

Emergency Response Center

Project Goals and Objectives

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1. Improve Emergency Response: Support safe and direct emergency response to the downtown core .

- a. Location of facility must connect directly to primary roadway for a quick response.
- b. Limit interference and dangerous conditions at response launch location.
 - i. Limit potential pedestrian/bike and powerhouse users conflict with emergency responders.
 - ii. Minimize traffic delays to adjacent thoroughfares with emergency response.
 - iii. Avoid potential weather-related challenges (snow/ice, glare, drainage) through gradient, aspect, infrastructure and, pavement types.



2. Develop a Functional Space: Provide a highly functional emergency response complex that meets the needs of our first responders and capitalizes on opportunities for shared space.

- a. Design spaces, distances, and relationships between facilities to support expedited response times. Consider potential internal congestion areas, and minimize constraints.
- b. Provide optimized vehicle return, prep, and maneuvering space as best as possible within spatial constraints.
- c. Provide appropriate separation, security, and privacy per industry standards for normal day to day operations.
- d. Provide for shared use of secondary spaces within facility between fire and police to optimize space use (meeting rooms, training space, weight rooms, etc.) Provide appropriate site and building security measures to protect first responders.
- e. Plan for projected 50+ year use of the facility and ability to house a growing number of first responders for a growing community. Current facility does not meet industry standards.
- f. Public Interface: Provide professional public reception and interaction spaces that are welcoming to the public. Maintain public access to the Powerhouse Museum. Integrate memorials and outdoor gathering spaces.



3. Create a Healthy Workplace: Provide a healthy and supportive workplace setting.

- a. Provide access to outdoor terraces, comfortable living spaces, convenient storage, technological support, quiet, and social spaces as recommended applying latest industry recommendations.
- b. Provide well organized training facilities that encourage productive/supportive activities for staff.
- c. Create a workplace environment that connects workforce to the outdoors ; i.e. views to the Animas River and natural light.



4. **Create Civic Identity:** Create a strong sense of civic identity, connection, and urban design that inspires economic development along Camino Del Rio and matches the character and values of the community.

- a. Create a sense of place and identity for the community.
- b. Contribute to downtown building stock regarding architectural theme, massing, and character.
- c. Compliment surrounding historical and unique architecture. Incorporate guidance from related City planning reports/efforts: Camino District plan, Midtown URA, Animas River overlay.
- d. Provide a balanced design that addresses the need for vehicular and pedestrian connections, while maintaining safety.
- e. Involve the community in better shaping the civic identity of the Emergency Response Center.



5. **Project Fiscal and Environmental Sustainability:** The final design should be mindful a fiscal impacts, both Capital and long term cost, as well as elevate the long term environmental performance of the facility.

- a. Demonstrate responsible application of public funding. Document key decisions.
- b. Set sustainability goals that reduce environmental impact.
- c. Identify and evaluate Life Cycle Costs as they relate to design options.
- d. Reflect value-based decision making regarding the project budget.



6. **Improve connection the Animas River Corridor:** Improve the user experience along the Animas River Trail while considering future connections and protecting habitat.

- a. Coordinate with the plan for future ART underpass connection under Camino Del Rio.
- b. Improve River Corridor general safety for trail and open space users.
- c. Incorporate the historic Veteran's Memorial.
- d. Protect and look for opportunities to enhance the river edge habitat.
- e. Accommodate and enhance through trail connection.
 - i. Improve views into site from the trail user perspective considering parking, exposed asphalt and "back of house" building conditions.
 - ii. Design building massing, articulation and fenestration relative to views from the River and beyond.
- f. Consider future memorial and outdoor gathering spaces.