

BOND UPDATE #77

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Here's what's been going on with the new Ferndale High School project:

1. Our latest construction cost estimate from the Design Development documents shows that the total cost of construction is right on budget at \$91.5 million. The initial estimate was over budget, but the project team brainstormed several value engineering changes that resulted in roughly \$2 million in savings. The good news is that these cost-saving items will not substantially change the design nor impact the educational program.
2. It is important to note that the cost estimate includes base bid items only, not any of the alternates. The base bid includes the replacement high school building (classrooms, commons, kitchen, gym, CTE wing), as well as a new grandstand and synthetic turf field. The bid alternates include: (1) auxiliary gym, (2) new greenhouse, (3) new aquaculture building, (4) new agricultural science building, and (5) upgrades to the existing CTE building. We are optimistic that the actual bid prices will be low enough to allow us to add back in one or more of the alternates. However, we will not know for certain until the actual bid opening early in 2021.
3. A word about bid alternates: These are features of the design that are included in the drawings and specifications. However, the bid alternates are not guaranteed to be a part of the final construction contract. The process works like this:
 - When bids are opened, we will know the contractor's price for constructing the base bid.
 - Contractors will also submit bids for each of the five alternates.
 - Once we have a price for each of the alternates, the District will have the option to award some, all or none of them.
 - If the base bid amount is low enough (under what we have budgeted), we will be able to add back alternates up to the maximum budget amount.

Here's what's been going on with the bond-funded Safety and Security projects:

4. **Secure vestibules, access controls, and security cameras:** Construction work is nearing completion on all eight Secured Entry projects. Skyline steel roofing at the new entry is complete. All doors and hardware, along with storefront glass panels, are now complete. Electronic access hardware is expected to be near completion by the end of next week. Installation of the security film on glass windows is complete. Custom welding of the guardrail at Central is expected to be completed this week, with final handrail fabrication and powder coating coming up next week. TV security monitors will be installed soon. Project completion is expected by mid October.

Here's what's been going on with the bond-funded Critical Maintenance projects:

5. **Security fencing:** Chain link fencing and gate materials for Horizon Middle School, Eagleridge Elementary, and Skyline Elementary have been delivered to the fencing contractor's shop, and fabrication of several gates will start as soon as final permit approval is received.
6. **Roofing at Vista Middle School:** The roofing contractor has a crew of six roofers working on primer coat and seams for the areas to receive coatings. Decking repairs are underway. The roof was loaded earlier this week with TPO for the sections that require TPO replacement. (TPO stands for Thermoplastic Polyolefin and consists of a single-ply roofing membrane.) Material for the shingle sections will be loaded on the roof soon.
7. **Summer 2021 roofing projects at Central and masonry repairs at Custer:** Pricing quotes are underway for roofing repairs at Central and Custer. That work is expected to be completed during the summer of 2021. Budget pricing for masonry repairs at Custer is expected to come in later this month.
8. **Heat valves for Vista:** All 76 heat valves that needed replacing at Vista have been installed. Testing is expected to start soon.
9. **Hot water tank replacement:** Installation of the remaining hot water tank projects are ready to be scheduled by the District Maintenance Department.
10. **Fire Alarm Panels at Eagleridge, Central, and Horizon:** Installation of new fire panels has been completed and final inspections have been performed at Central, Eagleridge, and Horizon.
11. The next Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 6:00 pm, via Zoom. Interested parties can register in advance for this webinar by accessing the following link:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wsHuQVYBQ7WdH2IGf6IDgg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

As always, please reach out to me or one of my colleagues if you have questions.

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