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RESOLUTION 2021-44

BOARD REPORT NO. 146-21/22

**RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL TO DEFINE AND APPROVE THE
GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SYNTHETIC FOOTBALL FIELD AND TRACK
UPGRADE PROJECT AND AMEND THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION
STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN**

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Unified School District (District) Staff proposes that the Board of Education (Board) define and approve the Garfield High School Synthetic Football Field and Track Upgrade Project (Project) and amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) accordingly as described in Board Report No. 146-21/22; and

WHEREAS, District Staff also requests that the Board authorize the Chief Procurement Officer and/or the Chief Facilities Executive and/or their designee(s) to execute all instruments necessary, as legally permissible, to implement the project including budget modification and the purchase of equipment and materials; and

WHEREAS, The need for competitive athletic amenities was identified as a high priority for attracting and retaining high school students; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Board Resolution, Modernization, Upgrade and Development of High School Athletic Facilities (Res-030-20/21), adopted on June 22, 2021, funding has been prioritized within the School Upgrade Program to modernize, upgrade, or develop new competitive high school athletic facilities in each Board District. Funds are targeted for each Board District based on each Board District's proportionate share of high school enrollment and number of sports teams. Proposed projects are identified by Board offices in consultation with stakeholders and developed by Facilities staff; and

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WHEREAS, The existing natural grass football field and decomposed granite running track and field event facilities at Garfield High School are deteriorated and continue to age and degrade. The condition of the facilities limits the school's ability to host competitive events and constrains student athletes to excel; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Project will upgrade existing outdoor athletic facilities at Garfield High School providing an improved condition to support the school's physical education program, as well as student and community experience to host athletic events and team practices. The scope of the proposed Project includes, but is not limited to, the construction and/or installation of:

- Regulation-sized synthetic turf football/soccer field, goal posts, and scoreboard.
- Rubberized running track and field event facilities.
- Site infrastructure, fencing, furnishings, fixtures and equipment, gates, and other upgrades as required to support the new facilities. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Division of the State Architect (DSA), California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), and any other required improvements or mitigations to ensure compliance with local, state and/or federal facilities requirements; and

WHEREAS, Construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in the fourth quarter of 2023 and be completed in the fourth quarter of 2024; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project budget is \$8,534,477, of which \$6,971,534 will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support wellness, health, athletics, learning, and efficiency, and more specifically from the amount allocated for upgrades to athletic facilities in Board District 2. The remaining \$1,562,943 required to complete the proposed Project will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked specifically for Board Member Priority projects in Board District 2, which will be transferred to the funds earmarked for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support wellness, health, athletics, learning, and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, The upgraded football/soccer field, track, and field event facilities, once completed, will help ensure that the approximately 2,400 students annually attending Garfield High School will have access to modern high-performance athletic facilities; and

WHEREAS, District Staff has determined that the project is necessary to improve student health, safety and educational quality; and

WHEREAS, District Staff has concluded that this proposed Facilities SEP amendment will facilitate 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 define and approve the Garfield High School Synthetic Football Field and

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Track Upgrade Project (Project) and amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP), accordingly, as described in Board Report No. 146-21/22, 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. Los Angeles Unified 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 Los Angeles Unified.

ADOPTED on December 2, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: 11

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 4

/Chris Hannan/

Chris Hannan
Vice-Chair

/Margaret Fuentes/

Margaret Fuentes
Secretary



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Define and Approve the Garfield High School Synthetic Football Field and Track Upgrade Project and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein

December 7, 2021

Facilities Services Division

Action Proposed:

Define and approve the Garfield High School Synthetic Football Field and Track Upgrade Project (Project) and amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to incorporate therein. The proposed project budget is \$8,534,477.

Authorize the Chief Procurement Officer and/or the Chief Facilities Executive and/or their designee(s) to execute all instruments necessary, as legally permissible, to implement the project including budget modification and the purchase of equipment and materials.

Background:

On August 24, 2021, the Board of Education (Board) adopted an update to the School Upgrade Program (SUP) to integrate Measure RR funding and priorities into its operational framework (Board Report No. 027-21/22). The updated School Upgrade Program framework and the Measure RR Implementation Plan, which will help guide the identification of sites and development of project proposals, reflect the goals of and priorities for Measure RR. Moreover, they also reflect the input solicited earlier this year from Community of Schools Administrators and Local District leadership. Through an engagement process, priorities for future investments in school facilities and school technology, regardless of school type and/or grade level, were identified. The need for competitive athletic amenities was identified as a high priority for attracting and retaining high school students.

Pursuant to the Board Resolution, Modernization, Upgrade and Development of High School Athletic Facilities (Res-030-20/21), adopted on June 22, 2021, funding has been prioritized within the SUP to modernize, upgrade, or develop new competitive high school athletic facilities in each Board District. Projects to upgrade high school competitive athletic facilities will be undertaken within each Board District under the School Upgrades and Reconfigurations to Support Wellness, Health, Athletics, Learning, and Efficiency category of need. Funds are targeted for each Board District based on each Board District's proportionate share of high school enrollment and number of sports teams. Proposed projects are identified by Board offices in consultation with stakeholders and developed by Facilities staff.

The existing natural grass football field and decomposed granite running track and field event facilities at Garfield High School are deteriorated and continue to age and degrade. The condition of the facilities limits the school's ability to host competitive events and constrains student athletes to excel.

The proposed Project will upgrade existing outdoor athletic facilities at Garfield High School providing an improved condition to support the school's physical education program, as well as student and community experience to host athletic events and team practices. The scope of the proposed Project includes, but is not limited to, the construction and/or installation of:

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Construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in the fourth quarter of 2023 and be completed in the fourth quarter of 2024.

Garfield High School is comprised of two 9-12 schools/programs, a traditional high school, and a computer science magnet program. As of the 2021-2022 Electronic Capacity Assessment Review (E-CAR), the school served 2,376 students in ninth through twelfth grade. The campus is located on the eastern border of the Los Angeles Unified boundary, in the East Los Angeles Community of Schools, Local District East, and Board District 2 (Mónica García).

Expected Outcomes:

Define and approve the proposed Project and amend the Facilities SEP to incorporate therein. Approval will authorize staff to proceed with the implementation of the proposed Project and expenditure of Bond Program funds.

The upgraded football/soccer field, track, and field event facilities, once completed, will help ensure that the approximately 2,400 students annually attending Garfield High School will have access to modern high-performance athletic facilities. The project will also decrease demands for repair and maintenance, alleviate the burden on custodial staff, and benefit the local economy by creating tax revenue and new jobs.

Board Options and Consequences:

Approval will allow staff to immediately begin designing the upgrades to the Garfield High School football/soccer field, track, and field event facilities.

If staff's proposal is not approved, design efforts and the proposed upgrades will not commence, and the school will continue to operate with deteriorated athletic facilities that do comply with current standards.

Policy Implications:

The proposal does not impact Los Angeles Unified policy. It furthers implementation of the Modernization, Upgrade and Development of High School Athletic Facilities Board Resolution (Res-030-20/21). The proposal is consistent with the District's long-term goal to address unmet school facilities needs and significantly improve the conditions of aging and deteriorating school facilities as described in the District's local bond measures K, R, Y, Q, and RR.

Budget Impact:

The proposed project budget is \$8,534,477, of which \$6,971,534 will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support wellness, health, athletics, learning, and efficiency, and more specifically from the amount allocated for upgrades to athletic facilities in Board District 2. The remaining \$1,562,943 required to complete the proposed Project will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked specifically for Board Member Priority projects in Board District 2, which will be transferred to the funds earmarked for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support wellness, health, athletics, learning, and efficiency.

The project budget was prepared based on the current information known, and assumptions about the project scope, site conditions, and market conditions. 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.

Student Impact:

The proposed Project, once completed, will enhance the competitive athletic facilities at Garfield High School, providing approximately 2,400 students attending the school annually, the opportunity to safely engage in athletic and other events on the upgraded and modernized facilities.

Issues and Analysis:

The Garfield High School New Baseball Field Project (Baseball Field Project) (Project No. 10370832) is currently under construction and will provide upgrades to the baseball and softball fields adjacent to the existing football field and track. Additionally, on November 16, 2021, the Board approved the Project Definition for Site Due Diligence, Planning, and Feasibility Activities at Garfield High School for a Major Modernization Project (Major Modernization Project) (Board Report No. 122-21/22). Staff will implement all opportunities to minimize construction impacts on the school's operations and explore design and construction cost and schedule efficiencies between the various projects. The scope of the proposed Project is not anticipated to delay the construction of the Baseball Field Project, or the site due diligence, planning, and feasibility activities for the Major Modernization Project.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) will evaluate the proposed Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on December 2, 2021. Staff has concluded that this proposed Facilities SEP amendment is in alignment with BOC recommendations and will facilitate Los Angeles Unified's ability to successfully implement the Facilities SEP.

Attachments:

Attachment A - BOC Resolution

Informatives:

None.

Submitted:

11/12/21