



City of Merced Fire Department

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City of Merced – Merced County Fire and EMS Aid Agreements



Fire and EMS Options

- Provide council with an update regarding a request from Merced County Fire for an automatic aid agreement
- Discussion and obtain general direction on how Council would like City Staff to proceed regarding providing automatic aid to Merced County Fire
- Other policy considerations – service area, cost recovery, other items

What are the types of aid Fire Departments use?



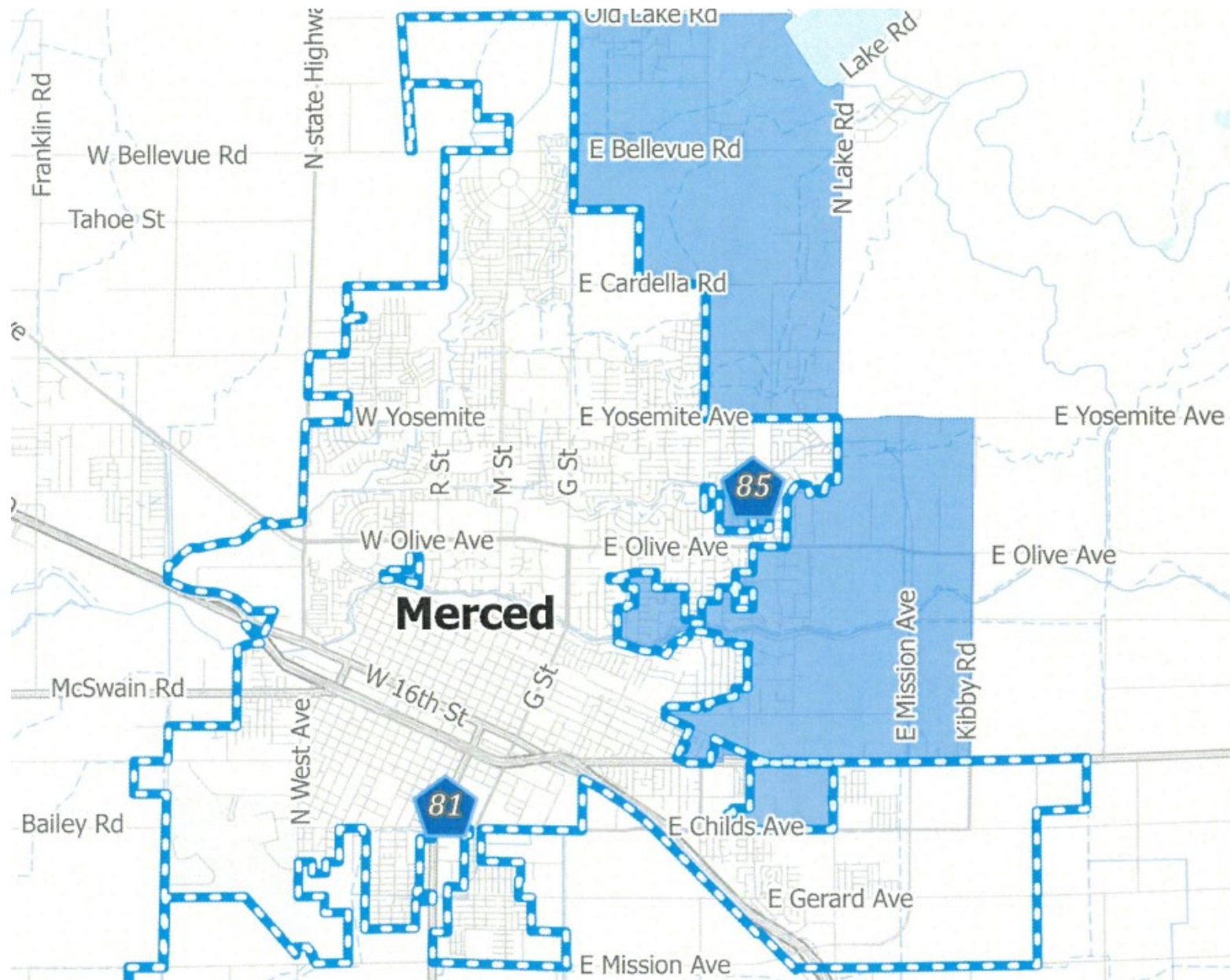
- Mutual Aid
 - Assistance agreement between jurisdictions to provide services upon request on a case-by-case basis.
- Auto Aid
 - Assistance automatically by contractual agreement between two communities to emergency incident.
- Service Contracts
 - One jurisdiction assumes all service needs for a defined area.



McKee Fire Station Closure

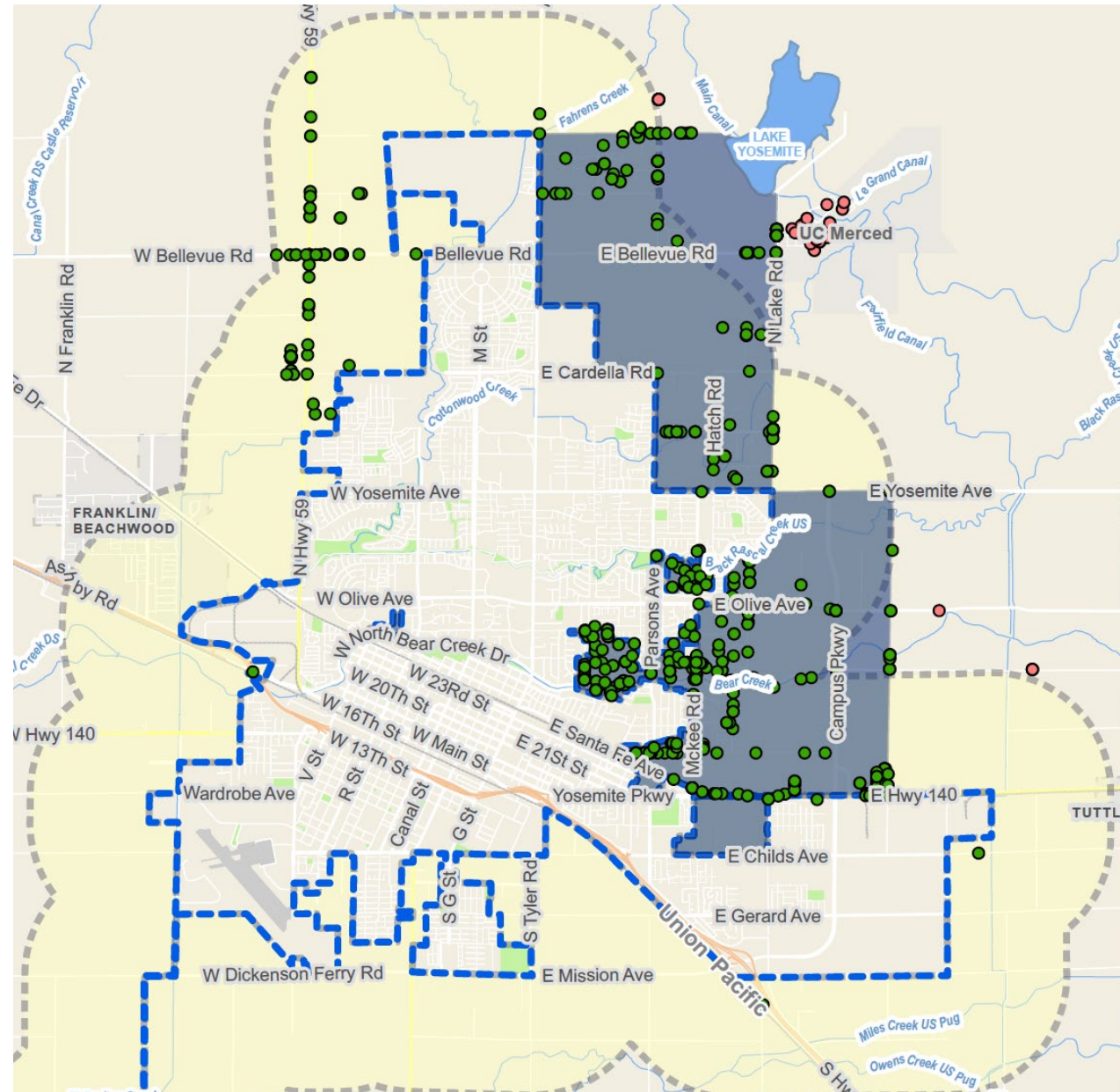
- Merced County has proposed closure of Station 85 to consolidate staffing and meet the states mandated requirement of 2 personnel per apparatus
- Merced County Fire staff request our assistance in providing fire coverage to County jurisdiction generally located North of Hwy 140, West of Kibby Road, West of N. Lake Road, and East of G Street via automatic aid agreement

Preliminary Map

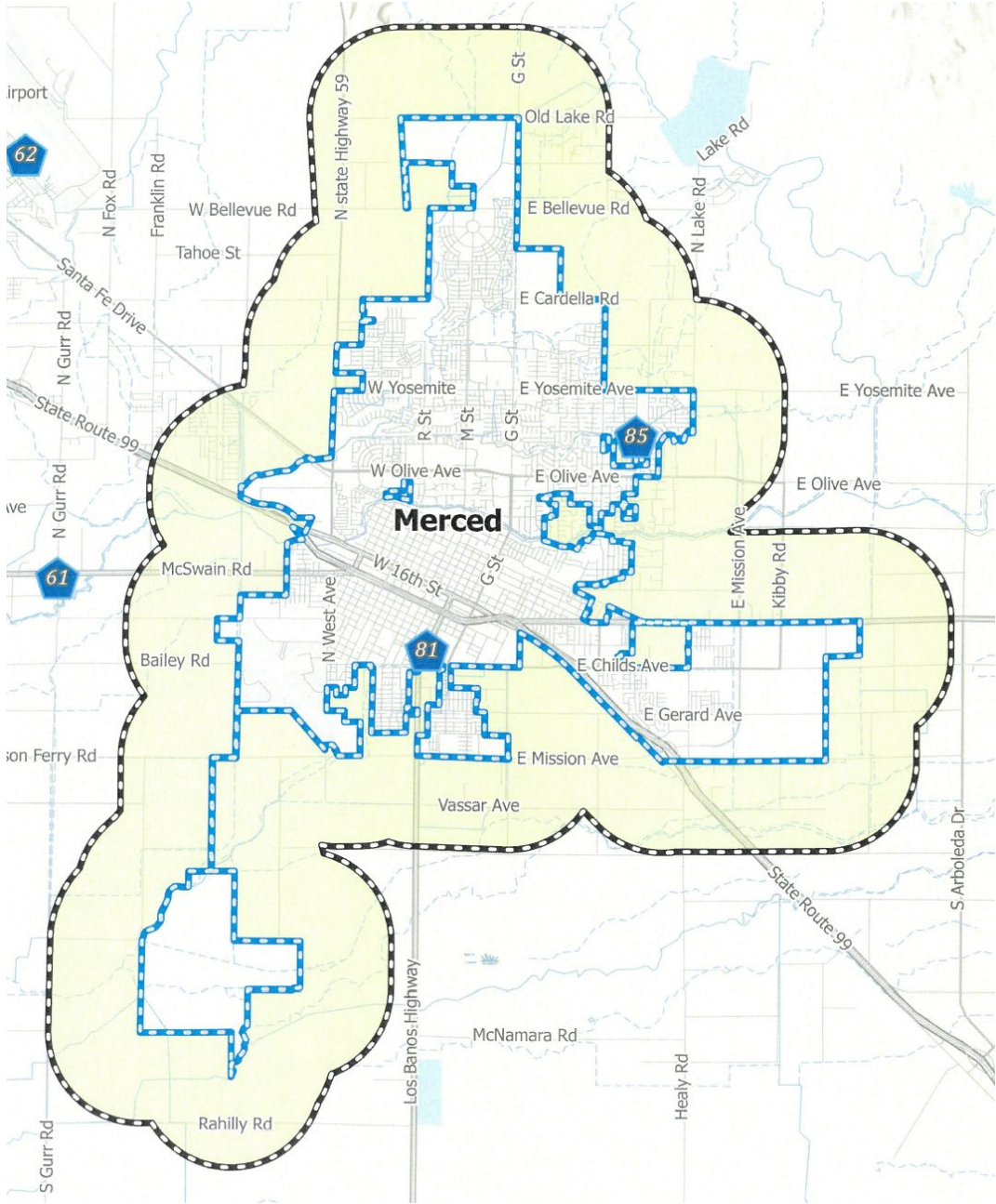


Incident Data

- **Station 85 2023 Incident Data – 958 Incidents**
- **This includes 316 responses to UC Merced**
- **Note the concentration of incidents in county islands**

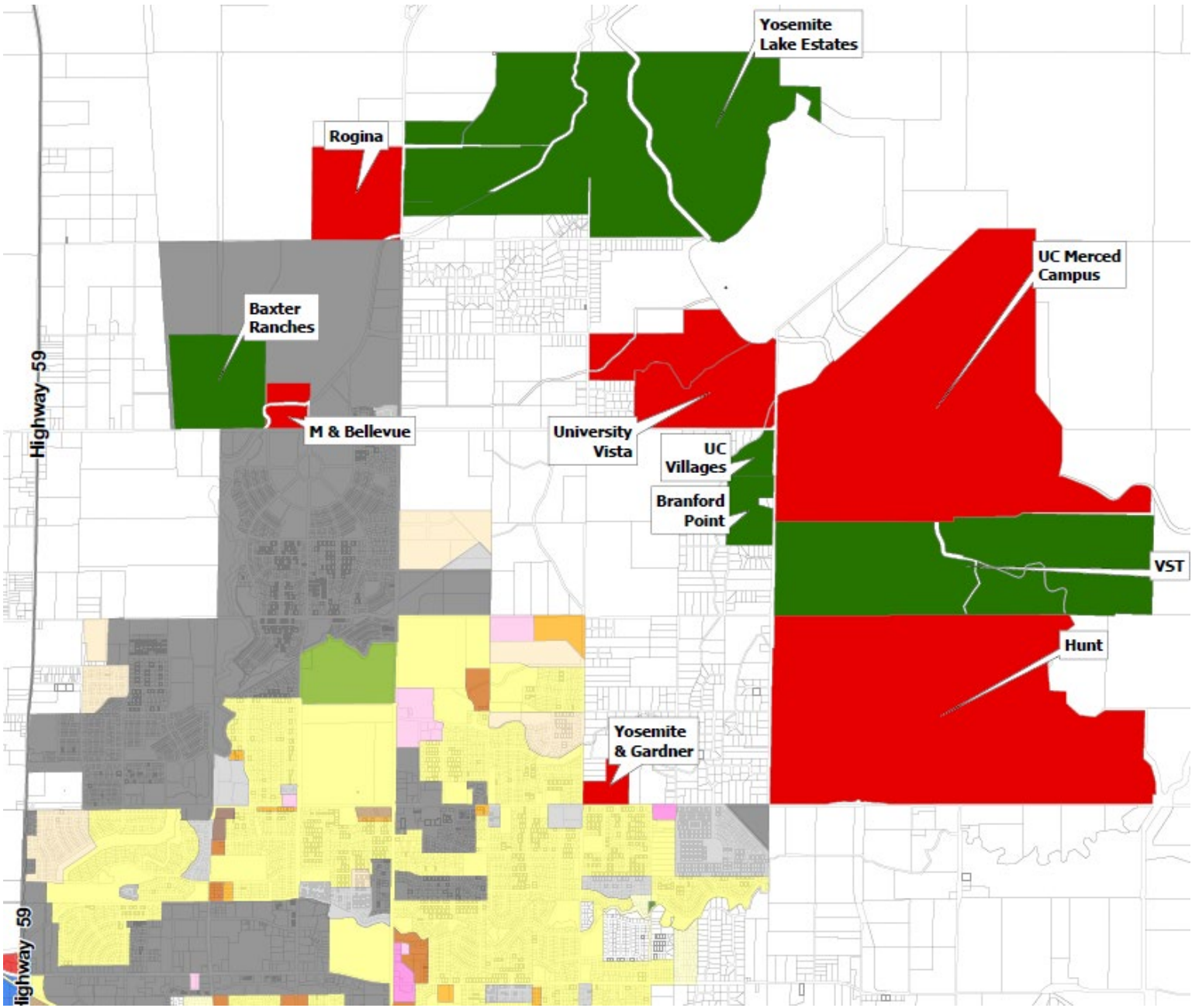


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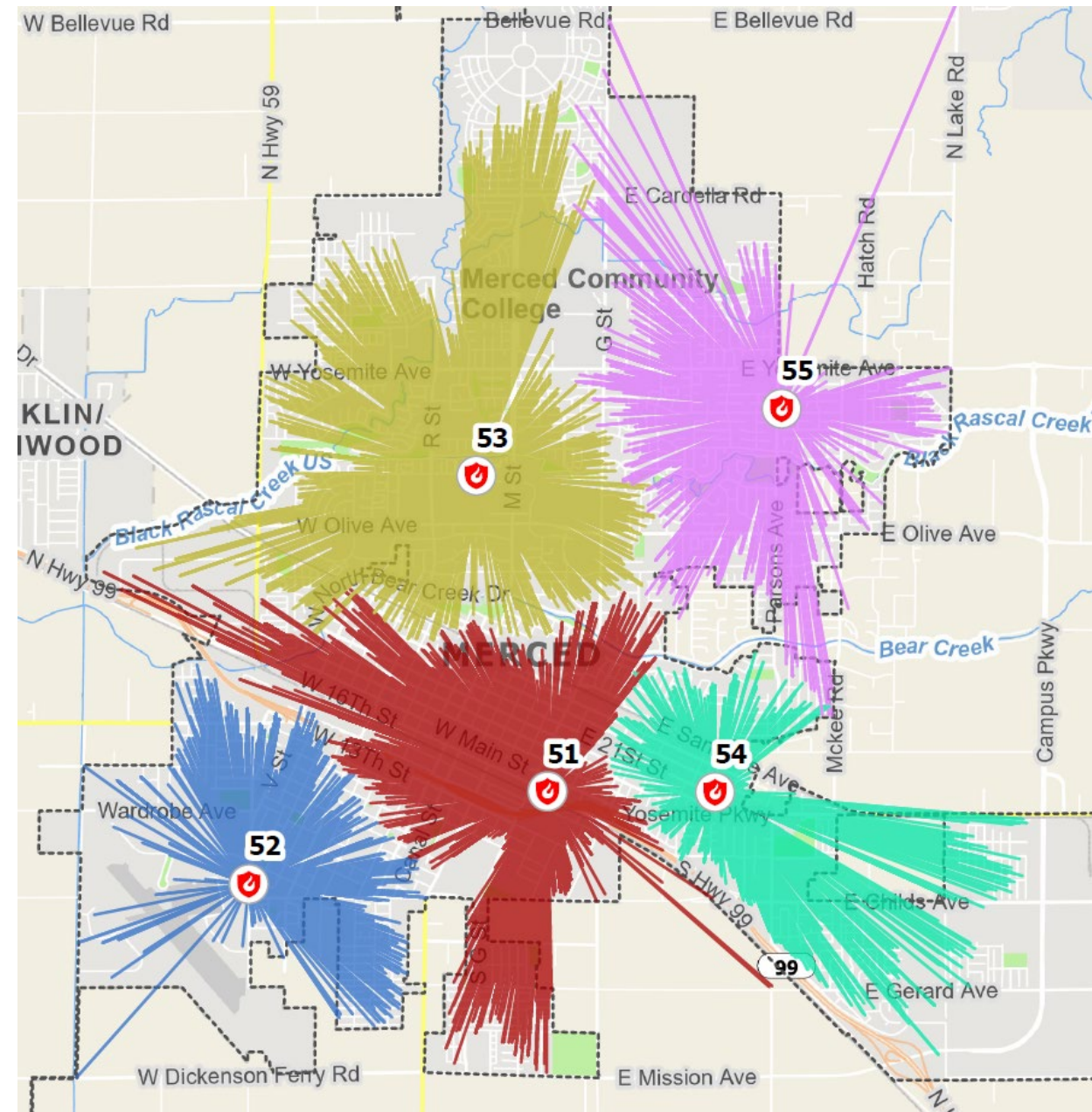
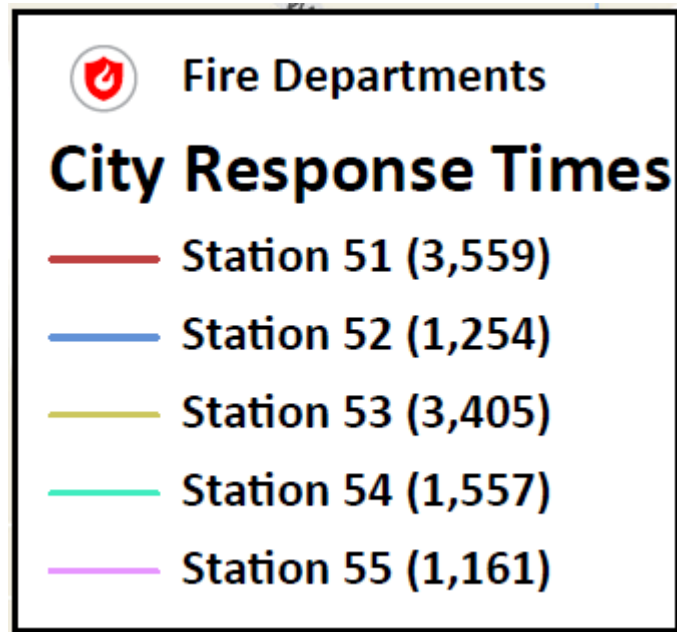


Future Planned Growth

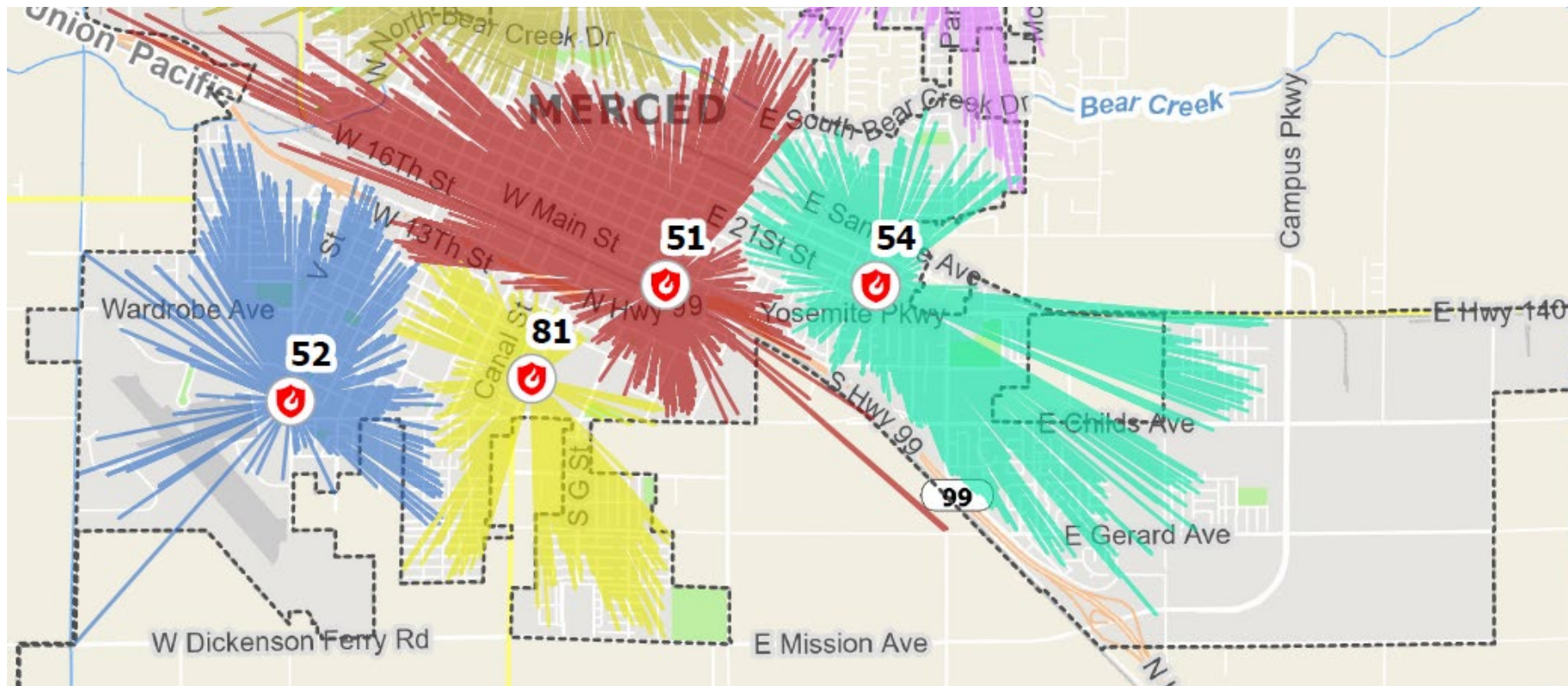
- Legend
- Annexation Projects
- Active - 2,712 Acres
 - Preliminary - 3,027 Acres



Current Distribution based on 2023 Data
using a 4-minute travel time



- Hypothetical Impact to South Merced Using 2023 Data





Staff Recommendation

- Support further conversations to develop fair and equitable partnerships with Merced County to enhance fire services within the City of Merced and Merced County jurisdictions
- Staff will bring back options for council's consideration



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Questions?