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**RESOLUTION 2021-21**

**BOARD REPORT NO. 011-21/22**

**AMENDMENT TO THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION  
PLAN TO DEFINE AND APPROVE THE FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL CONCRETE  
RAMP ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Unified School District (District) staff proposes that the Board of Education (Board) approve an amendment to the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve the Franklin High School (Franklin HS) Concrete Ramp Accessibility Project; and

WHEREAS, The project proposal was developed to address accessibility issues and a potential safety and security issue related to the tiered site and access into and out of the auditorium, which requires students and staff to exit the campus in order to access another part of the campus; and

WHEREAS, The project scope includes: construction of a new concrete ramp with railings to provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility from the interior of the school campus to the auditorium assembly space, and any other improvements or mitigations to ensure compliance with related local, state and/or federal facilities requirements; and

WHEREAS, A need to accommodate students and staff with disabilities to access the auditorium assembly space from inside the main campus has been identified; and

WHEREAS, Facilities staff was previously delegated authority to execute and expend Bond Program funds for Rapid Access Program (RAP) projects in response to an individual student's need for programmatic access; and

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WHEREAS, These projects require minor installments and adjustments to facilities to ensure a barrier-free learning environment, do not require Division of the State Architect (DSA) approval and thus can be completed “rapidly” and have a project budget that does not-to-exceed \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project does not meet the parameters of the RAP due to its scope and budget; and

WHEREAS, As such, staff is presenting the project proposal to the Board of Education (Board) for approval; and

WHEREAS, As of the 2020-2021 Electronic Capacity Assessment Review, (E-CAR), the school served 1,455 students; and

WHEREAS, Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in the third quarter of 2022 and be completed in the first quarter of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Approval will authorize staff to proceed with the implementation of the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, Adoption of the proposed action will authorize staff to proceed with the expenditure of Bond Program funds to immediately begin designing the project at Franklin HS; and

WHEREAS, The proposal will help further the District’s efforts to comply with Title II of the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and

WHEREAS, The total budget, as currently estimated, is \$1,055,472 and will come from bond funds allocated to the School Upgrade Program (SUP) categories targeted for special education facilities (compliance with ADA Title II – Transition Plan) category of capital need; and

WHEREAS, The project budget will be reviewed throughout the planning, design, and construction phases as new information becomes known or unforeseen conditions arise and will be adjusted accordingly to enable the successful completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project will remove barriers to program accessibility for students and qualified members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Franklin High School has been assigned a Category Three accessibility level pursuant to the District’s Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (Transition Plan) under ADA, approved by the Board on October 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, District staff considered the possibility of reprioritizing the school on the Transition Plan list and proposing a more robust scope that would address all programmatic access requirements; and

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WHEREAS, It was determined that constructing a concrete ramp at the auditorium was an immediate and pressing priority, and additional accessibility improvements could be undertaken under a new project and at a later date, as anticipated under the Transition Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) will evaluate the proposed project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, District staff has concluded that this proposed Facilities SEP amendment is in alignment with the Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) recommendations and will facilitate implementation of the Facilities SEP, and therefore, it will not adversely affect Los Angeles Unified's ability to successfully complete the Facilities SEP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee recommends that the Board approve an amendment to the Facilities SEP to define and approve the Franklin HS Concrete Ramp Accessibility Project, as described in Board Report No. 011-21/22, a copy of which is attached hereto in the form it was presented to the BOC and is incorporated herein by reference.
2. This resolution shall be transmitted to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board and posted on the Bond Oversight Committee's website.
3. The District is directed to track the above recommendation and to report on the adoption, rejection, or pending status of the recommendations as provided in section 6.2 of the Charter and Memorandum of Understanding between the Bond Oversight Committee and the District.

ADOPTED on August 12, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: 11

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 4

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Chair

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Vice-Chair