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Measure G Bond Program Moves Forward in Summer 2006

Measure G projects are moving ahead this summer. Measure G is Tustin Unified School District's \$80 million bond, passed in November of 2002 by 67 percent of the voters, to repair and renovate the 20 oldest schools.

During the past three years, TUSD has been involved in the largest repair and renovation project in the District's history. Twelve school sites had nearly \$40 million of work approved for completion in the modernization program. This included \$28 million from the state.

The Phase I work included nine elementary schools, a middle school and two high schools.

The second phase of Measure G work is scheduled for construction during the summer of 2006. The work will occur at Benson, Heideman and Tustin Memorial Academy elementary schools, and Columbus Tustin, Currie and Utt middle schools.

The scope of Phase II will be similar to Phase I. The renovations will focus on life safety, building integrity and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.

The estimated cost for all six schools is approximately \$8 million. The breakdown per school is as follows:

Benson Elementary School's estimated cost of work is approximately \$1.8 million. The Phase II modernization projects for Benson School include:

- Door and hardware replacement
- Remodel restrooms
- Replacement of drinking fountains
- Upgrade electrical and plumbing systems
- ADA improvements to existing parking area
- ADA upgrade, including sinks and casework

Heideman Elementary School's current estimate of work is nearly \$1 million. The Phase II modernization projects for Heideman School include:

- Install fire alarm system and related conduit
- Install fire access lane, gates, curb painting, and signage
- Install fire hydrants
- Install fire service eight-foot water loop
- Related site work

Tustin Memorial Academy's estimated cost of work is approximately \$2 million. The Phase II modernization projects for Tustin Memorial include:

- Door and hardware replacement
- Remodel restrooms
- Replacement of drinking fountains

- Upgrade electrical and plumbing systems
- ADA improvements to existing parking area
- ADA upgrade, including sinks and casework

Columbus Tustin Middle School’s estimated cost of work is approximately \$1 million. The Phase II modernization projects for Columbus Tustin School include:

- Door and hardware replacement
- Remodel restrooms
- Replacement of drinking fountains
- Upgrade electrical and plumbing systems
- ADA upgrade, including sinks and casework

Currie Middle School’s estimated cost of work is approximately \$1 million. The Phase II modernization projects for Currie School include:

- Door and hardware replacement
- Remodel restrooms
- Replacement of drinking fountains
- New wheelchair lift
- Upgrade electrical and plumbing systems
- ADA upgrade, including sinks and casework

Utt Middle School’s estimated cost of work is nearly \$1 million. The Phase II modernization projects for Utt School include:

- Door and hardware replacement
- Remodel restrooms
- Replacement of drinking fountains
- New wheelchair lift
- Upgrade electrical and plumbing systems
- ADA upgrade, including sinks and casework

Construction at the six schools is expected to be completed by the start of the new school year in August.

“We have taken steps to contain all work on-site and will attempt to minimize the level the public is inconvenienced by the construction activity,” Interim Superintendent Brock Wagner said.

“Also, there will be some additional vehicles parked around the school during weekdays. As a good neighbor, however, we want to keep individuals abreast of this program, and welcome any questions or comments they may have,” Wagner said.

For more information, visit the Measure G Citizens’ Oversight Committee website at www.TUSDMeasureG.org or call the TUSD Communications Office at (714) 730-7339.
