

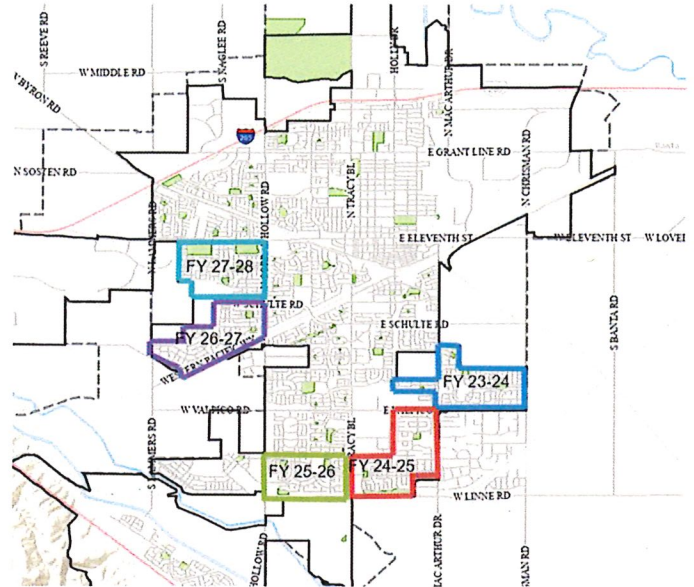
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Road Sealcoating:

Extends the life of City streets

Sealcoating Season: Now through October 2024

Resuming: Spring 2025



New Crosswalks:

Enhancing safety near schools and busy intersections

Safety First!

Pedestrian Safety is our priority

Visible markings safely guide motorists

How You Can Help

Stay Alert: Practice safe driving, especially in work zones



Frequently Asked Questions Tracy Unified School District

How are Tracy Unified School District schools doing?

Tracy Unified School District (TUSD) strives to prepare every graduate to be ready for college and careers by providing quality education in a safe and modern learning environment. Thanks to support from the community, and passing of previous bonds, we were able to rebuild Central Elementary School, North School, and Tracy Learning Center, which now are modern campuses for our students and staff to work and learn.

What is the state of our local schools?

Most local schools were built 30 or more years ago and need repairs and upgrades for student safety and to support quality education. Schools were built so long ago that underground pipes and infrastructure are failing, which is resulting in gas leaks, water leaks and sewage backups. Some school buildings contain hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead pipes. Additionally, there are 250 portable classrooms that are over 25 years old, falling apart and have structural damage and water leaks.

How does the TUSD plan to address these challenges?

To complete needed repairs and improvements across our community schools, the TUSD Board of Education has voted to place a \$190 million bond measure on the November 2024 ballot.

What types of repairs and improvements are most needed at local schools?

If approved by local voters, funding from the local bond measure will be used to:

- Remove hazardous materials like asbestos, lead pipes and mold from older school sites
- Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, heating and cooling systems, plumbing, gas lines, sewer lines and electrical systems where needed
- Upgrade older schools so they meet current health codes, building safety codes and provide proper access for students with disabilities
- Improve student safety and campus security systems including forced entry systems, emergency communication systems, fire alarm systems and fencing
- Provide classrooms, facilities and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering and technology

What priority projects could the measure fund?

In particular, if this measure is approved by local voters, funds will be used to complete priority District projects including:

- Rebuilding of Monte Vista Middle School
- Rebuilding of McKinley Elementary School
- Safety Upgrades including forced entry systems, Emergency address systems, fire alarm systems and fencing
- Rebuilding of Tracy High pool to conform to CIF standards

How do we know funds from the measure would be spent wisely?

By law, the bond measure would require accountability protections, including:

- All funds would be controlled locally to repair and upgrade local schools only and could not be taken away by the State
- An independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory annual audits would ensure all funds are spent as voters intended
- A detailed project list outlining the specific use of funds would be required
- No funds could be used for administrators' salaries

How much would the measure cost?

The District has approved a bond measure of up to \$190 million to upgrade and repair educational facilities, funded by a levy \$50 per \$100,000 in assessed (not market) property value while bonds are outstanding.

Could this funding be taken by the State?

No funds could be taken by the State or used for other purposes. All funds from the measure would benefit TUSD schools only.

Didn't we just pass a measure to fund our schools?

In 2014, voters in the Tracy Unified School District passed Measure B which authorized a \$82 million bond. This means that in the last 10 years there has been no dedicated source of school improvement funding from the State. This measure will bring back state funding and alleviate pressure off local funds.

I don't have children attending local schools. How does this impact me?

Even if you do not have school-age children, supporting quality education is a wise investment. Good schools improve the quality of life in our community and protect the value of our homes.

What level of support is required to pass a bond measure?

At least 55% of those voters who cast a ballot on the measure must vote "Yes" in order for it to be approved.

Who is eligible to vote on the measure?

All registered voters in the Tracy Unified School District will be eligible to vote.

How can I share my thoughts or learn more?

The District values questions, comments and feedback from parents and community members. To learn more about the District's funding needs, please contact betchevery@tusd.net.



Planning for the Future

Tracy Unified School District (TUSD) strives to prepare every graduate to be ready for college and careers by providing quality education in a safe and modern learning environment.

Aging Schools in Need of Improvements

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Local Funding to Repair & Upgrade TUSD Schools

Since the State does not provide funding for facility improvements, all school districts must rely on local voter-approved bond measures to upgrade aging schools. To ensure TUSD schools are safe and meet modern standards, the TUSD Board of Education has voted to place a school improvement bond measure on the November 2024 ballot. If approved by local voters, the local school improvement bond measure would provide approximately up to \$190 million in locally controlled funding at a cost of \$50 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) value. These funds would be used to help address the most urgent improvements needed at our local schools including:



Removing hazardous materials like asbestos, lead pipes and mold from older school sites



Repairing or replacing deteriorating roofs, heating and cooling systems, plumbing, gas lines, sewer lines and electrical systems where needed



Upgrading older schools so they meet current health codes, building safety codes and provide proper access for students with disabilities



Improving student safety and campus security systems including forced entry systems, emergency communication systems, fire alarm systems and fencing



Providing classrooms, facilities and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering and technology




Fiscal Accountability and Local Control Required


The local school facilities improvement bond measure would require strong fiscal accountability protections, including:

- ☑ All funds would be controlled locally to repair and upgrade local schools only and could not be taken away by the State
- ☑ An independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory annual audits would ensure all funds are spent as voters intended
- ☑ A detailed project list outlining the specific use of funds would be required
- ☑ No funds could be used for administrators' salaries

Learn More!

As we continue to prepare for the future of our local schools, we would like to hear your thoughts. If you have questions or feedback you would like to share, please reach out to betcheverry@tusd.net.

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