



City of Dallas

Dallas Police Department Law Enforcement Training Center at University of North Texas at Dallas - Update

**City Council Briefing
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Overview



- Purpose
- Updated Project Plan
- Project Timeline
- Funding Status
- Questions
- Appendix



Purpose



- Present the updated programming and site plan for the Dallas Police Department (DPD) Law Enforcement Training Center at the University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT-Dallas) incorporating feedback from the March 5, 2025, City Council briefing and subsequent stakeholder meetings.
- Present a concurrent path forward for the Public Safety Training Complex to deliver DPD Training facility needs at a second location.



Meeting DPD Training Needs



Dallas Public Safety Training System

DPD Law Enforcement Training Center at UNT-Dallas

\$ TBD

- 20 Acres
- Basic Peace Officer Courses for New Recruits
- In-Service Officer Training
- Reality Based Training
- Health & Fitness Areas
- Ceremonial and Community Space
- UNT-Dallas Criminal Justice Center Includes Core Classes for Recruits
- Select In-Service Classes Offered to Regional Agencies
- Early Fall 2026 Groundbreaking

City of Dallas Public Safety Complex

\$ TBD

- Additional 60+ Acres
- Classrooms for DPD and DFR
- Indoor & Outdoor Firearms Training
- Simulated Tactical Village
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC)
- DFR Training Elements TBD
- Initiate Feasibility Study in 2025



Recruit and Officer Training Journey



DPD Training – State Requirements

State/TCOLE requires separation of Basic Peace Officer Course (BPOC) and post BPOC within classrooms.

Basic:

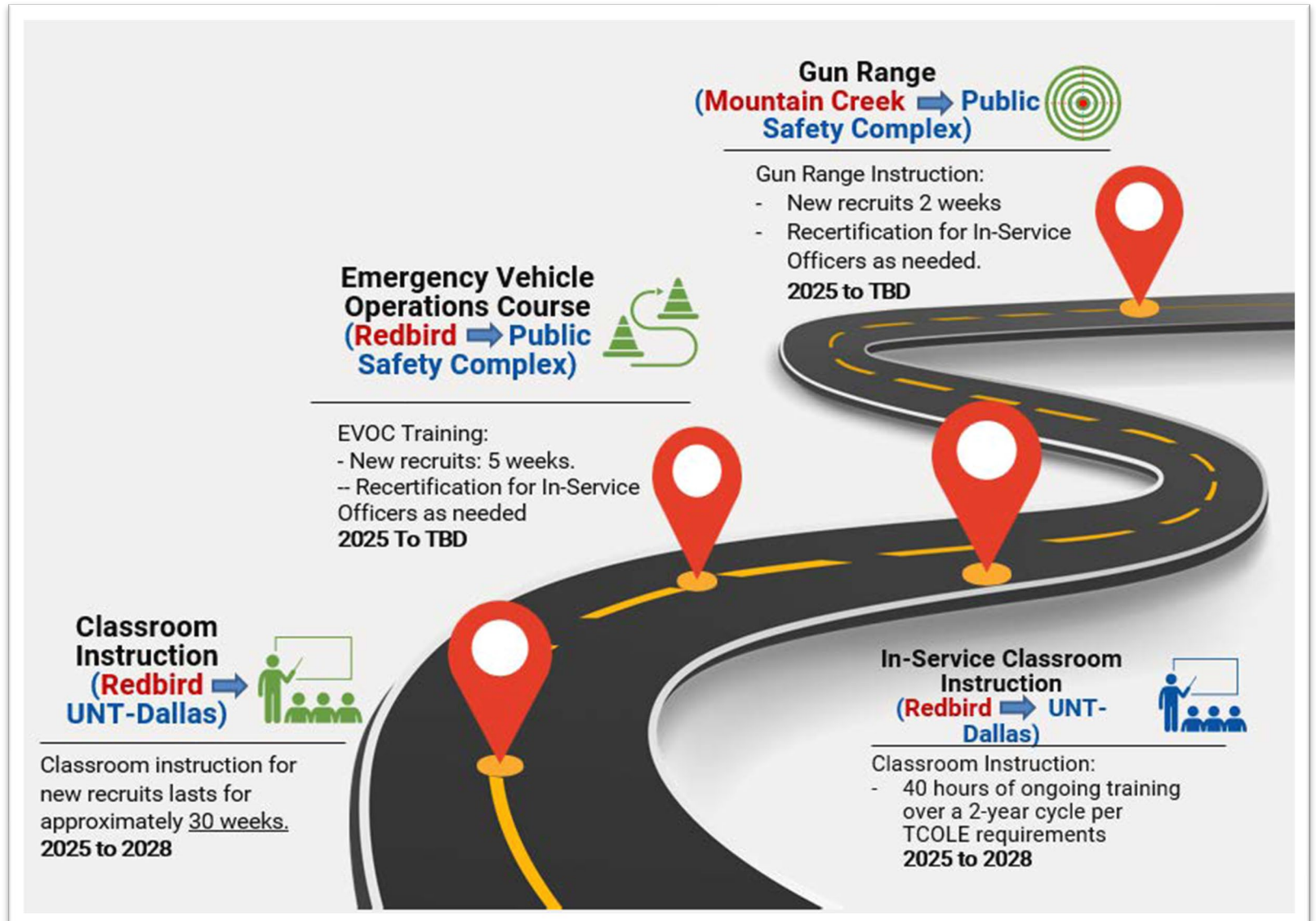
BPOC training – 60%

Post BPOC – 40%

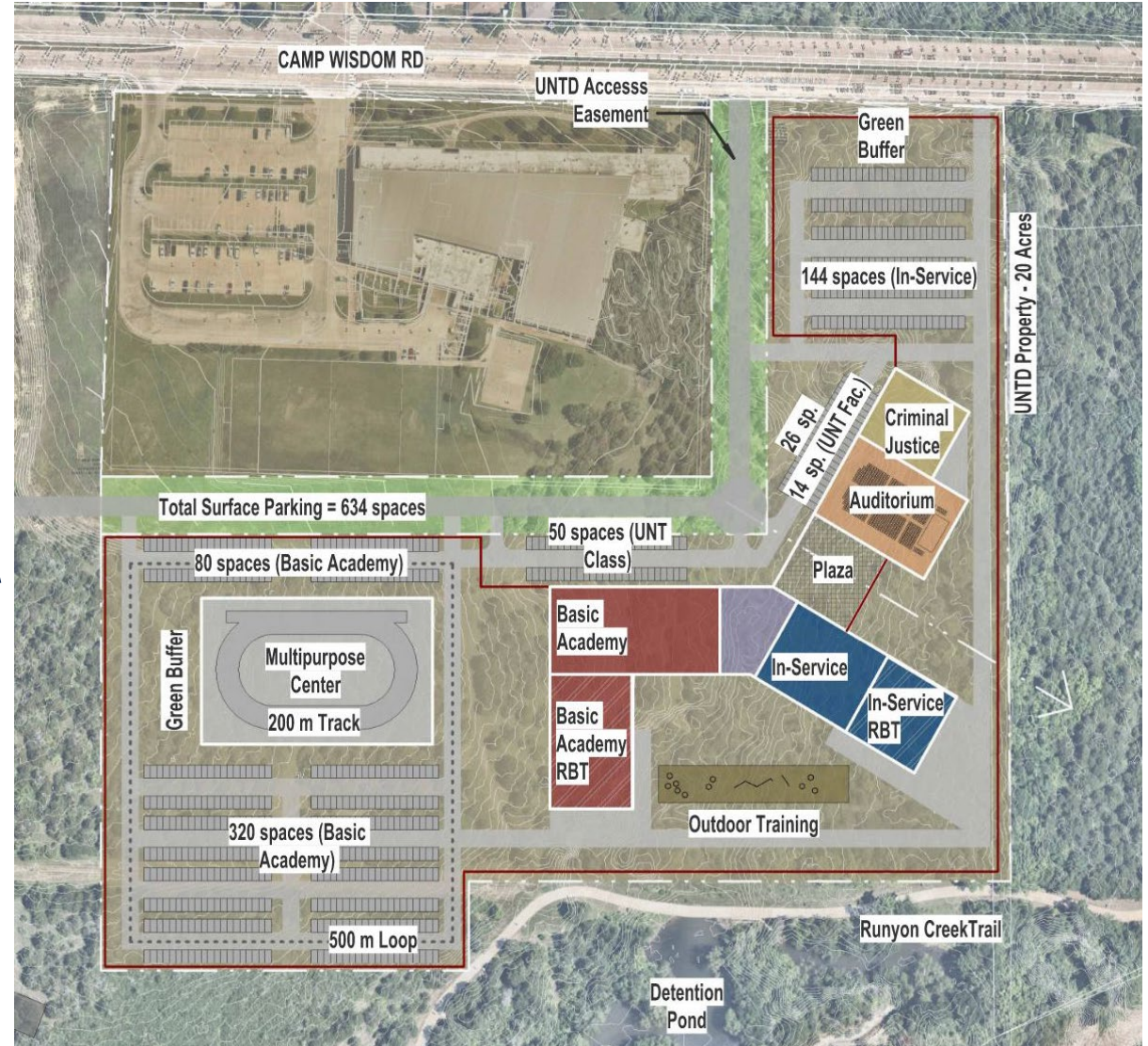
In-Service

Post BPOC – 100% of training

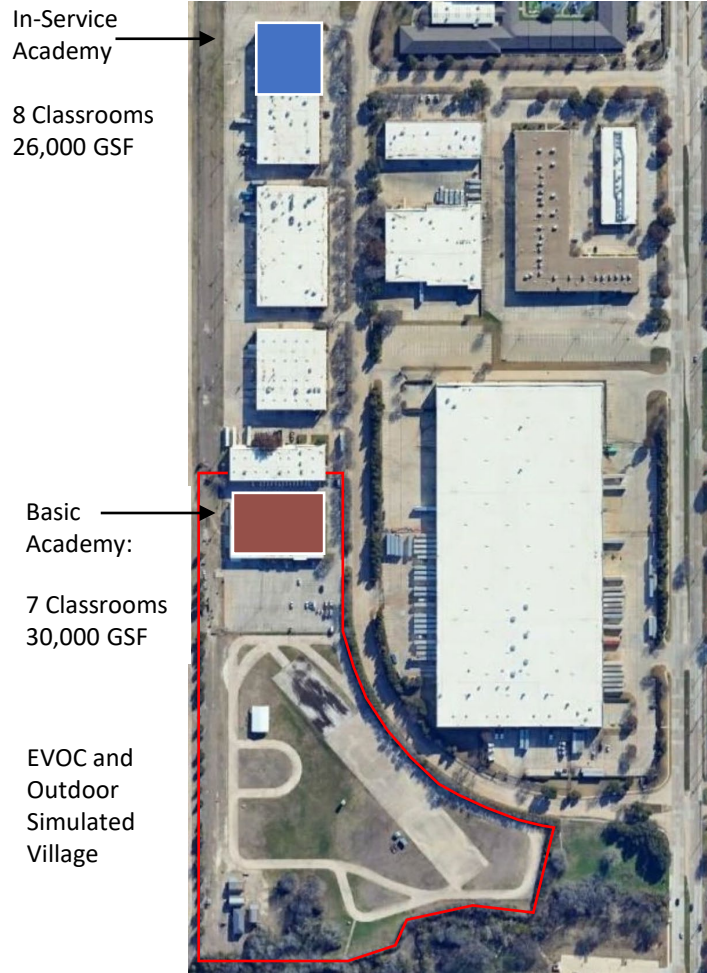
The separation of recruits and officers aligns with standard best practices, current police academy facility layout, and operational procedures.



20 Acre Site: DPD Law Enforcement Training Center at UNT-Dallas



Site Plan: DPD Law Enforcement Training Center at UNT - Dallas



In-Service Academy

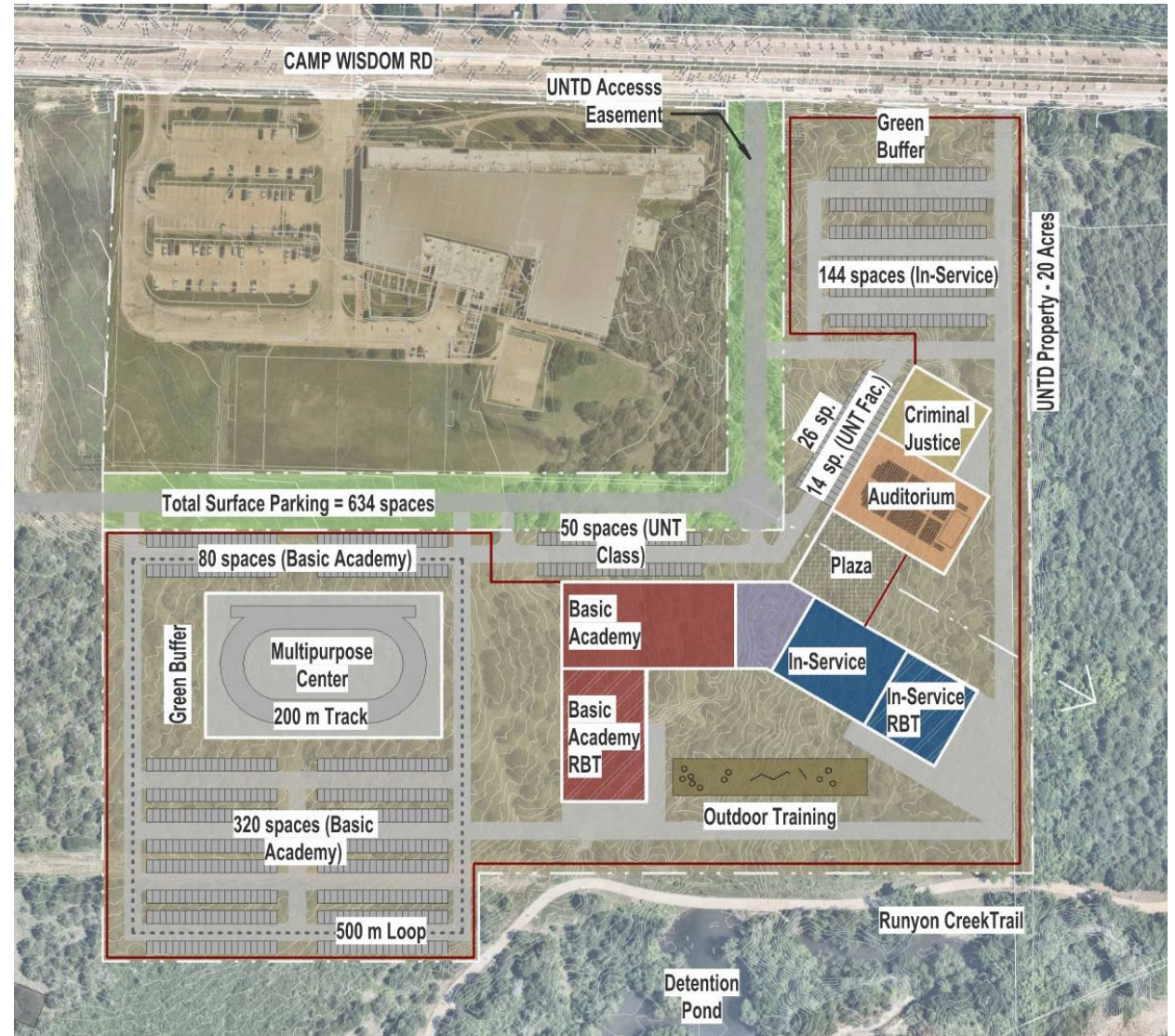
8 Classrooms
26,000 GSF

Basic Academy:

7 Classrooms
30,000 GSF

EVOC and Outdoor Simulated Village

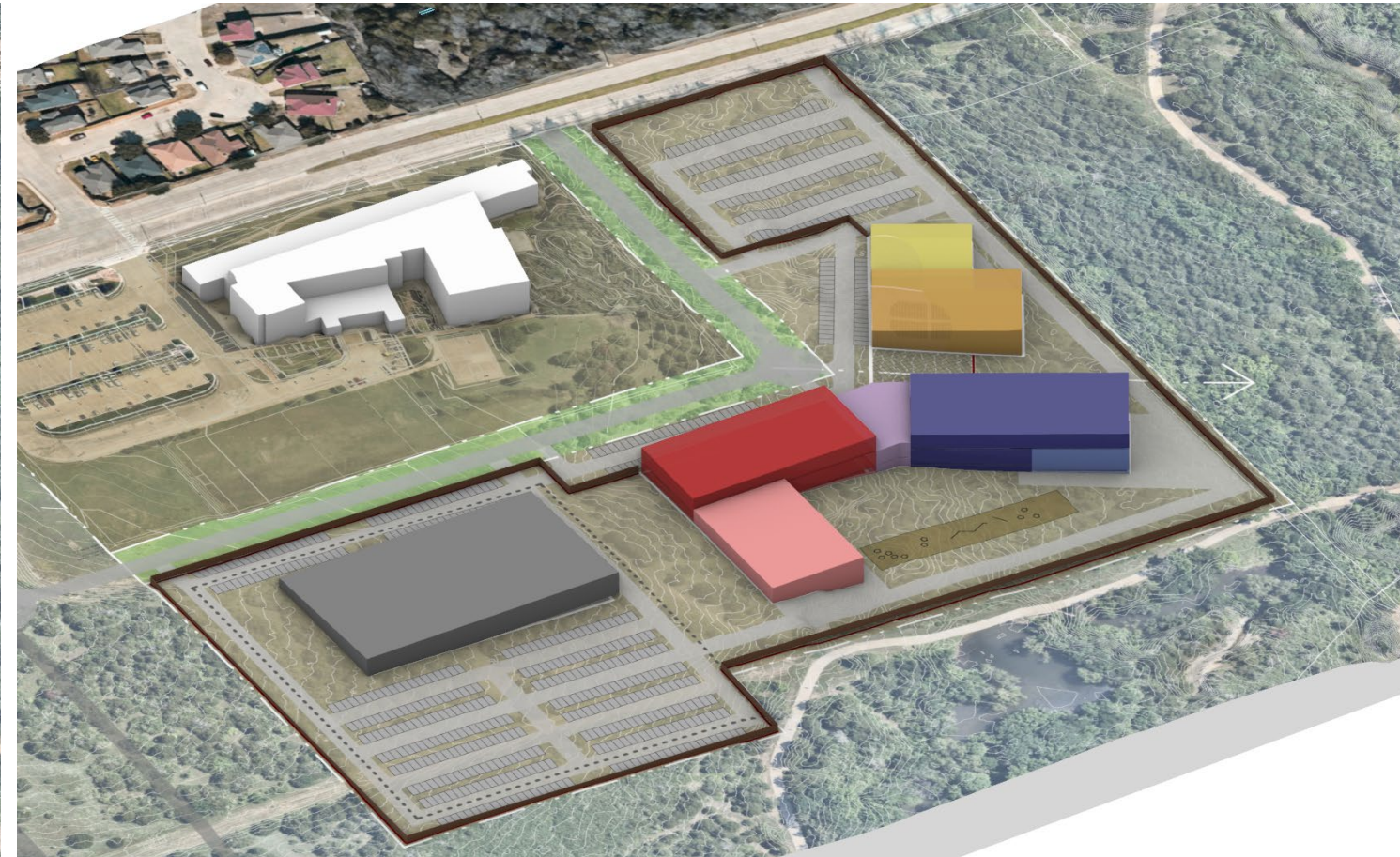
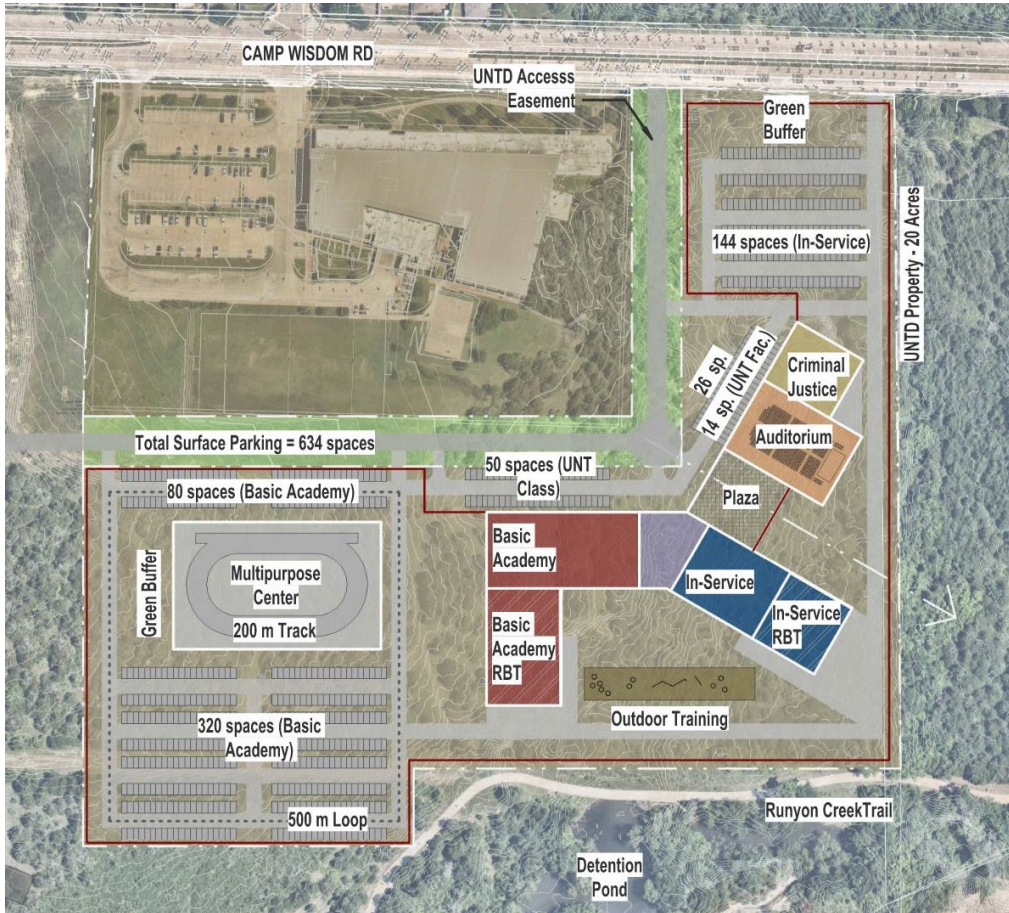
Existing Red Bird Facility



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Site Plan: DPD Law Enforcement Training Center at UNT - Dallas



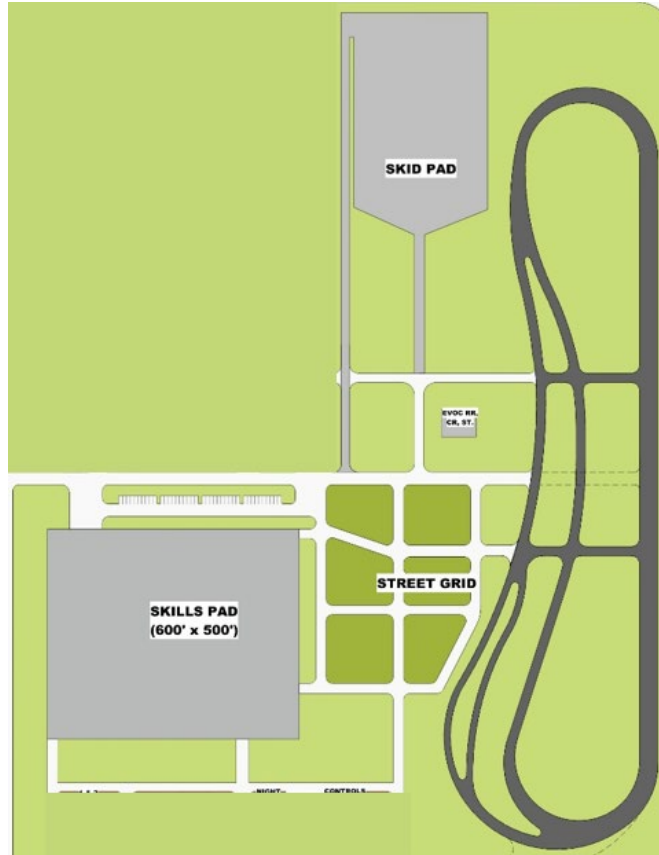
DPD Training at Public Safety Complex



State-of-the-Art Police Tactical Training at Facilities across the US



Outdoor Gun Range



Vehicle Training (EVOC)



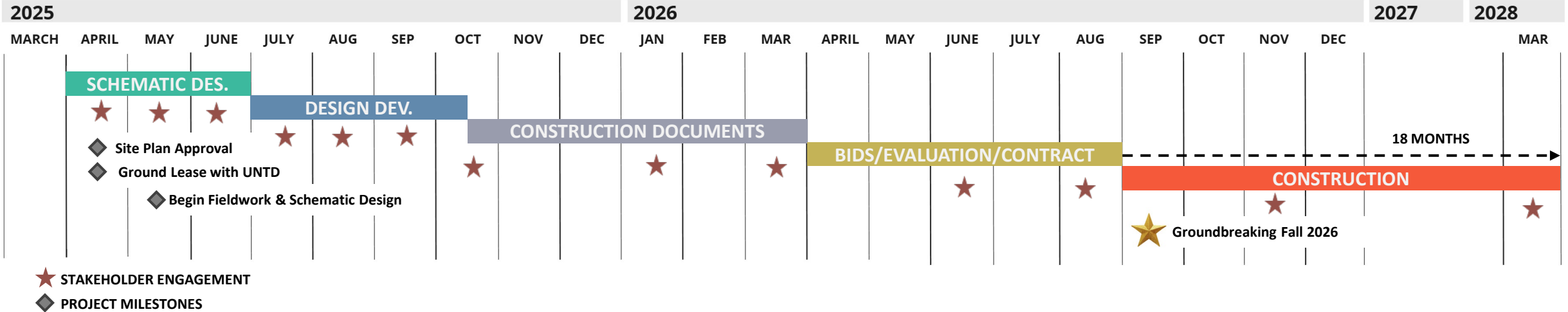
Realistic Outdoor Simulated Training Village



Project Timeline



DPD Law Enforcement Training Center at UNT-Dallas



Public Safety Complex



Funding Status



Funding Source	Committed Funding
Dallas 2024 Bond Program	\$50M
*State Grant – 2023 - 88 th State Legislature	\$20M
*State Grant – committed October 2024/confirmed March 2025	\$5M
*State Grant – pending budget approval	\$5M
Caruth Fund at Communities Foundation of Texas	\$10M
Additional Private Fundraising Commitments	\$11.5M
Total Committed	\$101.5M

*funding tied to the Law Enforcement Training Center located on the UNT-Dallas campus.



Questions



Respond to Council Member Questions





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Background



Existing Dallas Police Department Facilities

- 63 Acres Across Two Locations
- Classrooms
- Limited Reality Based Training
- Limited Health & Fitness
- Limited Administrative
- Outdoor Firearms Training
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC)
- **No Ceremonial Spaces**

2021 Proposed DPD Law Enforcement Training Center at UNT-Dallas

\$140M
(In 2021 Dollars)

- 20 Acres Contemplated
- Classrooms
- Health & Fitness Areas
- Administrative
- Indoor Firearms Training
- Dedicated Parking for 150
- Ceremonial spaces
- **No EVOC**
- **No Outdoor Firearms Training**



DPD and UNTD Collaboration



Collaboration Objective: To enhance police training through academic and practical approaches.

Partnership with a Tier One University: UNTD's criminal justice faculty will collaborate with the Dallas Police Department to provide high-quality, comprehensive law enforcement training, including three core classes to new recruits.

Curriculum: The partnership between DPD and UNTD will focus on critical areas promoting 21st century policing strategies.

Real-World Impact: Ensures a well-educated police workforce where officers are positioned to effectively address the challenges of contemporary policing.



DPD and UNTD Collaboration



Improved Policing Techniques: New recruits and officers gain access to cutting-edge research and best practices.

Community Relations: Engaging with UNTD students, faculty and various community groups will enhance relationships between law enforcement and the community.

Professional Development: New recruits and officers receive continuous education and may earn college credit to support their career advancement through UNTD's degree pathways.

Outcomes: Law enforcement pipeline with job opportunities for UNT students including sworn and non-sworn positions and a more efficient, ethical, and community-focused police force prepared for the challenges of modern-day law enforcement.

