



# LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board of Education Report

<b>Report Number:</b>	015-15/16
<b>Date:</b>	September 1, 2015
<b>Subject:</b>	Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Define and Approve Projects to Enhance Accessibility for Students or Qualified Members of the Community with Disabilities at 20 Schools
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### BOARD REPORT

**Action Proposed:** Staff proposes that the Board of Education amend the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve 20 projects to enhance accessibility at the following schools with budgets, and schedules listed in Attachment A:

1. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Elementary School
2. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Elementary School
3. 153<sup>rd</sup> Street Elementary School
4. Albion Street Elementary School
5. Ambler Avenue Elementary School
6. Annandale Elementary School
7. Blythe Elementary School
8. Broadous Elementary School
9. Coldwater Canyon Elementary School
10. El Sereno Middle School
11. Erwin Street Elementary School
12. Kennedy Elementary School
13. Lane Elementary School
14. Lawrence Middle School
15. Marianna Avenue Elementary School
16. O'Melveny Elementary School
17. President Elementary School
18. Short Street Elementary School
19. Taper Avenue Elementary School
20. White Middle School



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The accessibility enhancement projects will remove barriers, bettering programmatic access and school-site accessibility for students, families, and the community. The project scope may include, but is not limited to the following:

- Upgrades to existing ramps as necessary
- Upgrades to existing handrails as necessary
- Upgrades to path of travel slopes
- Installation of new accessible lunch tables as necessary
- Upgrades to selective restrooms
- Installation of new stage lifts
- Upgrades to selective drinking fountains
- Upgrades to passenger loading zones and parking
- Installation of selective elevators

### **Background:**

As part of the *Chanda Smith* Modified Consent Decree (MCD) under the category of “Making Schools Accessible,” there are four requirements to achieve compliance of the MCD listed in Sections 10 and 17. They are:

#### **Section 10 of the MCD**

- (1) All new construction and renovation or repairs by the District shall comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Independent Monitor (IM) has acknowledged improvement on this requirement.

- (2) The District shall enter into binding commitments to expend at least \$67.5 million on accessibility renovations or repairs to existing school sites consistent with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and ADA.

The IM acknowledges that this target was met on August 10, 2011.

- (3) The District shall establish a unit to address “on-demand” requests related to accessibility. The District shall expend up to \$20 million for task orders related to requests for program accessibility.

The District will continue to maintain the Rapid Access Program (RAP) as approved on February 14, 2012 (BOE #143-11/12). The RAP is designed to quickly make minor facility improvements to enable programmatic access for students. The Division of Special



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Education (DSE) reviews, approves and administers the RAP. Projects are developed by FSD in consultation with DSE and school administrators.

### **Section 17 of the MCD**

- (4) The IM must also determine that there are no systemic problems within the District's schools which prevent substantial program accessibility compliance.

This requirement, listed under Section 17, is the final step in achieving the goal of "Making the Schools Accessible." There are two areas that the IM continues to emphasize:

- i. Train staff to ensure that special education students and staff are provided equal access to programs. This includes ADA technical experts involved during the scoping, design and construction of all projects. This responsibility is being achieved through Facilities Design and Access Compliance staff.
- ii. Provide an updated Transition Plan that will systematically identify and address facility accessibility improvements to ensure programmatic access throughout the District. District staff and the Independent Monitor are working collaboratively on the timing for submission of the plan to the Board of Education for approval.

**Expected Outcomes:** Staff anticipates that the Board of Education will approve the proposed action to define and approve 20 accessibility enhancement projects. The accessibility enhancement projects will remove barriers, bettering programmatic access and school-site accessibility for students, families, and the community.

The projects represent the initial set of accessibility enhancement projects that will be brought to the Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) for their consideration and the Board of Education for their approval. These projects and subsequent projects will be included in the pending Transition Plan proposal.

Execution of these projects will better allow staff to accurately determine the scope, schedule and budgetary parameters of future construction efforts and provide for a more accurate and comprehensive plan.



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- Board Options and Consequences:** Approval of the proposed action will authorize staff to proceed with the expenditure of Bond Program funds to immediately begin designing and constructing the accessibility enhancement projects at 20 school sites.
- If the Board does not approve the proposed action, staff will not be able to implement the execution of these accessibility improvements as referred to in the MCD and required for compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The work underway as part of the RAP program will be the only mechanism by which staff will be authorized to make physical accessibility upgrades to school facilities.
- Policy Implications:** As special education classrooms are identified and facility investments are made in ADA improvements, Special Education room changes by Administrators or Principals should be reviewed by the Division of Special Education and the Facilities Services Division and to ensure that accessibility problems are not created as a result of the classroom moves. This will be done in close coordination with school staff to ensure disruptions are minimized.
- Budget Impact:** The combined project budget for the 20 accessibility enhancement projects is \$19,469,240. The projects will be funded by Bond Program funds in the School Upgrade Program targeted specifically for Special Education facilities.
- Issues and Analysis:** In total, this proposed action allocates \$19,469,240 in Bond Program Funds to make facility accessibility improvements at 20 schools. This is consistent with the District's obligations and pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the ADA and the MCD and will be in direct support of staff and approximately 83,000 special education students currently attending District schools.
- The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) will evaluate the proposed projects in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:** This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizen's Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting of August 20, 2015. Staff has concluded that this proposed FSD-SEP amendment will facilitate implementation of the FSD SEP, and therefore, it will not adversely affect the District's ability to successfully complete the FSD-SEP.



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The original version of the Board Report considered by the BOC proposed a much more extensive scope of work with a combined project budget of \$56 million. However, after further discussions, and at the direction of the Superintendent, staff has revised the scope of work of the proposed projects to focus on the high priority capital improvements deemed necessary to better programmatic access and school-site accessibility for students, families, and the community. This change in approach is consistent with the alternative BOC Resolution adopted by its Members by a vote of 10 ayes and zero nays.

- Attachments:**
- Attachment A – Define and Approve Projects to Enhance Accessibility at 20 Schools.
  - BOC Resolution
- Informative**           None.
- Desegregation Impact Statement**    N/A.



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### Attachment A - REVISED

#### 1. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community

*Local District West, Board District 1 – McKenna*

- *Project Background and Scope* –This project includes upgrades to five (5) ADA ramps, three (3) restrooms, one (1) passenger loading zone, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$435,056
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q4-2016.

#### 2. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community

*Local District West, Board District 1 - McKenna*

- *Project Background and Scope* –This project includes the installation of one (1) elevator, and upgrades to three (3) ADA ramps, five (5) restrooms, one (1) passenger loading zone, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$1,073,763
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q1-2017.

#### 3. 153<sup>rd</sup> Street Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community

*Local District South, Board District 7 – Vladovic*

- *Project Background and Scope* – This project includes upgrades to three (3) ADA ramps, five (5) restrooms, one (1) passenger loading zone, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$911,516
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q1-2017.

#### 4. Albion Street Elementary School –Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community

*Local District East, Board District 2 - García*

- *Project Background and Scope* –This project includes the installation of two (2) elevators, and upgrades to four (4) ADA ramps, four (4) restrooms, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$1,377,976
- *Project Schedule* -- Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q2-2017.



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**5. Ambler Avenue Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community**

*Local District South, Board District 7- Vladovic*

- *Project Background and Scope* – This project includes upgrades to four (4) ADA ramps, four (4) restrooms, one (1) passenger loading zone, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$424,915
- *Project Schedule* -- Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q4-2016.

**6. Annandale Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community**

*Local District Central, Board District 5 - Rodriguez*

- *Project Background and Scope* – This project includes upgrades to four (4) ADA ramps, four (4) restrooms, one (1) passenger loading zone at the front entrance, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$998,864
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q1-2017.

**7. Blythe Street Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community**

*Local District Northwest, Board District 3 – Schmerelson*

- *Project Background and Scope* – This project includes the installation of one (1) wheelchair lift, and upgrades to two (2) ADA ramps, two (2) restrooms, one (1) passenger loading zone, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$313,371
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q4-2016.

**8. Hillery T. Broadous Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community**

*Local District Northeast, Board District 6 – Ratliff*

- *Project Background and Scope* – This project includes the installation of one (1) elevator and one (1) wheelchair lift, and upgrades to six (6) ADA ramps, six (6) restrooms, one (1) passenger loading zone, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$1,676,909
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q2-2017.



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#### 9. Coldwater Canyon Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community

*Local District Northeast, Board District 3 - Schmerelson*

- *Project Background and Scope* –This project includes the installation of one (1) wheel chair lift, and upgrades to four (4) ADA ramps, four (4) restrooms, one (1) passenger loading zone, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$992,640
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q1-2017.

#### 10. El Sereno Middle School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community

*Local District East, Board District 2- García*

- *Project Background and Scope* –This project includes the installation of one (1) wheelchair lift, and upgrades to six (6) ADA ramps, four (4) restrooms, one (1) passenger loading zone, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$850,673
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q1-2017.

#### 11. Erwin Street Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community

*Local District Northeast, Board District 3 – Schmerelson*

- *Project Background and Scope* – This project includes upgrades to three (3) ADA ramps, four (4) restrooms, two (2) passenger loading zones, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$516,179
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q4-2016.

#### 12. Robert F. Kennedy Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community

*Local District East, Board District 5 - Rodriguez*

- *Project Background and Scope* –This project includes the installation of one (1) elevator, and upgrades to eight (8) ADA ramps, seven (7) restrooms, one (1) passenger loading zone, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$1,337,414
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q2-2017.



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#### **13. Robert Hill Lane Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community**

*Local District East, Board District 5 – Rodriguez*

- Project Background and Scope – This project includes the installation of one (1) wheel chair lift, and upgrades to six (6) ADA ramps, six (6) restrooms, (2) passenger loading zones, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- Project Budget -- \$810,112
- Project Schedule – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q1-2017.

#### **14. Ernest Lawrence Middle School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community**

*Local District Northwest, Board District 3 – Schmerelson*

- *Project Background and Scope* – This project includes upgrades to six (6) ADA ramps, eight (8) restrooms, one (1) passenger loading zone, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$577,022
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q1-2017.

#### **15. Marianna Avenue Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community**

*Local District East, Board District 2 – García*

- *Project Background and Scope* – This project includes upgrades to (5) ADA ramps, four (4) restrooms, (2) passenger loading zones, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$739,269
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q1-2017.

#### **16. O'Melveny Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community**

*Local District Northeast, Board District 6 - Ratliff*

- *Project Background and Scope* – This project includes the installation of one (1) elevator (1) and wheel chair lift, and upgrades to six (6) ADA ramps, eight (8) restrooms, two (2) passenger loading zones, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$1,418,538
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q1-2017.



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#### **17. President Avenue Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community**

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- *Project Background and Scope* –This project includes the installation of one (1) elevator, and upgrades to eight (8) ADA ramps, four (4) restrooms, two (2) passenger loading zone, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$1,195,448
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q1-2017.

#### **18. Short Street Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community**

Local District West, Board District 4 – Zimmer

- *Project Background and Scope* – This project includes the installation of one (1) elevator, and upgrades to two (2) ADA ramps, four (4) restrooms, one (1) passenger loading zone, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$1,023,061
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q1-2017.

#### **19. Taper Avenue Elementary School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community**

Local District South, Board District 7 - Vladovic

- *Project Background and Scope* –This project includes the installation of one (1) elevator and (1) wheelchair lift, and upgrades to three (3) ADA ramps, four (4) restrooms, one (1) passenger loading zone, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$1,377,976
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q2-2017.

#### **20. Stephen M. White Middle School – Project to Enhance Accessibility for Students and Qualified Members of the Community**

Local District South, Board District 7 – Vladovic

- *Project Background and Scope* –This project includes the installation of one (1) wheelchair lift, and upgrades to fourteen (14) ADA ramps, two (2) restrooms, one (1) passenger loading zone, ADA accessible parking stalls, and the path of travel.
- *Project Budget* -- \$1,418,538
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q3-2016, and conclude in Q1-2017.