

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

333 S. Beaudry Avenue, Board Room
10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 15, 2009

Board Member Present:
Yolie Flores Aguilar, Chairperson

District Staff Present:
Bruce Kendall, Deputy Chief
Executive, Existing Facilities

The meeting convened at 10:08 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson Flores Aguilar made brief opening remarks and presented the first item for discussion.

Measure Q Prioritization and Next Steps

Mr. Mark Hovatter, Director of Bond Planning, discussed the Measure Q Prioritization plan and next steps. He stated that New Construction has 17 projects valued at \$935 million projected for 2009 and 5 projects valued at \$215 million projected for 2010. He stated that the Existing Facilities Branch has 950 projects valued at \$425 million projected for 2009 and 137 projects valued at \$61 million projected for 2010.

Mr. Hovatter indicated that the current Facilities program provided 239,000 jobs, which totaled approximately \$12 billion in wages and \$1.2 billion in State and Local taxes. He stated that Measure Q would provide an additional 50,000 to 80,000 full time jobs. Mr. Hovatter discussed the Federal stimulus, which would provide \$1.2 billion for school facilities to the State of California. He identified Measure Q priorities and funding as \$2.68 billion for repair and safety measures; \$1.925 billion to modernize schools; \$1.855 billion for the portfolio of Pre-K through adult schools; and \$500 million for green technology.

He concluded his presentation by highlighting the program's next steps as follows: (1) establishing a 2009-2012 prioritization plan, (2) adjusting the Facilities organization, (3) holding industry forums, (4) issuing requests for qualifications for architects and other services, (5) initiating master planning and development, (6) developing Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) for June 2009, and (7) selling bonds.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND PROJECT APPROVAL – VALLEY REGION SPAN K-8 NO. 2

Mr. Tom Calhoun, Regional Development Manager, discussed the Valley Region Span K-8 No. 2 project, which consists of 1,047 seats and 41 classrooms. The project is located in the Porter Ranch development in the community of Chatsworth. The project would relieve overcrowding at Castlebay Lane and Germain Elementary Schools and at Lawrence and Frost Middle Schools.

Ms. Randi Cooper discussed the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which determined that traffic congestion would pose significant and unavoidable impacts and would therefore require a statement of overriding consideration. Ms. Cooper also answered questions address by Chairperson Flores Aguilar regarding the school's proximity to the Devonshire Earthquake Fault.

Chairperson Flores Aguilar stated that this item would be discussed at the January 27, 2009, Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE 2009 NEW CONSTRUCTION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Fred Smith, Acting Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, New Construction, presented the 2009 New Construction SEP. He stated that the program goals are two-semester calendar schools for all, neighborhood schools for every student and implementation of full day kindergarten throughout the District. Mr. Smith highlighted several program achievements and stated that 82,491 new K-12 seats have been delivered to date. He provided an overview of the SEP and stated that the program currently consists of 417 defined projects, 131 new school projects and has a funding of \$12.5 billion. He concluded his presentation by stating that the program challenges are the ability to sell bonds, project completion schedules, and State match eligibility.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A CHARTER SCHOOL PROJECT AT LOGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR GABRIELLA CHARTER

Mr. John Creer, Director of Planning and Development, presented the proposal to amend the Planning and Development SEP to provide approximately \$1 million for the long-term co-location of Gabriella Charter School at Logan Elementary School. He indicated that the amendment would resolve annual Proposition 39 obligations, provide Logan Elementary School students and community access to a dance program, and would cultivate experienced resident student dancers.

DESIGNATION OF CENTRAL LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL NO. 12 FOR CHARTER SCHOOL OPERATION

Mr. Creer presented the proposal to designate Central Los Angeles High School No. 12 for charter school operation. He stated that the amendment would allow the District to identify and establish a long-term instruction partner for the Belmont Zone of Choice, leverage external revenue, and provide an opportunity for a Proposition 39 co-location.

EXISTING FACILITIES – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Bruce Kendall, Deputy Chief Executive, Existing Facilities, presented the monthly update for the Repair and Modernization Program. He stated that 65% of the program is complete and 13% is under construction. Mr. Kendall provided an overview of the construction starts, which indicate a gap between the forecasted and actual project starts.

Chairperson Flores Aguilar requested that Mr. Kendall provide a plan that identifies how the actual project starts will exceed the forecasted project starts.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Creer presented the Planning and Development monthly status update. He stated that using local school bond construction joint-use funds, Phase 1 of the mobile healthcare project has been completed at 28 campuses and Phase 2 has commenced at 52 campuses. He stated that 32% of bond Charter Funds remain and that the Branch continues to focus on workforce housing and development of underutilized property.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Notes by: Janet Saavedra
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