

measure F

history

San José Unified School District

In 1997 Measure C, a \$165 million general obligation bond, was passed by the voters within the San Jose Unified School District. At this time district staff understood an assessed need of \$500 million had been identified for repair and rehabilitation of the District's facilities, and the funding available from Measure C was inadequate to do anything other than the basic infrastructure upgrades and critical building protection elements. In order to procure the necessary additional funding an aggressive strategy was employed to obtain agency approval for the modernization construction documents as rapidly as possible and then submit to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) for State funding if and when that became available. A team of top educational facilities planners, architects, construction managers, and district staff was assembled and worked tirelessly to develop plans and specifications for numerous projects across the District. Many school districts across the State had employed a similar tactic and all were engaged in a sprint for the funding. Within 6 months of the passage of Measure C, 23 projects were submitted for review and approval by the Division of the State Architect.

Early indications showed the District's eligibility for State funding to be in the area of \$27 million. The strategy employed proved to be successful beyond the early expectations. The District successfully obtained in excess of \$93 million in State modernization and new construction funding. This combined with nearly \$60 million in funding from various sources, Certificates of Participation, Qualified Zone Academy Bonds, partnerships with City and private entities, the District was able to nearly double the available funding to over \$318 million. While this additional funding facilitated tremendous headway towards upgrading the District's facilities; providing new floor coverings, interior and exterior paint, replacement of old non-conforming portable facilities, new data networks, and the completion of all low voltage systems throughout the district, it still fell far short of satisfying all the identified need.

In early 2001, the district began studying the possibility of putting an additional bond measure on the ballot for the voters' consideration. This began a year long study to ascertain the remaining need and how it had changed from the earlier studies performed in 1997. This undertaking was performed by in-house facilities staff with the support of a small number of educational facility planning consultants taking demographics, enrollment trends, and changes in educational and operational programs into consideration. This information in conjunction with the new assessments being performed was the basis for the scope of work which eventually was published in the ballot for the March 5, 2002 election Measure F general obligation bond. Voters in the San Jose Unified School District approved Measure F with 69.6% of the vote. Passage of Measure 'F' followed the success of Measure 'C'.

Measure 'F' is a \$429 million general obligation bond that, in conjunction with funding from other sources, will allow additional modernization, expansion and replacement of facilities at the District's school sites over the next 6 to 9 years. This work further supports the District facilities modernization program resulting in modern, safe and educationally sound facilities which complement the efforts of our students and staff.

It is the task of this Implementation Plan to review, validate and manage the scope of work so identified and to create a program of 'scope, budget and schedule' that supports the educational program of the District in accordance with the best principles of program and construction management.