

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS KATHRYN BARGER AND
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April 18, 2023

Twin Towers Correctional Health Inmate Reception Center Remodeling Project

The Inmate Reception Center (IRC) within Twin Towers Correctional Facility continues to see growing numbers of seriously mentally ill individuals being processed through the IRC. Litigants in the Rutherford v. County class action lawsuit have alleged overcrowding and substandard conditions in the IRC, and in September 2022, the County agreed to a temporary restraining order (subsequently converted by the court into a preliminary injunction) with strict timelines for how long a person can be in the IRC before being moved to housing and how long people can be housed in IRC holding cells. There are also other requirements governing the treatment of the severely mentally ill and the provision of medical care.

In June 2022, the Board directed the Jail Closure Implementation Team (JCIT) and the Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative (ATI) to come back with a plan inclusive of “care first” priorities to address issues related to overcrowding and substandard conditions at the IRC, along with a funding proposal leveraging JCIT’s AB 109 monies. JCIT has proposed a plan that called for a remodel of a large, unused staging area between the IRC Clinic and the Sheriff’s classification section in the jail, referred to as the “bath rear,” that could be remodeled to provide clinical workstations, private clinical consultation space, along with more comfortable and appropriately spaced seating for the acutely mentally ill population.

ISD developed a preliminary project design and proposal for the proposed remodel of bath rear that will provide an additional, less congested, and more clinically appropriate location within IRC to assess and care for inmates, including the mentally ill.

The general scope of work of the proposed project would remodel approximately 2,850 square feet of interior space within the bath rear of the Twin Towers Correctional Facility. The proposed work would include the following:

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- Remodeling of the reception area to include a new furniture lay-out and the installation of (7-10) clinical workstations and (2-3) clinical consultation spaces.
- Remodeling of the existing guard station, which will include placing the station on a platform 18 inches above the existing finish floor.
- Installation of required and code compliant electrical distribution, lighting, HVAC, ceiling, flooring, and the remodeling of the data systems to support the future lay-out and (7-10) new clinical stations, along with (2-3) clinical consultation spaces.
- Remodeling of the existing restrooms, to provide accessible restrooms compliant with applicable codes and local ordinances.
- Remodeling of the existing entrance to provide for a code-compliant path of travel into the reception area, including security doors and access controls as required.
- Painting on the existing walls and doors.
- Allocation of a \$21,000 Civic Art fee.

Last fall, the Sheriff's Department and Correctional Health Services instituted operational changes that brought the IRC into compliance with the Temporary Restraining Order for several months. However, this project is needed to further address the issues related to jail conditions and overcrowding at the IRC.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the Twin Towers Correctional Health Inmate Reception Center Remodeling, located within the Twin Towers is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The scope of work consists of interior remodeling and refurbishments made to an existing reception center. Therefore, the work is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it will meet the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(a), 15302, and 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(d), (2), and 3 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G because it includes repairs and minor alterations to existing public facilities with negligible or no expansion of use, replacement of features with the same purpose and capacity, placement of small equipment, and installation of equipment at existing facilities.

In addition, based on the records of the proposed project, it will comply with all applicable regulations, it is not in a sensitive environment and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource that would make the exemptions inapplicable.

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- Upon the Board's approval of the proposed project, ISD will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code and will post the Notice to its website in accordance with section 21092.2.
2. Establish and approve the proposed Twin Towers Correctional Health Inmate Reception Center Remodeling Project, Capital Project No. 87968 with a total budget of \$2,623,000.
 3. Approve an appropriation adjustment to reflect an increase of \$2,623,000 in appropriation for the Twin Towers Correctional Health Inmate Reception Center Remodeling Project, Capital Project No. 87968, offset with one-time revenue from the AB 109 Community Corrections Trust Account, to fully fund the proposed Project.
 4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure the necessary services, furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the proposed project in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.
 5. Authorize the Director of the Internal Services Department, or his designee, to deliver the Project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**FY 2022-23****3 - VOTES****SOURCES****USES**

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL HEALTH INMATE RECEPTION CENTER REMO
A01-CP-88-8957-65046-87968
2011 REALIGNMENT-AB 109-CAPITAL PROJECTS
INCREASE REVENUE **2,623,000**

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL HEALTH INMATE RECEPTION CENTER REMO
A01-CP-6014-65046-87968
CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I
INCREASE APPROPRIATION **2,623,000**

SOURCES TOTAL **\$ 2,623,000****USES TOTAL** **\$ 2,623,000****JUSTIFICATION**

Reflects an increase of \$2,623,000 in appropriation for the Twin Towers Correctional Health Inmate Reception Center Remodeling Project, Capital Project No. 87968, offset with one-time revenue from the AB 109 Community Corrections Trust Account, to fully fund the project.

ADOPTEDBOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**15 APR 18 2023**

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JAMES YUN, MANAGER, CEO

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICERREFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

ACTION



RECOMMENDATION

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DATE **4/5/23**

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

B.A. NO. **202**

APPROVED AS REQUESTED



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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