



City of Monroe Selects Mackenzie, Inc. to Commence Police Station Facility Assessment

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MONROE, Wash. - On October 10th, the City of Monroe City Council approved a contract with Mackenzie, Inc. to spearhead a comprehensive Police Station Facility Assessment. The primary focus of the assessment is to conduct an in-depth needs analysis, evaluating the operational requirements of the police department and projecting its needs well into the future. This assessment is Phase III of the [Monroe Municipal Campus Improvement Master Plan](#), which identified the need to address deficiencies in space and accessibility of the Justice Wing.

Mackenzie, Inc. will assess the functionalities of the department and its facilities and present a concept-level architectural plan for the existing police station site located at 818 West Main Street. Additionally, the assessment will explore the feasibility and implications of relocating the police station, considering factors such as cost, impact on citywide response times, and the ability of the department to more efficiently serve the community.

The contract with Mackenzie comes at a cost of \$186,736 and is fully supported by funds allocated in the City Council-approved 2023-24 biennial budget. The comprehensive assessment is expected to conclude by the summer of 2024.

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“During this phase, both Police Department and city officials will closely collaborate with the architectural firm to evaluate proposed renderings, associated costs, and gather community feedback, notes Police Chief Jeff Jolley”. “These critical inputs will play a pivotal role in determining the future course of action.”

The existing police building, constructed in 1991, is now in need of substantial upgrades to meet modern standards and the growing demands of our department and community. A citywide study performed in 2019 by Driftmier Architects, P.S., highlighted several deficiencies in the current police station, including suboptimal staff layout and spaces, as well as identified ADA shortcomings. A primary concern identified was the requirement for additional square footage to accommodate the projected growth of the police department and adequately serve the needs of the community in future years. Project updates will be posted to <https://monroewa.gov>, located by searching ‘Municipal Campus’.

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