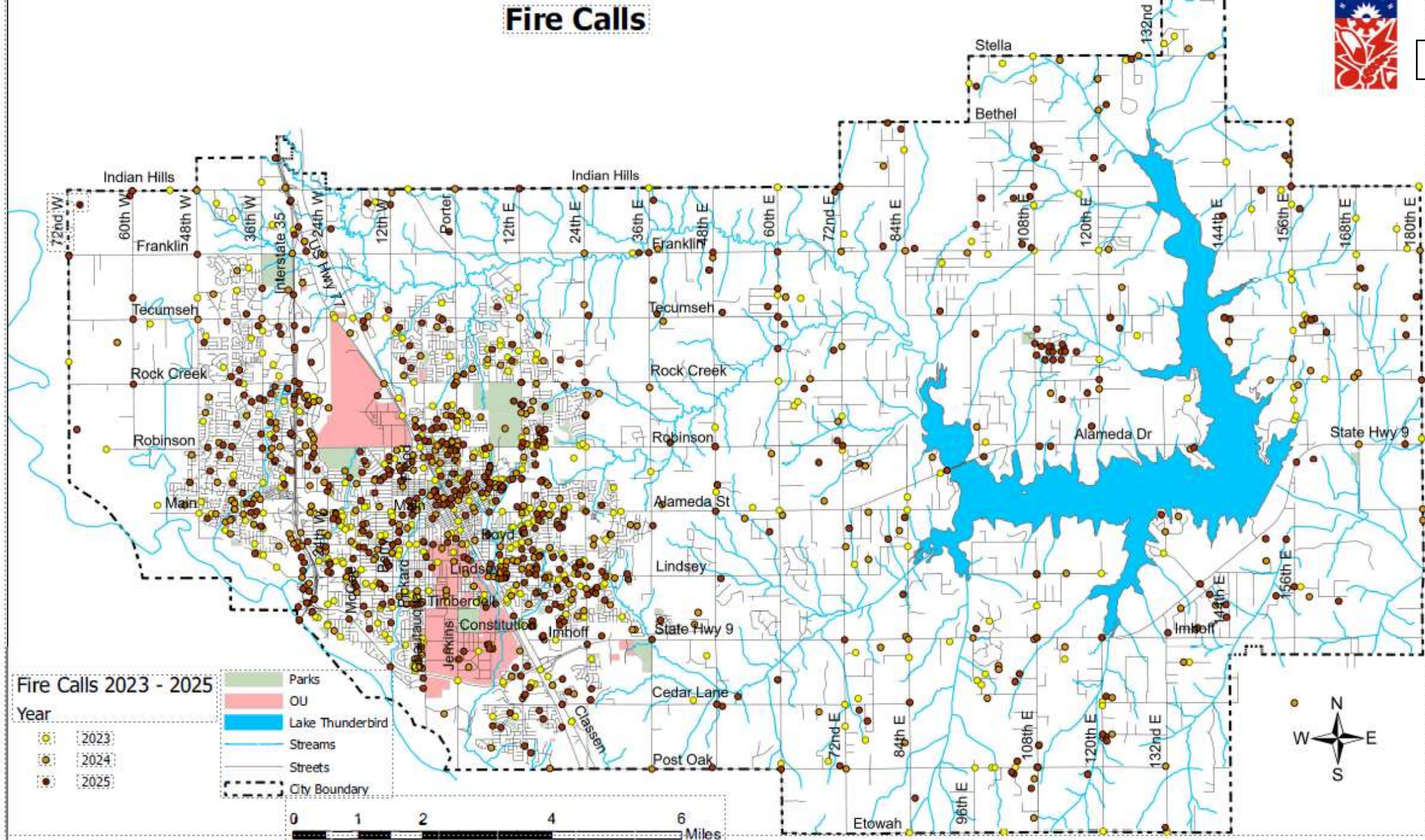


- Station 12 was sited at 108th and Franklin based on the anticipated East-West/North-South interchange, associated development, and potential fire service response needs. This location and station should be treated as a placeholder: it remains reasonable given current plans. Still, it may need to shift along the corridor depending on how development proceeds along the East-West Connector and how the North-South Connector's alignment and timeline are ultimately defined (Deployment Review pg. 42).

Interchanges

For the South Extension, it would be beneficial to locate interchanges at Tecumseh Road, Alameda Drive, and Highway 9. Interchange access at these locations would enhance the department's ability to provide service along the highway. It would fit within the current and future planned configuration of the fire protection system. As the design and construction schedule for the South Extension is established, these locations should be considered to support emergency response access and alignment with existing and future station placement (Deployment Review Pg. 42).

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Station 5	12,200,100	2028
Station 10	11,900,000	2028
Prevention & Training	7,000,000	2029
Station 1 & Administration	26,100,000	2029
Fleet & Storage	6,700,000	2029
Station 11	13,300,000	2031
Station 12	13,800,000	2032