



BOND PROJECT UPDATES

SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Milestones for April 2011

Project Implementation

Athletic Tracks

- On March 21, the Board approved the engineer for the athletic tracks resurfacing project for high schools. Design work has now begun, with the plan for construction to get underway this summer. The geotechnical investigation has been completed and we are in the process of contracting for land surveying work.

Playgrounds

- Playground equipment has been ordered and installation begins in April, at a rate of one school per week initially, to accelerate up to two schools afterward. The new playgrounds will include sun shades, as well as safety surfacing under and around the play structure. The schools slated to get playgrounds first are: Briscoe, Douglass, Forbes, Highland Park, Rodriguez, Beacon Hill and Baskin elementary schools.

Safety & Security

- Installation of new security fencing begins in April for seven of the planned 68 schools. Safety enhancements to provide additional security at schools were one of the top priorities of the Bond 2010 projects. Installation begins at Schenck, Bowden, Baskin, Hillcrest, Lamar, and Franklin elementary schools and Irving Middle School.
- Installation of door key-card access controls begins in April. The first installation begins at Briscoe Elementary School, and the plan is to continue at a rate of one week for each elementary school, two weeks for middle schools and three weeks for high schools until the work is completed. The campuses which are having major construction are on hold until the work can be coordinated. A list of the schools and their projected security control installation dates can be found on our bond website.

Technology Upgrades

- The Board approved the purchase of computers and related software in support of all campuses on March 21. The equipment is now being ordered and we expect delivery in April/May.

Renovations

- Trustees approved the staff-recommended architecture firms at the March 21 School Board meeting. In April, meetings will be scheduled with the selected firms to negotiate contracts. The team will design and oversee the construction program with the Muñoz/Jacobs consortium managing major activities.

General Timing Overview

It will take about a year of design work, followed by three months to bid and award contracts, and then approximately two to three years of construction (with work proceeding in phases to ensure safety and limit disruptions for students and staff). Overall, we expect a majority of the projects to be deployed within the next three to five years.

Community Outreach

- A vendor's fair targeting contractors, sub-contractors, and equipment and insurance vendors is being organized on April 30 at Burbank High School. The San Antonio Independent School District Bond 2010 SMWBE Contracting Summit will run from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Community meetings to update the public on the Bond's progress have been held at six of SAISD's seven districts so far. The meetings offered the community a chance to meet and talk to members of the Bond 2010 management team.

Citizens' Oversight Committee

- The first committee meeting took place on February 8. During the organizational meeting, committee members elected the following officers:
 - Mario Barrera, Chair
 - David Adelman, Vice Chair
 - Steve Lecholop, Secretary

The committee convened two additional meetings since February 8 to review ongoing activities and plans for the Bond.

- The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, in the Japhet Elementary cafeteria.

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