



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Report

Report Number:	493-13/14
Date:	June 10, 2014
Subject:	Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Define and Approve the Diane Watson Career Center Project
Responsible Staff:	
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Action Proposed: Staff proposes that the Board of Education amend the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve the Diane Watson Career Center project, and allocate \$2,184,496 in Bond Program funds earmarked specifically for adult and career education facilities in the School Upgrade Program (SUP) to the project to ensure successful completion. The total project budget is \$12,672,352, which is funded primarily by non-bond sources.

The proposed project will renovate and reconfigure an existing 17,000 square foot building into an auto shop training facility to be operated by the Division of Adult and Career Education (DACE). The auto shop will provide high school and adult students with access to a variety of specialized hands-on and classroom automotive training opportunities including: engine and brake repair, alignment, general mechanics, and smog certification. The project consists of, but is not limited to:

- Eleven state-of-the-art vehicle analysis, diagnostic and repair bays
- Four classrooms
- Administrative space including an office, conference room, reception area and consultation room
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant restroom facilities
- Electrical upgrades to provide sufficient capacity for future training on electric vehicle diagnostic and repair technology
- Closed-circuit television system
- Structural upgrades to comply with Field Act standards

This project is located in Board District 1, and physically located in Education Service Center West. Construction of the final phase of the project began in May 2014, and is anticipated to be completed in Q4-2014.



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Background:

The Diane Watson Career Center project is located at 3833 South Crenshaw Boulevard, in the City of Los Angeles. The building was built in 1949 and originally served as an automobile sales and service center. The District purchased the property in 2009 in an effort to provide District students with more specialized hands-on technical training opportunities.

The project has been fully funded with non-bond dollars since it was initiated. Earlier this year, the project budget increased by \$1,184,496 as a result of the award of the construction contract for the final phase of the project, and the funding strategy was updated to reflect a temporary allocation from Special Residual Reserve funds (SAP Fund 401-9010 Functional Area 000-8500-16761). Additionally, given the potential for unforeseen conditions that exists when upgrading and reconfiguring existing non-school buildings into a school facility, the budget was increased by an additional \$1,000,000. However given the shortage of non-bond sources, and the availability of Bond Program funds for adult and career education facilities projects made available through the SUP (BOE #143-13/14), staff is proposing that the additional funding needed to complete this capital project be funded with the aforementioned Bond Program funds.

Upon approval of this action, \$2,184,496 of bond funds earmarked specifically for adult and career education facilities projects in the SUP will be allocated to this project. This will allow \$1,184,496 of project funds to reimburse the LAUSD Special Residual Reserve funds that were temporarily allocated to this project (SAP Fund 401-9010 Functional Area 000-8500-16761).

Expected Outcomes:

Staff anticipates that the Board of Education will approve the proposed action to define the Diane Watson Career Training Center project. The proposed action will provide high school and adult education students in the Crenshaw community with access to a variety of specialized automotive training programs.

Board Options and Consequences:

Approval of this proposed action will allow bond funding earmarked specifically for adult and career education facilities in the SUP to fund a portion of the Diane Watson Career Training Center project.

If the proposed action is not approved, the remaining funding for this project would need to be paid from non-bond sources.

Policy Implications:

The action proposed is consistent with Board-approved uses of local bond funds and its commitment to address unmet school facilities needs and



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provide K-12, early education, and DACE students with a safe and healthy learning environment.

Budget Impact:

The Diane Watson Career Center project budget is \$12,672,352 which includes permanent funding of \$10,487,856 from various non-bond sources. An additional \$2,184,496 of permanent funding is necessary to ensure the successful completion of this project. Approval of this action will allocate bond funds earmarked specifically for adult and career education facilities in the SUP as permanent funding to this project and will bring all its sources into the FSD-SEP.

Issues and Analysis:

The proposed project will provide high school and adult students in and around the Crenshaw community with access to automotive training opportunities. Further, this DACE program will equip students with the skills necessary to compete for jobs in the automotive field.

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Recommendations:**

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on May 29, 2014. Staff has concluded that this proposed SEP amendment will help facilitate implementation of the FSD-SEP, and therefore, it will not adversely affect the District's ability to successfully complete the FSD-SEP.

Attachments:

None.

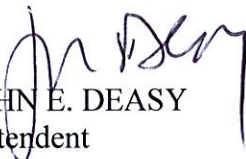
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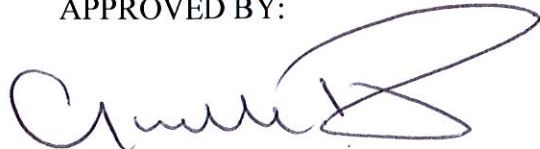


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**AMENDMENT TO THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC
EXECUTION PLAN TO DEFINE AND APPROVE THE DIANE WATSON CAREER
CENTER PROJECT**

WHEREAS, District Staff proposes that the Board of Education amend the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve the Diane Watson Career Center project; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) purchased the building at 3833 South Crenshaw Boulevard, in the City of Los Angeles in 2009 in an effort to provide District students with more specialized hands-on technical training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the project has been fully funded with non-bond dollars since it was initiated; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the project budget increased by \$1,184,496 as a result of the award of the construction contract for the final phase of the project, and the funding strategy was updated to reflect a temporary allocation from Special Residual Reserve funds (SAP Fund 401-9010 Functional Area 000-8500-16761); and

WHEREAS, given the potential for unforeseen conditions that exist when upgrading and reconfiguring existing non-school buildings into a school facility, the budget was increased by an additional \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, given the shortage of non-bond sources, and the availability of Bond Program funds for adult and career education facilities projects made available through the SUP (BOE #143-13/14), staff is proposing that the additional funding needed to complete this capital project be funded with \$2,184,496 of bond funds earmarked specifically for adult and career education facilities projects in the School Upgrade Program (SUP).

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee recommends that the Board of Education adopt an amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to define and approve the Diane Watson Career Center project such that the Strategic Execution Plan is amended to include the Diane Watson Career Center project as described in the Board Report No. 493-13/14, 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 of Education and posted on the Bond Oversight Committee's website.
3. That a written response as required by the Charter and Memorandum of Understanding between the Oversight Committee and the Board be provided to the Oversight Committee within 30 days, reporting either on action taken or proposed to be taken in response to this resolution and each recommendation herein.

ADOPTED on May 29, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES: 7

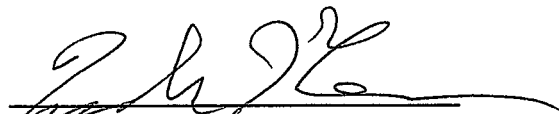
ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 6



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