

TUSD MEASURE G BOND BULLETIN

Sharing news and information about the Measure G Modernization Program
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Students' Future

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Major Construction Begins June 18 at Hewes School

Good news! The Tustin Unified School District's Measure G Modernization Program is continuing to move forward.

Measure G is Tustin Unified's \$80 million bond passed by over 67% of voters in November 2002 to repair and renovate the 20 oldest schools in the District. The TUSD Board of Education has initially approved and issued \$15 million in Measure G bonds. In addition, the District will receive matching funds from the State of California totaling at least \$28 million to enhance the bond-funded projects. This creates a \$43 million Phase I budget. The additional \$65 million in bonds are scheduled to be issued in the summer of 2005 (Phase II) and 2007 (Phase III).

The School Board approved initial guidelines for Phase I spending with priorities centered on projects addressing life safety, building integrity, and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. The Board has acted on the recommendations of staff and District consultants, including Trittipio & Associates—Architecture & Planning, Douglas E. Barnhart Construction Management, and PinnacleOne Program Management, approving a recommended list of projects for schools in the Measure G Phase I renovation work.

On June 18, major construction will begin on the first 12 schools — Arroyo, Benjamin Beswick, Helen Estock, Guin Foss, C.C. Lambert, Loma Vista, W.R. Nelson, Jeane Thorman, and Marjorie Veeh elementary schools; Hewes Middle School; and Foothill and Tustin high schools. The initial group of projects will range from three months at some elementary schools to approximately 18 months at the high schools.

Items on the approved school lists have the highest priority due to State funding. Other projects picked at individual schools are from the list of those eligible for state funds and \$7 million in matching bond money. Those projects ineli-

gible for State funds will be addressed at a later time.

Hewes Middle School has been allocated over \$2.6 million. The Proposed Phase I modernization projects for Hewes School include:

- ▶ Replacement of exterior doors including new hardware for disabled access
- ▶ Completely remodel student restrooms not remodeled in 2000
- ▶ Replacement of all exterior drinking fountains
- ▶ New site ramps for disabled access

Construction at Hewes School is expected to be completed by February 2005 or sooner.

We have taken steps to contain all work on-site and will attempt to minimize the level you are inconvenienced by the construction activity. Also, you will probably notice some additional vehicles parked around the school during weekdays. As a good neighbor, however, we want to keep you abreast of this program, and welcome any questions or comments you may have.

The TUSD Measure G Citizens' Oversight Committee has recently completed its first year of operation. The Committee has the responsibility for oversight, and reviews and reports on the expenditure of the taxpayer's money for school construction of Measure G funding projects. The Committee encourages community members to attend meetings and periodically check its website for the latest updates.

For additional information, please visit www.TUSDMeasureG.org.

Your Measure G Bond money at work...Thank You!

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