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BACKGROUND
Throughout the early assessment and programming phases of this project, the police department identified issues with the existing facilities that presented challenges to efficient operations aligned with current operating standards. Early considerations of prioritization between other facilities and departments including police suggested that it might be possible for the department to continue operating out of the existing facility with only modest investment in capital improvements to the facility before a new one was constructed to address issues holistically as part of the overall campus improvements and reconfiguration. As financing projections and recommendations expanded the overall timeline of implementation for campus improvements and a future consolidated Public Safety building shifted outwards further in time, it became necessary to acknowledge how pressing current issues with the facilities are, relating to day-to-day operations, hiring, and retention, since staff departures continued throughout the time of this projection and completion of final recommendations.

Following completion of project financing and phasing timelines, the design team reconnected with City representatives, including Physical Development Director Marc Nevinski, interim Police Chief Scott Nadeau and Fire Chief Crelly (re: shared existing Public Safety building), to review concerns and insights to inform recommendations to enable continuity of service and quality of service for the period in which the Police Department continues to operate out of the existing Public Safety facility. Immediate needs identified by the department focused on critical needs such as lockers, open workspaces, shared workspaces, and the public lobby.

The design team, including dialogue with Kraus Anderson relating to phased renovations within an operating facility, developed a focused renovation and addition to address the current space deficiencies and workflow issues. This concept includes an addition to provide expanded and renovated locker rooms in the lower level along with additional office and workspace to support the growing department. Interior renovation is needed to improve the sergeants’ offices and provide additional interview space adjacent to the public lobby. A second addition is planned at the rear of the facility to provide suitable evidence processing and storage space, as well as storage for duty bags and appropriate report writing space for patrol. Additionally, relocating evidence processing and storage from the lower level not only improves operational workflow, but also provides opportunity to repurpose the existing space for specialized police specific training. These alterations are intended to support the department’s immediate needs, addressing the most pressing issues while anticipating a new public safety facility in the future.