

West Metro Fire Rescue Community Outreach and Education

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Who is West Metro Fire Rescue District?



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Fire Stations



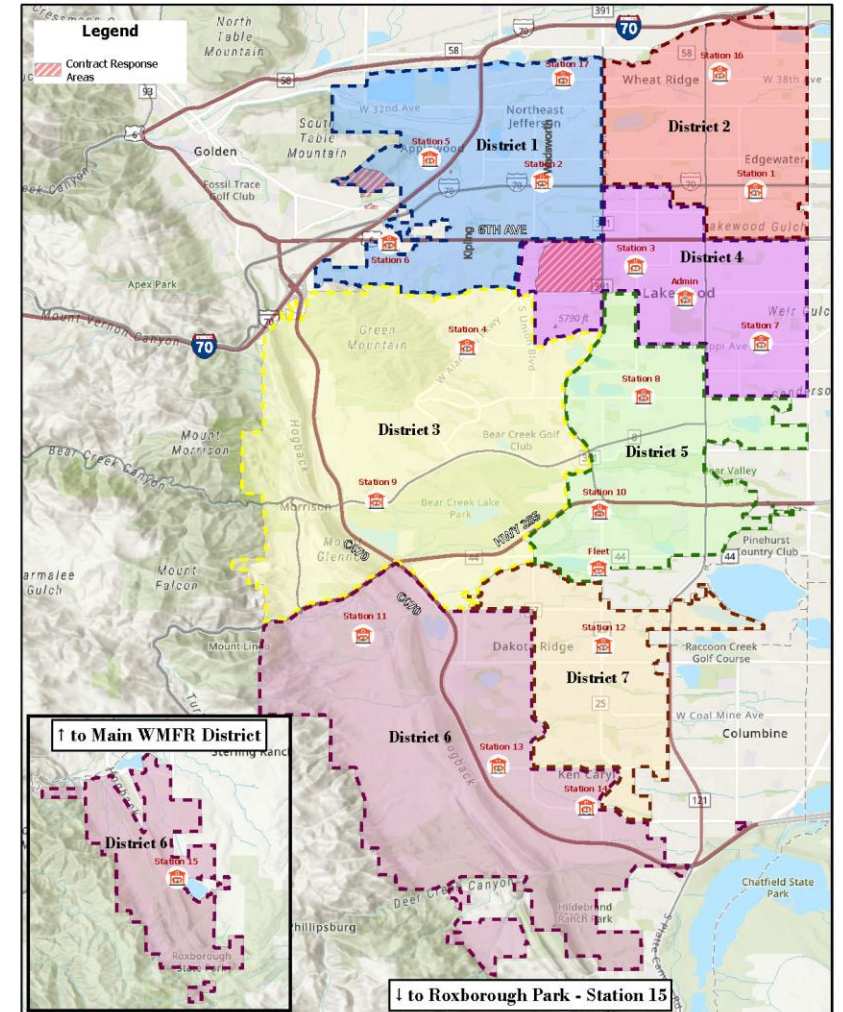
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Firefighter/Paramedics

66 Civilian Support Staff



West Metro Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Boundaries

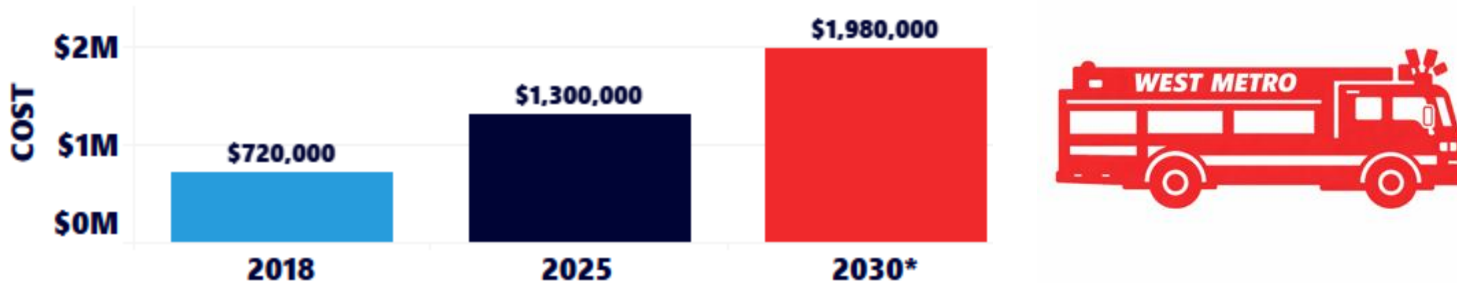


Increased Cost of Equipment

Nearly all equipment has doubled in price and is nearing or at end of life.

COST PROJECTION

Fire Engine



*The cost of a fire engine in 2030 is projected using an estimated annual growth rate of approximately 8.8%. Forecast accuracy may decrease over longer timeframes as a result of market variability and other external factors.

FIREFIGHTER

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



Training

Fire Academy (5 Months) = \$10,000

The Problem



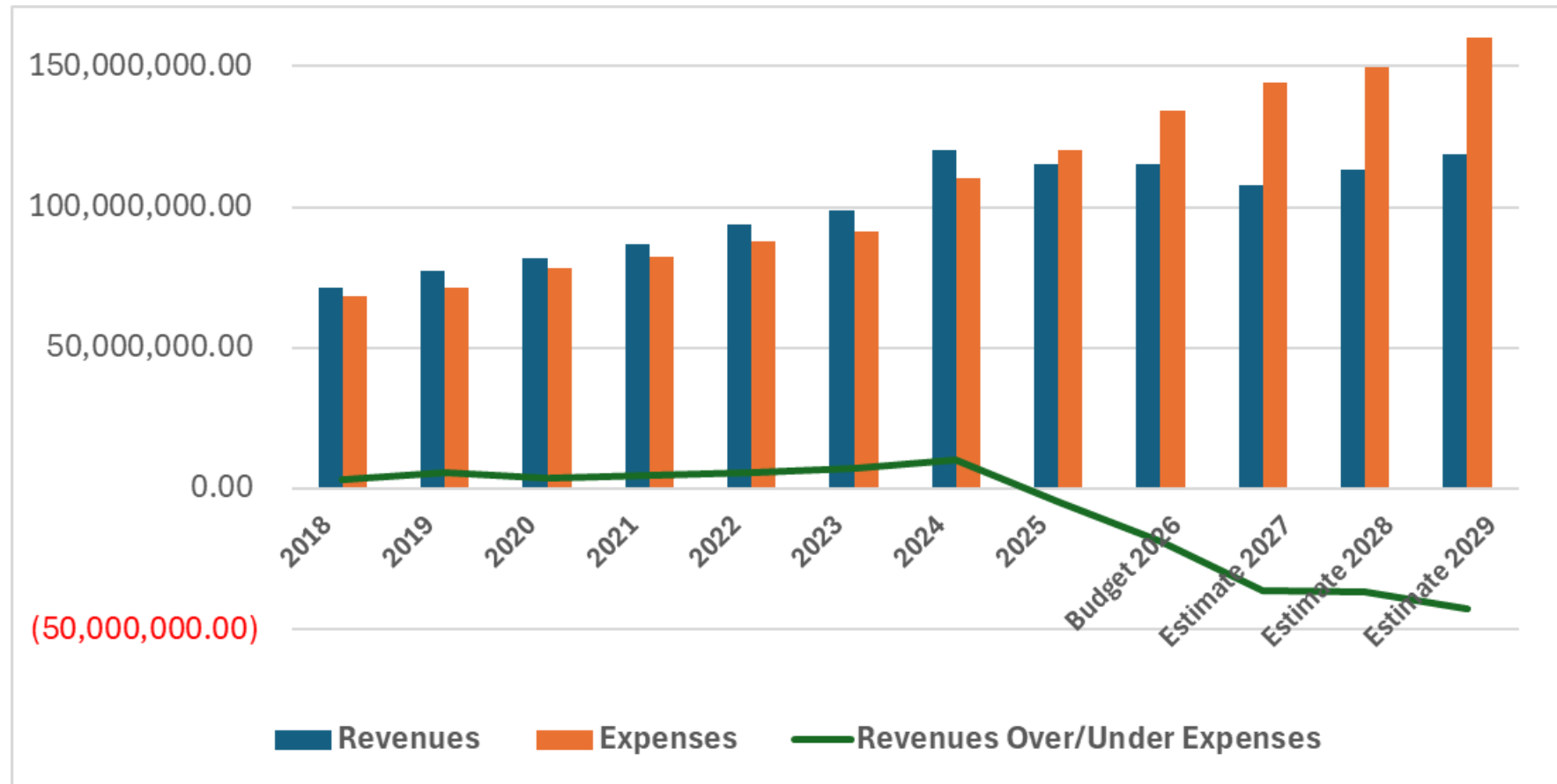
Expenses

▲ 137% in 10 years



Revenues

▲ 66% in 10 years



Projected revenue shortfall of nearly **\$40 million** in 2027

Solutions ...to date

2006

- Property tax increase
- \$43 million bond (Paid off in 2027)

2014

- Property tax increase (failed)

2018

- Amendment to residential property tax assessment rate



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Potential Solutions

Public Research Conducted

March 2026 Poll Tested

- 3 Mill Levy Increase (\$22M)
- 0.5% Sales Tax (\$27.8M)

Poll Results concluded:

- 82% confidence in the District's ability to spend funds
- After education:
 - 60% said yes to Sales Tax
 - 46% said yes to Mill Levy increase

Potential Solutions

The Community Advisory Group

- Comprised of 16 community leaders
- Met 4x over the course of 3 months, 12 hours

CAG Key Findings:

- The District is high-performing and efficient
- Service demand continues to increase
- Expenses are rising faster than revenues
- The District needs to diversify funding sources, cannot rely solely on property taxes

CAG Recommended Solutions

- Put a Sales Tax on the November 2026 ballot
- Consider longer term solutions:
 - Government solutions at federal, state, and local levels
 - Federal/State advocacy on EMS reimbursement rates
 - State discussions on Treatment in Place (TIP) payment
 - More grant funding opportunities
 - Cost-sharing opportunities with local governments and special districts
 - Impact fees
 - Capital bond measure (next 2-4 years)



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Why We Must Find A Solution



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Next Steps

- Meeting with Community Partners from April - August
- WMFR Board Decision: August

Already Scheduled

Wheat Ridge – May 4th

Roxborough – May 27th

Morrison – June 2nd

JeffCo – July 1st

Edgewater – July 7th

Lakewood – July 13th



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Discussion & Questions



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