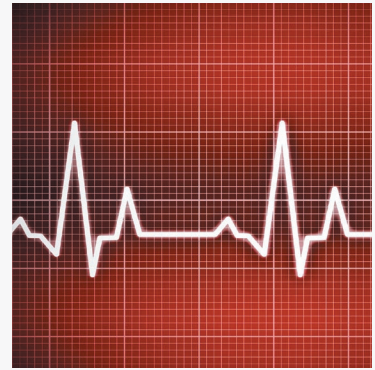


“Minutes Matter”

HAVING ACCESS TO YOUR LOCAL HEALTHCARE
RESOURCES IS VITAL TO OUR COMMUNITY



The Cambria Community Healthcare District provides two full crews of EMTs and Paramedics on standby 24/7 to care for you and to get you to the nearest hospital if needed.

Emergency Medical Care and Ambulance Transports *Now and Into the Future*

The proposed Measure C-24 and new station will:

- Improve working conditions and living quarters for our Paramedics and EMTs.
- Establish an apparatus bay that will allow ambulances and medical equipment to be securely garaged, assuring fleet readiness when emergency or natural disasters occur.
- Be designed and constructed to provide water, solar, and energy efficiency all important to a sustainable future.
- The apparatus bay will include a designated Decontamination Area for our First Responders.



Ambulance Station Replacement Project

Provided as a public service by the Cambria Community Healthcare District for your information only



Frequently Asked Questions About Measure C-24 and the Ambulance Station

Why a New Ambulance Station?

- ▶ Built in 1957 the Ambulance facility located at 2515 Main Street needs major infrastructure improvements. The building is beyond its useful lifespan and retrofitting is not economically feasible.

The new station will be constructed to resist natural disasters, assuring first responder safety and fleet readiness, and enhancing community safety when emergencies or natural disasters occur.

CCHD Ballot Measure History: What has changed?

- ▶ By listening to feedback from community members and first responders, the District modified the ambulance station's size and decreased the cost from \$8.5 million to \$6.9 million. In addition, the District secured \$1 million in federal grant funding to support the new construction, bringing the project cost to \$5.9 million.

What will the passage of the measure mean for our community?

- ▶ The passing of the C-24 ballot measure will allow the District to replace the 67-year-old facility that is in need of major infrastructure improvements, provide a new apparatus bay for fleet readiness resulting in shorter response times for our residents and visitors.

What will the measure cost?

- ▶ The tax rate per property is estimated to be \$7.90 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. It's important not to confuse county-assessed valuation with market value. The average homeowner in the District would pay approximately \$4 per month.

How can I be sure that funds are spent on improving our ambulance station?

- ▶ By law, all ballot measure funds must be spent locally. Funds can only be spent on healthcare facilities and not on operating costs. In addition, a local independent oversight committee will ensure the funds are properly spent.

Why is a Garage Needed?

- ▶ The new garage will be designed as an apparatus bay. An apparatus bay is a higher level of building standards for emergency services designed to store and maintain the most expensive medical equipment and emergency response vehicles. Enhanced fleet readiness will allow our first responders to provide a quicker response time servicing our community in medical emergencies. In addition, the apparatus bay will provide a decontamination area for crew safety.

Can the grant funds be used for a remodel vs replacing the existing facility?

- ▶ While the District can use grant funds to remodel the existing facility, it should not. Spending those funds on a band-aid fix doesn't address the significant underlying issue, which is a nearly 70-year-old facility built to 1950s standards. The District received generous support from Congressman Panetta to secure the grant to REPLACE our aging facility.

Using grant funds toward a remodel would only accomplish a minimum level of improvements such as replacing a foundation wall and removing the original condemned building on the property as well as some mitigation of hazardous materials and minor plumbing and electrical fixes rather than replacements.

Without a complete replacement, our facility will continue to deteriorate. Consequently, major renovations and replacements will need to be postponed, and, as a result, will be more expensive in the future. The fiscally responsible plan for our residents is to combine Measure C-24 with the \$1 million grant, replace our ambulance facility, and maintain quality service for the next 70 years.

Federal funding will not be received until the completion of the project.

For more information visit Cambria-healthcare.org or call 805-927-8304

