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Date: September 29, 2011
To: Members of the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee
From: Lena Ch'en, BLIP Program Manager
Re: Update to the 2000 Branch Library Improvement Program
2nd Quarter Report (April - June 2011)

With the Grand Reopening of the restored Golden Gate Valley Branch Library coming up October 15th, the Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) will have completed 22 of our 24 library projects. Since our last report, we finished two new library buildings (Visitacion Valley & Ortega), broke ground on the new Bayview library, completed the Golden Gate Valley restoration and began construction documents for the design of the new North Beach Branch Library.

Since our last report, the Library Commission approved several budget changes including returning \$501,710 of budget savings to the program reserve from the Portola and Eureka Valley libraries; increasing the Bayview project budget by \$1,736,448 to \$13,567,244; accepting \$1,089,489 in revenue from Developer Impact Fees previously advanced with Library Preservation Funds (LPF) for the Visitacion Valley Library. This resulted in no net change to the Visitacion Valley project budget, but transferred \$1,089,489 LPF to the program reserve. The total program budget increased to \$189,999,608.

The total baseline program budget was \$133,265,000. Of the total current approved program budget of \$189,999,608, the BLIP has received \$112,901,580 in GO bond proceeds and interest, and **has a combined expended and encumbered amount of \$106,828,041.**

On July 22nd, a groundbreaking celebration was held for the new Bayview Branch Library. Though construction had been delayed, the community appreciated the diligence of the DPW to do everything possible to maximize employment opportunities for Bayview workers.

On July 30th, the new Visitacion Valley Branch Library, held its grand reopening celebration. Then on September 10th, the new Ortega Branch Library opened its doors to the community in a joint ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Recreation and Parks Department, who reopened the renovated West Sunset Playground.

The following are photos from the Bayview, Visitacion Valley & Ortega Library celebrations:



New Bayview Branch Library Groundbreaking



New Visitation Valley Branch Library Grand Opening



New Ortega Branch Library & West Sunset Playground Grand Opening

