

Major Projects

This document provides additional narrative to further support the Major Projects questionnaire for the **Emergency Operations Center**.

Resiliency and State of Good Repair

4. What is the age of the facility where the proposed project is located?

The ECS will be a new facility. It replaces the current METRO PD facility which will be destroyed as part of the regional flood mitigation project known as the North Canal.

Investment Category-Focuses Criteria

6a-i. The facility will be the center for METRO's Emergency Operation Center that will support evacuations in times of crisis, such as hurricanes, floods, and other disasters. The Emergency Operations Center is proposed to be hardened and contain redundant communications capabilities to protect against wind, floods, and other damaging events.

Resiliency

1. Please select the vulnerability to flooding score at the project location based on the Regional Resiliency tool. H-GAC staff can provide assistance with the regional resiliency tool upon request.

Vulnerability score = Low

The proposed project location is not located in a designated floodplain and will be connected to the City's storm sewer system. The improvements will not substantially alter the existing impermeable surface, so drainage and flooding are not expected to be an issue. Flooding and associated impacts were addressed in a Categorical Exclusion approved by FTA on Feb. 2, 2022.

Operational Improvements & Congestion Management Questionnaire

Access/Connectivity

2. Does the proposed project improve or provide new connectivity to a medical facility within a quarter mile buffer of the project location?

No, however, St. Joseph's Hospital is located at St. Joseph's Blvd. and La Branch St., approximately 1500 feet from the project site.

4. Does the proposed project improve or provide new connectivity to a social services facility within a quarter buffer of the project location?

The proposed facility is located adjacent to the Downtown Transit Center (TC) and METRORail Red Line station. This location is the hub of transit service throughout the METRO service area offering access to all major employment and educational centers in the City. Regional Park & Ride commuter service also stops withing a two-three block radius of the Downtown TC further expanding destination opportunities.

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