

“Enhancing the Safety of Our Community”



\$35.5M Bond Public Hearing

WHY DO WE NEED A NEW BUILDING?



Bedford's population has doubled in 30 years. The Town has added personnel to maintain levels of service, outgrowing current space.

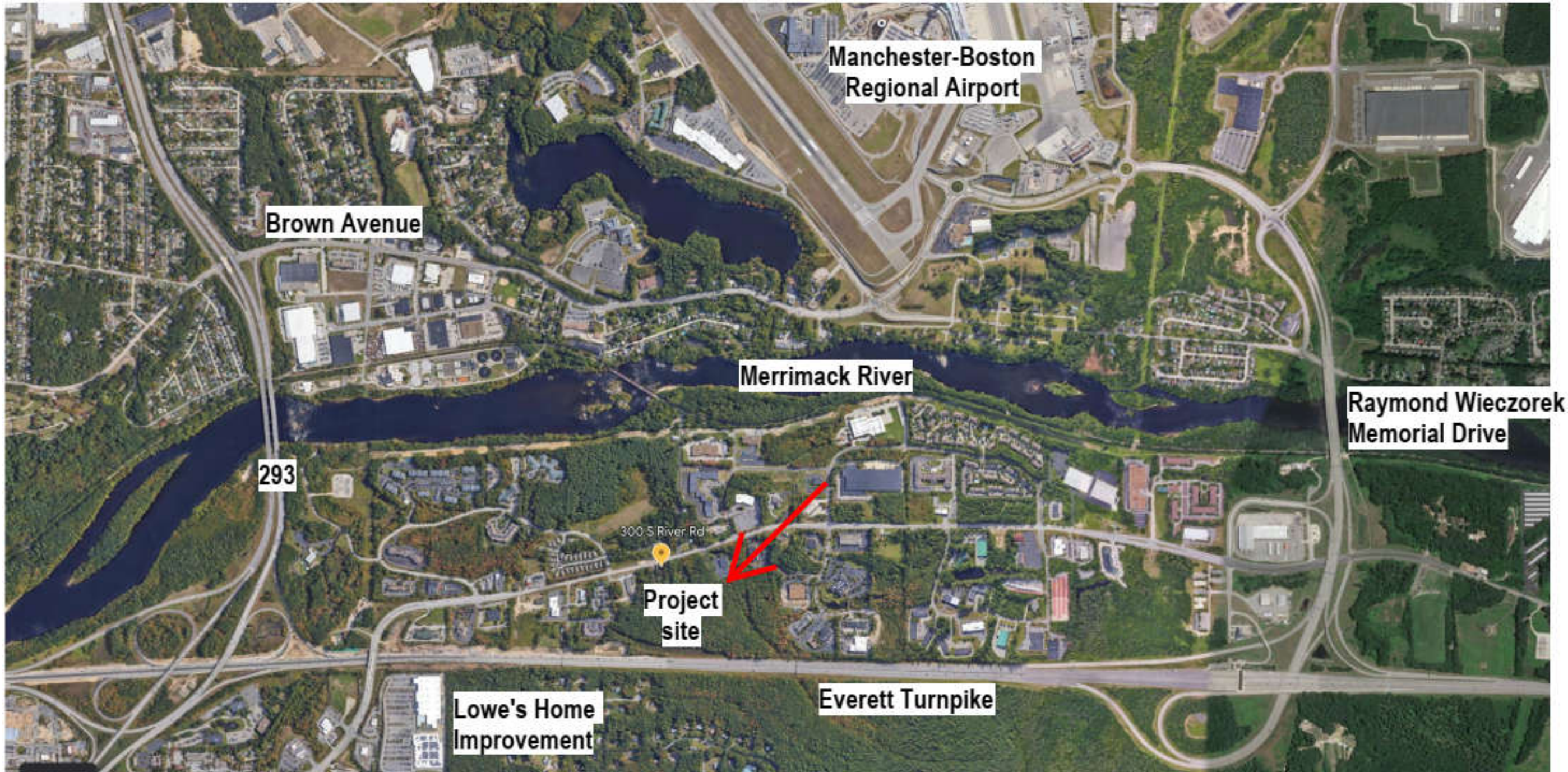


55 Constitution Drive no longer meets the needs of 21st century public safety or first responders.



A new building will reduce risk and liability, increase security, continue a high level of service, and protect property values.







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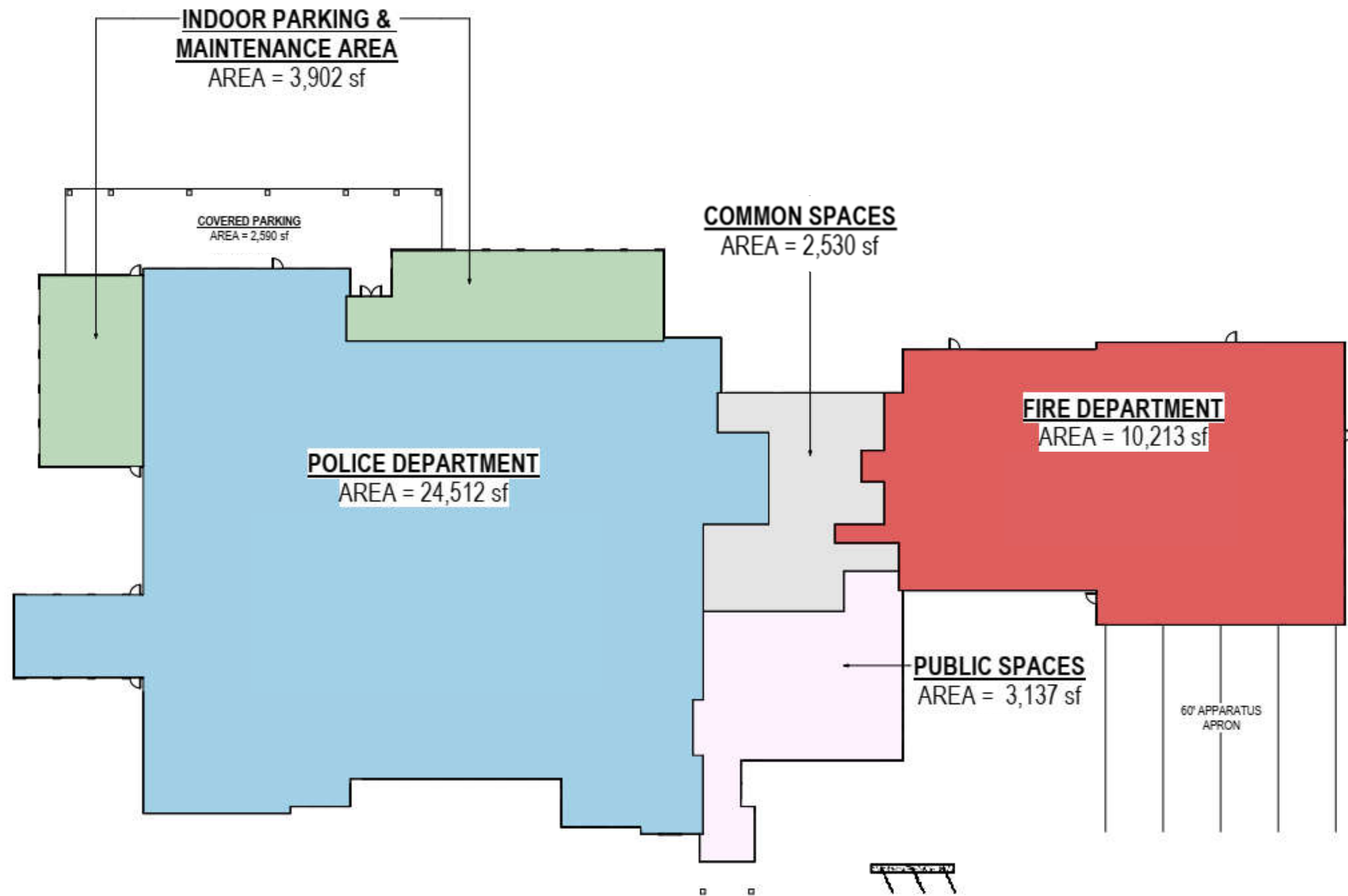
SOUTH RIVER ROAD POLICE AND FIRE COMPLEX

SCALE: 1" = 30'-0"

10/09/2023

ARCHITECTURAL SITE PLAN

LAVALLEE BRENSINGER ARCHITECTS



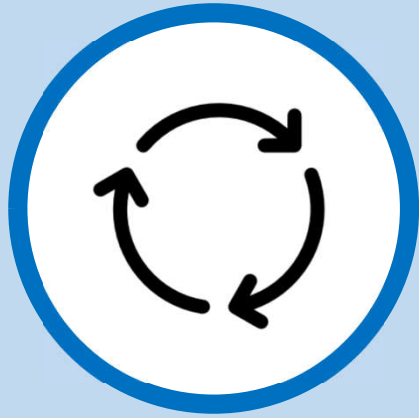
SINGLE-STORY

POLICE DEPARTMENT & FIRE SUBSTATION TOTAL AREA = 44,294 gsf



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BENEFITS



Public safety departments will have modern facilities to operate with optimal efficiency.



Fire Department will gain additional space at current Safety Complex for Fire Headquarters.



Planning Department relocating to Safety Complex, freeing up Town Office space. Unified single location for permitting.



South River Road location will place first responders where calls are most frequent.

New Complex Cost Estimate Summary:

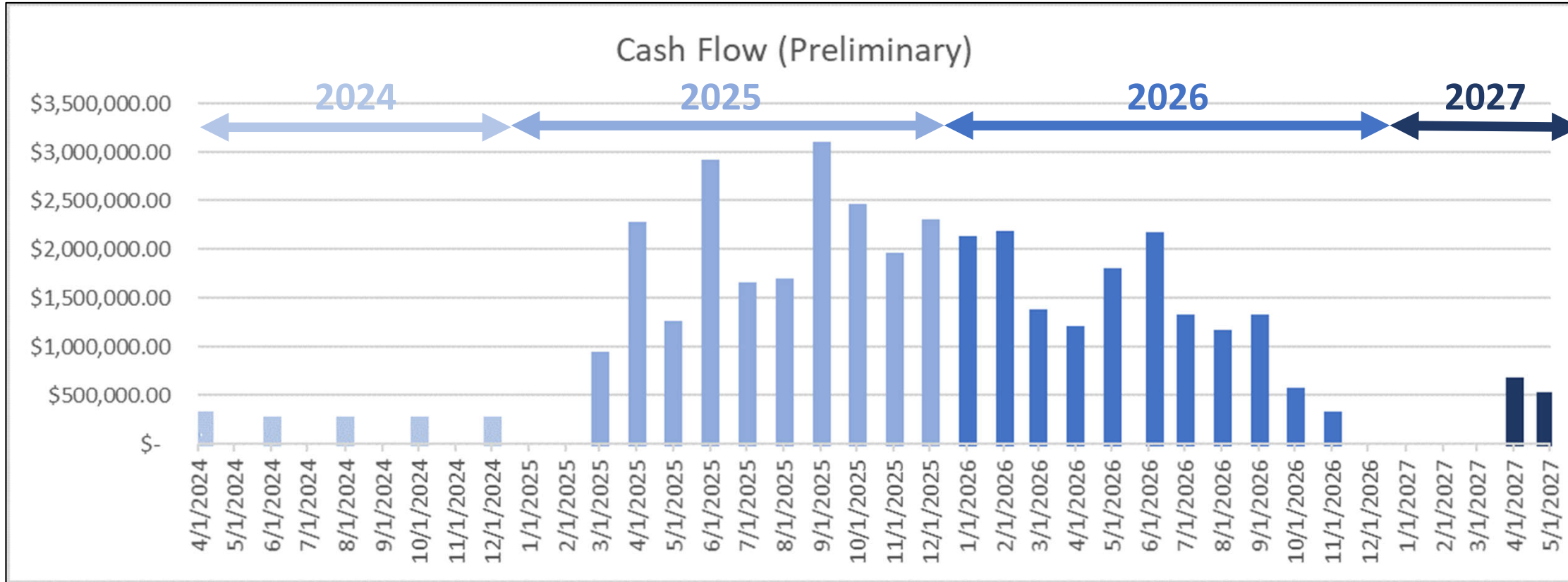
Item	\$ Cost/SF	% Total	Cost \$
Site Work & Demolition	54.55	7.67	2,416,218
Concrete	17.58	2.47	778,656
Masonry	32.13	4.52	1,423,172
Metals	39.32	5.53	1,741,693
Carpentry	3.95	0.55	174,800
Thermal & Moisture Protection	39.80	5.60	1,762,995
Doors & Windows	20.36	2.86	901,930
Finishes	51.37	7.22	2,275,162
Specialties	7.00	0.98	309,848
Equipment	0.85	0.12	37,745
Furnishings	5.42	0.76	239,915
Special Construction	16.37	2.30	725,000
Mechanical Systems	99.88	14.04	4,423,898
Electrical Systems	84.43	11.87	3,739,744
Subtotal	472.99	66.51	20,950,776



Total Project Cost Summary:

South River Road Police & Fire Complex	34,002,394
Safety Complex Renovation	1,500,000
Town Office Building Renovation	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total	\$36,502,394

New Complex Cash Flow and Funding Summary:



Cash Flow Summary:

2024	\$1,000,000
2025	\$19,775,332
2026	\$14,727,062
2027	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
Total	\$36,502,394

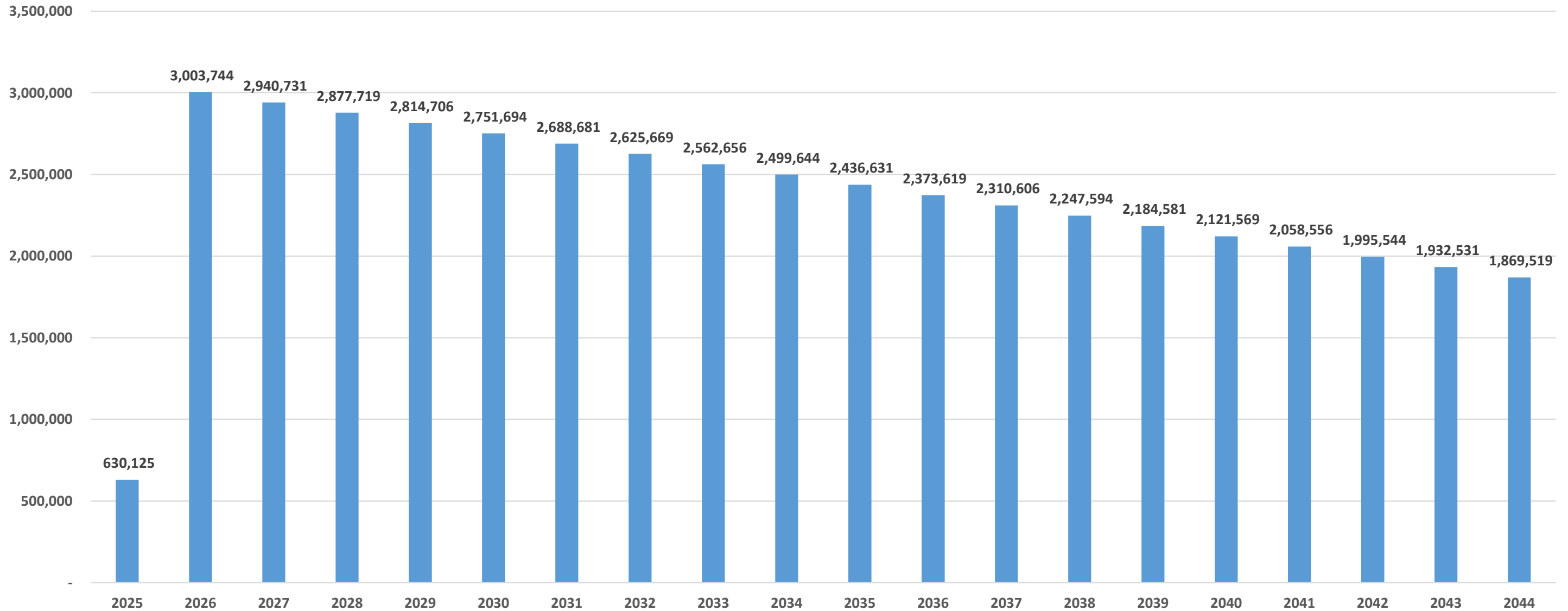


Project Funding Sources:

Facilities Design/Build Capital Reserve	1,000,000
2025 Bond Sale	<u>35,500,000</u>
Total	\$36,500,000

\$35.5M Bond sold in early 2025

2025 Facilities Bond Repayment Schedule

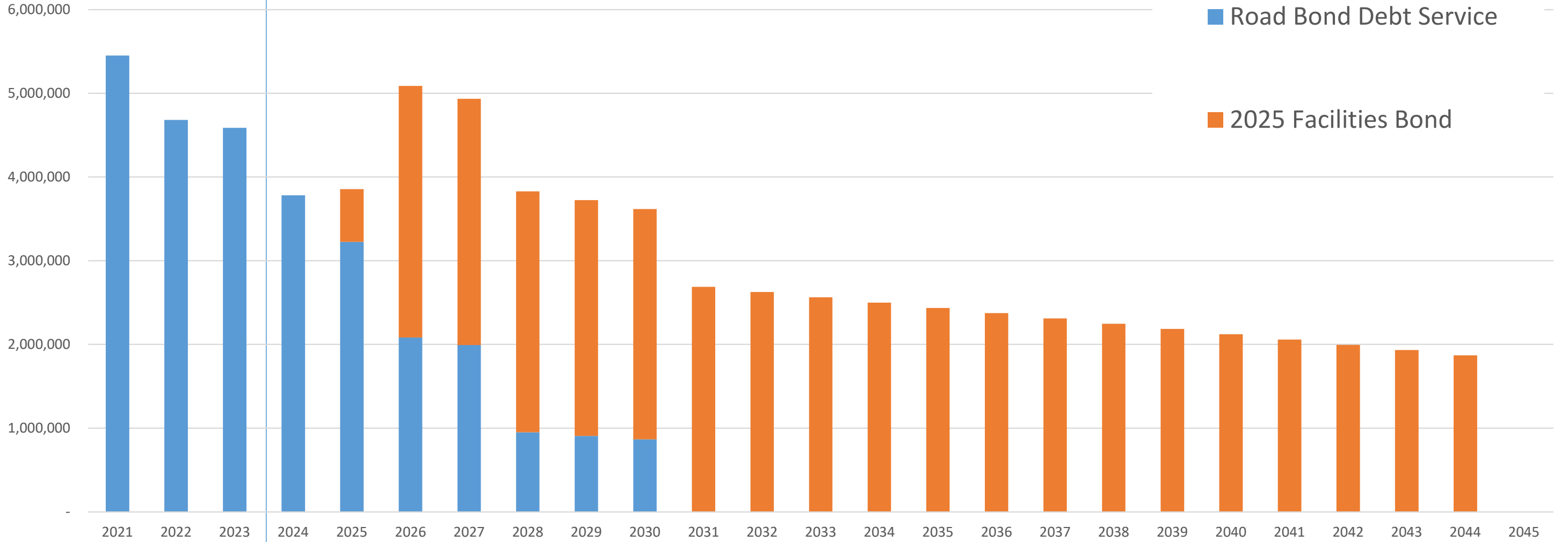


2025 Tax Rate Impact \$0.10 per \$1,000 or \$60 for a \$600k home

2026 Tax Rate Impact \$0.49 per \$1,000 or \$294 for a \$600k home

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Existing Long Term Debt & 2025 Facilities Bond 3.55%



Road Bond Debt Service

2025 Facilities Bond

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Article #??. ISSUANCE OF LONG TERM DEBT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH RIVER ROAD POLICE AND FIRE COMPLEX AND RENOVATIONS AT THE SAFETY COMPLEX AND TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$36,500,000) for the purpose of financing the costs of engineering, designing and constructing a police station and fire substation with associated building and site improvements and related furniture, fixtures, fit up and equipment at 300 South River Road and to complete renovations at the Safety Complex at 55 Constitution Drive and Town Office Building at 24 North Amherst Road; to authorize the issuance of not more than thirty five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$35,500,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); with one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to come from the Facilities Design/ Build Capital Reserve Fund; to authorize the Town Council to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Town Council to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for this project; and to authorize the Town Council to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto? Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.)

Explanation: If approved, this funding will be used to construct an approximately 44,000 square foot police station and fire substation at 300 South River Road and to renovate the existing Safety Complex and Town Office Building, including but not limited to, engineering, design, construction, and fit up. The Town is requesting the authority to bond up to \$35,500,000. In the event that completion of this project is less than the requested amount, it is the Town's intent to issue only what is necessary. Any remaining funds from this authorization will be brought back to the voters to rescind ensuring that they cannot be used for any other purpose.

The existing Safety Complex was built in 1994 when the Town's population was 12,500 which has now grown by 90% to 23,704. Police and Fire staffing has grown from 49 to 95 in the same time frame to address the nearly 400% increase in calls for service. Continued operation from Safety Complex compromises the mission of the Fire and Police Departments as well as the safety and security of the public, our employees, and critical infrastructure and public safety assets. Moving the Police Department from the current Safety Complex allows for expansion of the Fire Department, allows for co-location of the Planning Department, Building Division and Public Works. It also creates more usable space in the Town Office Building.

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South River Road Police and Fire Complex

➤ Public Information Sessions:

- January 30, 6:30 PM
- February 15, 1:00 PM
- February 20, 6:00 PM

All at the Library McAllaster Room

➤ Virtual Information Session:

- March 4, 6:30 PM

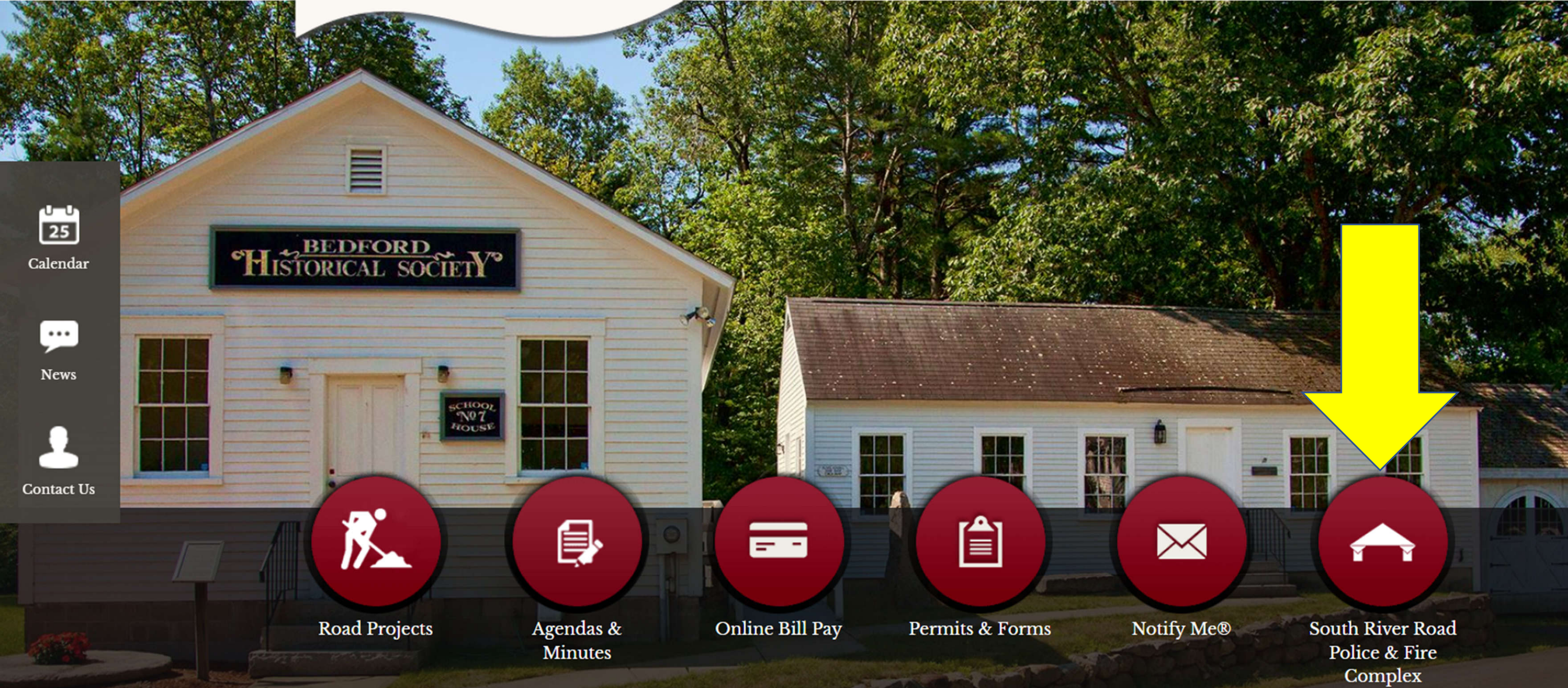


Safety Complex Tours

- February 15, 2024, 6 PM
- February 22, 2024, 6 PM

55 Constitution Drive





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