



# Fall 2015

## Public Engagement Schedule

### September

- 16 (Wednesday) **Public Safety Building Review Committee\***  
*Intent: Review Prepared Engagement Materials.*
- 22 (Tuesday) **Online Survey Available (Funding Feasibility Review)**  
*Intent: Gather candid, anonymous input from internal sources (sent via email to relevant City staff and volunteers) to help inform the project.*
- 28-29 (Monday-Tuesday) **Stakeholder Interviews (Funding Feasibility Review)**  
*Intent: Assess stakeholder priorities, and explore cost avoidance strategies raised by the public (e.g., project phasing, downsizing, service transfer to Kachemak Emergency Service Area (KESA), contracting Police Dispatch Center in Soldotna, and other strategies).*
- 30 (Wednesday) **Public Meeting #2 (Concept Study)\***  
*Intent: Bring residents up to speed using a PowerPoint presentation. Describe needs, design concepts, site layout/phasing options, and describe the challenges of comparing project costs from other Alaskan communities. Outline the Funding Feasibility Review process underway, and initiate community dialogue on design and target funding options to replace the City's functionally obsolete police and fire buildings.*

### October

- 22 (Thursday) **Online Survey Ends (Funding Feasibility Review)**  
*Intent: Compile input to share at work session.*
- Focus Groups (Funding Feasibility Review)**  
*Intent: Gain candid input on project design and funding alternatives.*
- 23 (Friday) **Work Session (Funding Feasibility Review)\***  
*Intent: Working meeting with key decision-makers and thought-leaders to prepare three project cost alternatives to present to the public. Incorporate public input, focus group, and survey findings.*

### November

- 4 (Wednesday) **Funding Feasibility Review Memo, with accompanying Community Discussion PowerPoint**
- 30 (Monday) **Public Meeting #3 (Cost Alternatives)\***  
*Intent: Ask residents to weigh in on three alternatives.*
- TBA **City Council Briefing (with Public Safety Building Review Committee participation)\***  
*Intent: PSBRC Committee shares public engagement results and requests Council direction so that design can proceed to a target funding level, with a scope that reflects broad community agreement.*



# Online Survey

## DRAFT Details

### Who

#### **Proposed Email Distribution List**

*Gather candid, anonymous input from existing email lists including internal sources:*

- All public safety personnel including Police and Fire staff and volunteers, present and past.

### What

#### **Proposed Questions**

*Help frame the public discussion with anonymous, experience-based information and opinions:*

**Question 1.** What problems do you see because of the conditions you are working in?

**Question 2.** Do the current city facilities cause problems in performing your duties?

**Question 3.** As a citizen, how do you feel about the City's existing police and fire facilities?

**Question 4.** As a citizen, how do you feel about a new, joint Public Safety Building?

**Question 5.** In your opinion, is there anything else the City should consider (e.g., ideas, concerns, needs).

### When

#### **September 22 (Tuesday)**

Online Survey Available

#### **October 22 (Thursday)**

Online Survey Ends and is compiled

#### **October 23 (Friday)**

Share results internally at Funding Feasibility Review work session.

#### **November 30 (Monday)**

Share selected elements at the 3<sup>rd</sup> public meeting.

### How

**Police/Fire** shares the mass email lists to Stantec (by next Monday, September 21, 2:00 pm).

**Stantec** distributes directly to online list (next Tuesday) and compiles findings.

**We don't think about police, EMT and fire services until we need them...**



**City residents are relying on functionally obsolete Police and Fire Department buildings. Come hear how this affects you, and offer feedback on the design and cost of a new public safety building.**

## **Open House #2 Homer Public Safety Building Project**

Wednesday September 30, 2015 5:30 - 7:00 pm (presentation)  
City Hall Cowles Council Chambers, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue

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# Public Meeting #2

## DRAFT Powerpoint Outline

### 1) Introduction

- a. Welcome
- b. Project Overview (Updated Fact Sheet Content)
- c. Agenda/Format (Presentation with Input Form)

### 2) Project Findings to Date

- a. Police and Fire Department facilities are functionally obsolete (photos, narrative by staff/volunteers)
- b. Deficiencies vs. Needs (space needs assessment)
- c. How obsolete facilities affect residents

### 3) Projected Needs and Estimated Costs

- a. National standards for modern facilities
- b. What this looks like in Homer – site concepts to date
- c. Cost estimate and project comparisons, appreciating that each community has different needs and variables (like comparing apples, oranges, bananas, etc.)
- d. Typical funding sources, and options for this project
- e. Alternate approaches that can achieve savings in the long run: Joint police/fire facility co-location, General Contractor Construction Manager approach, 50-year lifespan cost savings, etc.

### 4) Funding Feasibility Review

- a. Introduce the funding feasibility process
- b. Don Bivins, Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI): Homer is not alone – challenges and lessons learned all over the U.S. in providing more services with fewer resources.
- c. Next steps (Funding Feasibility Memo/work session, Alternatives, Public Meeting #3).