

Measure K Facilities Update – August 2026

Overview

Downey Unified School District provided an update on Measure K-funded facilities projects currently underway across multiple school sites. The presentation highlighted completed work, ongoing construction, project timelines, and cost updates for Phase 1 modernization projects at Carpenter Elementary School, Garcia Elementary School, Rio Hondo Elementary School, and Rio San Gabriel Elementary School.

Summer Facilities Improvements

In addition to Measure K construction projects, the District completed a variety of summer facility improvements across elementary, middle, and high school campuses. Improvements included classroom modernizations, campus enhancements, landscaping, flooring replacements, renovated learning spaces, athletic facility improvements, and new digital marquees.

Rio Hondo Elementary School

Construction at Rio Hondo Elementary School has progressed through multiple phases, including new classroom buildings, a new TK/K village, playground improvements, and site modernization. Areas completed by Summer 2026 include:

- TK/K Village
- New classroom buildings
- Playground improvements
- Classroom modernization

Projects continuing beyond Summer 2026 include:

- Library and Innovation Center improvements
- Parking lot and site work

Future phases planned for Summer 2027 include kitchen modernization and new lunch shelters.

Rio San Gabriel Elementary School

At Rio San Gabriel Elementary School, completed work includes:

- Classroom modernization
- TK/K Village improvements
- Parking lot improvements

Construction activities continuing into 2026–27 include:

- New administration building
- Five-classroom building
- Kitchen modernization

- New TK/K building replacement project

Carpenter Elementary School

Completed work at Carpenter Elementary School includes:

- Classroom modernization
- Main parking lot improvements

Projects continuing into 2026–27 include:

- New administration building
- TK/K Village
- Additional classroom construction
- Kitchen modernization
- Removal of portable classrooms and playground structures

Additional site improvements are scheduled through Summer 2027.

Garcia Elementary School

Measure K improvements at Garcia Elementary School include:

- New TK/K Village construction
- New administration building
- New classroom construction
- Parking lot improvements
- Future kitchen modernization

Construction will continue throughout the 2026–27 school year, with several major facilities scheduled for completion by the end of 2026.

Project Progress Summary

According to the August 2026 update:

On target by August 2026:

- Carpenter Elementary School: Classroom modernization, main parking lot, and a portion of new building construction
- Garcia Elementary School: Classroom modernization and portions of the TK/K Village
- Rio Hondo Elementary School: Classroom modernization, TK/K Village, and new classroom buildings
- Rio San Gabriel Elementary School: Classroom modernization, TK/K Village, and parking lots

Several projects, including administration buildings, libraries, innovation spaces, classroom buildings, and parking lots, will continue through future construction phases.

Financial Update

The District provided updated cost estimates for Phase 1 projects. Current project estimates total approximately **\$211.7 million**, representing an estimated savings of approximately **\$47.7 million** compared to earlier project cost projections. The District continues to monitor project costs and construction progress while maximizing Measure K resources to support long-term facility improvements.

Conclusion

Measure K investments continue to modernize learning environments across Downey Unified School District through new classrooms, TK/K facilities, administration buildings, parking improvements, campus infrastructure upgrades, and enhanced educational spaces. These projects support the District's commitment to providing safe, modern, and engaging learning environments for students and staff while maintaining progress toward long-term facilities goals.