MEASURE E - IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUSES

In March 2002, voters in the Long Beach Community College District (LBCCD) overwhelmingly voted in favor of Measure E, a local bond issued for repair and construction of new facilities at the Long Beach Community College (LBCC) campuses. The bond measure required 55% of the vote for passage and received nearly 65%.
Thank you,

To all who supported the passage of Measure E. It is hard to believe that it has been two years since its passage. In those two years, I am proud to report that Long Beach City College has made great progress toward modernizing our wonderful college.

Let me take a moment and give you some of the highlights of our progress thus far. In September of 2002, the Measure E Citizens’ Oversight Committee convened its first meeting. Our community is fortunate that we have an eleven-member group of local citizens willing to share their time and expertise to oversee the use of Measure E bond funds on behalf of our community. The Citizens’ Oversight Committee meets quarterly and you are always welcome to attend.

In January of 2003, we hired the firm of Bovis Lend Lease to manage the college construction program. Since January, Bovis has brought together all of the key elements needed to make every bond dollar go as far as possible. Along with Bovis, we hired numerous other consultants to survey and piece together all of the needs of the projects that were included in Measure E. Most notably, the architectural firms of Robbins Jorgensen Christopher and Marlene Imirzian & Associates, Architects have developed a Master Plan that gives us numerous options on how we will use the bond funds to modernize our college for the future. Much of the work that has been done can be viewed on our public website at http://bondprogram.lbcc.edu. I hope you take some time to visit the site.

In May of 2003, the college issued its first series of General Obligation Bonds. That first series totaled $40,000,000. Those bonds were issued with very favorable ratings from Moody’s AAA and S&P AA. These ratings translate into lower payments for our property taxpayers. With these initial bond funds, we plan to move forward with work on such projects as the modernization of the college infrastructure, the construction of new classroom facilities, and the design of a new one-stop welcome center for students as well as the designs for other classroom modernizations. I look forward to your support and hope that you will give us your input as our projects move forward.

Finally, with the passage of Proposition 47 in November of 2002 and Proposition 55 in March of 2004, the college received State funding for construction projects in excess of $25 million. These dollars will fund the construction of the new library and technology buildings at the Pacific Coast Campus as well as the renovation of the library at the Liberal Arts Campus. With these State funds we are able to make your Measure E dollars go even further.

Again, on behalf of Long Beach City College, thank you for your support.
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Over the past year much of the overall program planning and project design work took place in anticipation of construction. Below is a list of program highlights since the Bovis Management Team began program management services in January 2003.

JANUARY 28, 2003 - The Bond Implementation Planner, RobbinsJorgensenChristopher, Inc. began work on the Physical Master Plan.

APRIL, 2003 - The Chambers Group, an environmental consultant, selected to prepare Environmental Impact Reports.

APRIL, 2003 - Gonzalez|Goodale Architects began architectural services for the new South Quad Complex.

APRIL 22, 2003 - A preliminary Master Program Budget & Schedule approved by the Board of Trustees.

MAY 2003 - Geotechnical services conducted on the Liberal Arts Campus for the upcoming new South Quad Complex.

MAY 6, 2003 - Series A Bonds were sold.

JUNE 19, 2003 - Ceremonial groundbreaking festivities held at both campuses.

DECEMBER 9, 2003 - The Board of Trustees approved the Master Plan prepared by RobbinsJorgensen-Christopher, Inc.

The program has an excellent safety record. In all construction projects, it is very important to take into account worker safety. In the past year there has been no lost time because of injuries.

LBCC STAFF HIGHLIGHT:

This annual edition of the Measure E newsletter highlights one of LBCC’s talented managers, Greg Floyd. An officer in the United States Air Force, he has served his country proudly for 22 years, 11 of which were spent on active duty. Mr. Floyd graduated from the University of Alabama before moving to California.

Prior to working at LBCC, Mr. Floyd worked in the Aerospace Industry. As a member of the LBCC staff, he has served as Deputy Director of Facilities for 5 years, where he has overseen the development of many projects including: the current Child Development Center and the Technology Phase 2 Projects at the Pacific Coast Campus. He has led the construction of Building V and the Modernization Project of Building D. Over the years he has been in charge of numerous projects to update electrical, plumbing and sewer systems throughout the district.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

The team working on the LBCC program is very proactive with their community outreach efforts. Meetings have taken place with the Lakewood Neighborhood Village Association, staff and faculty of LBCC, and the City of Long Beach’s Department of Planning and Building. Citizens’ Oversight Committee meetings are held quarterly and are open to the public.

For those interested in obtaining up-to-date information on the program, please visit us at http:\\bondprogram.lbcc.edu.
We are extremely excited about the future new look and modernization of our campuses. Look for these upcoming projects soon:

- Infrastructure Master Plan and utility infrastructure improvements for both campuses.
- Site Lighting improvements for the Construction Trades and Horticulture areas at Pacific Coast Campus.
- New Campus Restroom which will replace the existing deteriorating restroom at the Pacific Coast Campus.
- Interim Facility at Veteran’s Stadium to house the Automotive and Aviation Maintenance programs while their new facility is built. Following its interim use, it will be converted to the District Facilities & Warehouse Complex.
- Men’s Gym Boiler replacement and infrastructure improvements.
- New South Quad Complex on the Liberal Arts Campus will add needed classrooms, administrative offices, and a multi-purpose room.
- Exterior Painting/Awning/Signage of the Pacific Coast Campus to enhance the Art Deco style.
- Repair and replacement of walkways at the Pacific Coast Campus.
- New Aeronautics Test Cell Facility at the Pacific Coast Campus for testing and observation of aviation engines.
- Open Computer Lab at the Pacific Coast Campus.

New classrooms, labs, and offices will address a growing student population and changing programs offered by the college. Infrastructure improvements to lighting, heating, air conditioning, electrical systems, as well as new technology upgrades will provide a safer and better environment for learning.

STATE FUNDED PROJECTS:

In addition to Measure E, statewide bonds from Proposition 47 and 55 fund several projects. On the Pacific Coast Campus, the state funds will build a New Child Development Center, a Library/Learning Resource Center, two new Technology Buildings and will modernize four of the major teaching buildings.

At the Liberal Arts Campus, funds will be used for a major modernization for the Library/Learning Resource Center.

WITHOUT FUNDING THROUGH THESE CRUCIAL LOCAL AND STATEWIDE BONDS, PROJECTS LIKE THESE WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. THANKS TO VOTERS LIKE YOU, WE ARE ABLE TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOR YEARS TO COME.

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