

**Birmingham Public Schools
2015 Bond Issue Program
Schedule Narrative
December 15, 2015**

The proposed project schedule is developed based upon several factors. First and foremost is not compromising project quality for the sake of time. The design schedule allows for several scope and budget reviews to be performed before the release of bid documents. The goal is to complete design work around the first of the year so they can go out to bid early in the year, a time frame that is traditionally the most advantageous for contractor pricing. Contracts will be awarded annually in March or April so that there is adequate time for planning summer work and procuring materials to be ready to start work as soon as school is out for summer break.

Secure Entry

The schedule of the secure entry projects was based on the complexity of the scope of work. The projects that were considered minor renovations (for example, where the main office is contiguous with the main entry point to the school building) will be completed in the summer of 2016. The more complex projects will take more design time, so they are scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2017. The simpler projects include Covington and all of the elementary schools except West Maple. These projects can be properly designed within the current timeline to be completed over the summer of 2016. The summer 2017 projects include the secondary buildings and West Maple.

Athletics

The majority of the athletic field improvements will be scheduled over the next two years. A few projects like the scoreboards, dugouts, tennis courts and track are scheduled to be completed in 2016. The balance of the projects are scheduled to be completed in 2017.

Roofing & Paving Projects

The roofing and parking lot paving projects will be sequenced over the next four summers. These projects have been prioritized by condition. Where possible, they will be scheduled when the majority of the other construction projects are scheduled to limit having major work at a building two summers in a row.

Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing Projects

Most of the mechanical, electrical and plumbing projects will happen behind the scenes. They have been prioritized by the maintenance staff and will be completed over the next three years. Where possible, they will be scheduled when the majority of the other construction projects are scheduled to limit having major work at a building two summers in a row.

High School Auditorium Upgrades

The initial design work for both high school auditorium improvement projects will start around the same time to ensure as much equity as possible between both facilities. However the goal is to stagger construction work at the auditoriums so that one is always available for use. The other renovation work at the high schools would be completed at the same time as the auditorium projects to limit the major work at the buildings to just one year. Groves High School needs less work than Seaholm High School so the plan is to complete the design work at Groves High School in 2016. Start construction at Groves High School first, in the spring of 2017, and have it completed before the end of that year. Seaholm High School design work would be completed in 2017 and construction would start in the spring of 2018 and run through the end of 2018. Completing Groves first will allow the district to use a fully upgraded facility much sooner. Additionally, at Seaholm there is a long term master site improvement plan that would require more planning for revisions to the parking lot that should be coordinated with the construction work at the auditorium to maximize the bond dollars.

Midvale

Midvale will have some unique scheduling challenges since the programs run nearly year-round. Work is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2017, and options for relocating the programs are already being discussed.

The project schedule will be re-evaluated every year as the design process proceeds and more details are developed.