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Police Headquarters Improvements Feasibility Study - \$500,000

The Newton Police Department Headquarters buildings have needed significant work for decades to support the department's goals of 21st Century community policing, training, outreach, positive police interactions and officer wellbeing. The CIP has included a series of investments on the interior and exterior to support the work of NPD and its interactions with the public over the next five years.

As we embarked on the HVAC and communications work at Police HQ, it became clear that the next phases of reconfiguring interior spaces, developing an on-site well configured training space, reimagining the future of the Dispatch Center, upgrading the bathrooms, offices and locker rooms, improving site security and the condition of the parking lot, repairing the roof, installing a new back-up generator, and updating the evidence room could be done more effectively and efficiently if we looked comprehensively at the building's needs.

We will use \$500,000 of ARPA funds to fund the master design needed to address our Police HQ in West Newton Square. We will be working with the entire Police Department and a firm with deep experience with police facilities, Kaestel Boos Associates, to perform a comprehensive needs assessment and feasibility study to begin the process of a strategic renovation of the Police facilities. This will ensure that we are providing the physical resources needed in a high-quality working environment which is used 24/7, 365 days a year. The needs assessment and feasibility studies will define the project. That said, we know and expect that we will make investments in technology, building systems, the building envelope, security systems, the configuration of spaces, finishes, and much more. This project will also include Dispatch. This project will complement the \$1.4M project currently in process to replace and upgrade the HVAC, communications, and data systems at Police Headquarters.

This new consolidated project is the combination of six projects previously listed in the CIP, including: - Police Training Facility and Space Upgrades, Police Site Security, Parking

Lot, Accessibility, Police Headquarters – Roof, Police Headquarters – Interior, Police Headquarters – Plumbing and Finishes, Police Headquarters – Emergency Electrical.