

# Prepared by the Committee for School Safety and Repair

This document describes potential facility repair and improvement projects based on the SMMUSD Facilities Master Plan Interim Report dated July 14, 2006. Inclusion of specific projects will depend upon final cost estimates, actual construction bids and approval of expenditures by the Board of Education and District administration.

**Q** What types of projects would be implemented with the \$268 million bond financing?

**A** The bond program will include improvements at all District schools. Specific projects at each school site will vary due to differences in the needs, condition, enrollment and programs of each school. Cost projections of proposed projects will be reviewed and the Superintendent, Site Governance Committees and the Board of Education will work together to review and prioritize the projects at each school. Additional funding for projects through matching State funds will be available if State Proposition 1D also passes.

## INFRASTRUCTURE & SUSTAINABILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT ALL SITES

- Upgrade bathrooms and provide additional water-conserving fixtures
- Seismically reinforce upgraded buildings to increase earthquake safety
- Remediate lead based paint, asbestos, mold and other health hazards
- Improve fire safety systems (sprinklers and alarms)
- Improve efficiency of HVAC/Ventilation systems
- Expand the use of energy efficient electrical fixtures
- Upgrade wiring and equipment to enable use of new technology for instruction
- Repair roofs, building walls and foundations
- Repair site walls and drainage systems
- Explore grants and partnerships to install alternative energy systems

## TYPICAL PROJECTS AT HIGH SCHOOLS

- Remove older portables and replace with permanent classroom buildings
- Provide additional classrooms to meet State and District educational standards
- Explore joint use projects to upgrade fields, parking, libraries and other facilities
- Improve safety by reconfiguring drop off, pedestrian entries, and loading
- Upgrade library/media centers and improve internet access
- Improve science & language facilities to expand access to college prep courses
- Upgrade music, visual and performing arts facilities
- Upgrade gyms, repair locker rooms, and upgrade athletic fields
- Provide small learning communities with counseling and administration areas

#### TYPICAL PROJECTS AT MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- Remove older portables and replace with permanent classroom buildings
- Provide additional classrooms to meet State and District educational standards
- Explore joint use programs to give students expanded access to facilities & programs
- Improve school security through relocation of offices, entries and access gates
- Improve safety by reconfiguring drop off, pedestrian entries and loading areas
- Improve performing and visual arts and music facilities and upgrade science labs
- Improve access to teen/youth services and before & after school activities
- Upgrade athletic/recreational facilities including gyms, courts and fields

#### TYPICAL PROJECTS AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Remove older portables and replace with permanent classroom buildings
- Provide additional classrooms to meet State and District educational standards
- Explore joint use programs to increase community use for after school and recreation programs
- Improve campus security by increasing office staff access control
- Improve safety by reconfiguring drop off, pedestrian entries and loading areas
- Improve multipurpose rooms including upgraded outdoor gathering areas
- Improve libraries/media centers and upgrade recreation facilities
- Improve/expand child care and pre-school facilities at key sites
- Improve/expand special education facilities at key sites

**Q** How was the project list developed?

**A** During the 1st half of 2006 hundreds of members of the community participated in a Facilities Master Plan process, reviewing best practices in education, facilities assessments, enrollment projections, school capacity assessments and the needs and issues at each school site. The project list was then developed by the Master Plan team to respond to conditions at each site.

**Q** Can all of the identified projects be built with Measure BB funds?

**A** While substantial, the \$268 million facilities bond will not cover the cost of implementing the full range of the Facilities Master Planning recommendations. If State Proposition 1D passes matching funds will allow more of the projects to be implemented. Joint use projects with community partners such as Santa Monica College, the Cities of Santa Monica and Malibu, and others could allow bond funds to stretch further.

**Q** Who will decide what projects will be built?

**A** The Superintendent and the Board of Education will work with the community to set District wide priorities for facilities improvements, review the cost estimates and evaluate and approve specific projects for each school site.

**Q** How will we ensure that the funds are spent as required?

**A** Measure BB requires that a citizens Oversight Committee be appointed by the Board of Education to review all aspects of the project from selection of architects, construction managers and contractors to budgeting and tracking of expenditures.