

MEASURE E

Progress Report

The two colleges of the Yosemite Community College District (YCCD), Modesto Junior College and Columbia College, serve over 30,000 students a year. In November 2004, the voters of the District approved a \$326 million general obligation bond for the repair, upgrade and new construction of Modesto Junior College and Columbia College facilities and the expansion of educational services in Patterson, Oakdale, Turlock and Angels Camp. This two year PROGRESS REPORT is to provide you with the assurance that projects are on schedule and that an attempt to lessen the impact from recent construction related cost escalations has reduced the Measure E project timeline from a 12-year program to a 9-year program. Below are highlights of the YCCD Measure E Bond projects at this two-year interval.

Modesto Junior College



Rendering

Auditorium- MJC East Campus

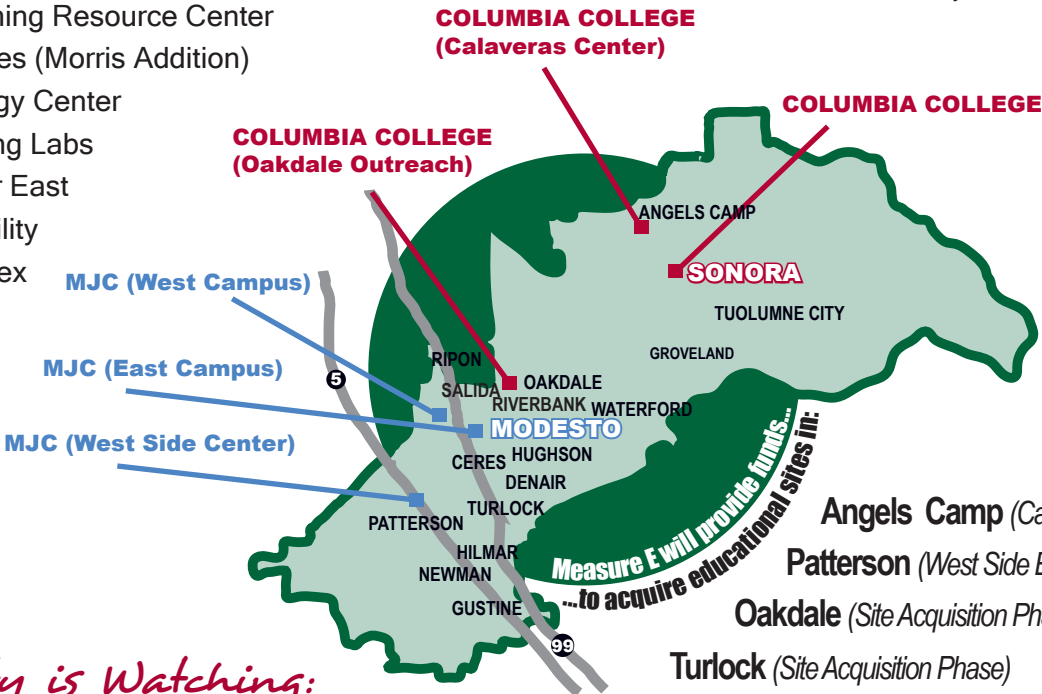
The new MJC Auditorium renovation and addition project is moving forward on schedule. The demolition phase of the project is near completion and foundation work on the new lobby has been started. We anticipate moving the theatre, radio, television, music and dance programs back into the building during summer of 2008. A digital film and television arts program will be housed in new studio spaces located in the second floor addition. The facility will also have a new audio recording studio and digital sound production laboratory. Theatre program improvements include modern costume and scenery production shops and state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems. The auditorium will be a “crown jewel” on the MJC East Campus and serve as a regional performing arts training center, according to Mike Sundquist, MJC’s Interim Dean of Arts, Humanities and Communications.



Current view

Up and Coming:

- Science Community Center & Great Valley Museum
- Ag Instructional Building & Greenhouse
- Library & Learning Resource Center
- Student Services (Morris Addition)
- High Technology Center
- Science Building Labs
- Student Center East
- Ag Animal Facility
- Softball Complex
- John Muir Hall
- Founders Hall



What the Community is Watching:

Science & Natural Resources

At approximately 24,000 square feet, the Science & Natural Resources Building will become one of the larger structures on campus. The facility will house biology, chemistry, physics, anatomy and natural resources classrooms and labs. Special emphasis will be placed on energy efficiency by using renewable resources in the construction materials and including elements with high levels of energy conservation and low impact on the surrounding environment. Completion is slated for May 2009.

Child Development Center

The Child Development Center will provide a learning center for both children and adults. Replacing cramped and outdated modules, the new center will be family friendly, incorporating sustainable design and utilizing state of the art instructional technologies. Now in schematic design and scheduled for completion October 2008, the center will provide a safe and healthy learning environment for children and adults to grow and develop to their fullest potential.

Completed Projects

Several infrastructure projects have already been completed at Columbia College, using Measure E funds. Construction of an emergency secondary access road which connects the Columbia College campus to Parrotts Ferry Road, was completed August 2006. A bus service loop, which also improved Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access and provided for the expansion of a disabled persons parking lot is now completed. A parking lot to handle overflow is now open at Symons Field. Additional infrastructure and parking improvements are currently under development as part of the college’s master plan to enhance campus access. Construction on improvements are scheduled to begin as early as Spring 2007.

What the Community is Watching:

Parking Structure – MJC East Campus

To improve parking, a new 3-level parking structure will be constructed on the corner of Stoddard Ave and Tully Road at MJC’s East Campus. The structure will provide approximately 470 parking stalls. The project is currently in the conceptual design stage with the architect and is scheduled to be completed in March 2009.

Allied Health/Life Sciences – MJC West Campus

This 2-story facility will be the flagship building on MJC’s West Campus, housing nursing, dental, respiratory therapy and other related programs. Steve Collins, Interim Dean of Allied Health, Family & Consumer Sciences, reports that steady progress is being made. Specifications for classrooms, offices, storage and labs were established at the early meetings with Allied Health staff. Construction will be completed for the fall semester of 2010.

Agriculture Multipurpose Pavilion & Student Housing – MJC West Campus

The new MJC Agriculture Multipurpose Pavilion is currently in schematic design phase. In addition to the facility being the premier multipurpose pavilion in the valley, it will also house the Registered Veterinary Technician Program, a Meats Lab, an additional general use Agriculture Lab and two classrooms. Furthermore, there is a kitchen and dividable banquet hall planned as well. This Agriculture Multipurpose Pavilion will serve the MJC Agriculture Program, the local agriculture industry and community. The pavilion is scheduled to be completed by May 2009.

Each year a number of MJC Agriculture students are awarded the opportunity to serve as West Campus Agriculture Student Interns. They live on campus and help manage the variety of animal, farming and nursery units. To accommodate these students, six residential units housing four students each are being constructed on MJC’s West Campus. The housing units are scheduled to be completed and ready for occupancy by fall 2007.

MJC’s Agriculture Program is ranked among the top 5 in the nation, according to Community College Week. Because of its popularity, the Agriculture Program draws students from throughout California and the United States. The construction of these new facilities, as a result of the Measure E bond, will allow the Agriculture Program to rise to even greater heights.

Educational Outreach Centers

In 2007, it is anticipated that land acquisition and site identification will be complete for educational centers in Calaveras County, Patterson, Turlock and Oakdale. The projected opening and likelihood of more course offerings at Columbia College’s Calaveras Center and MJC’s West Side Center in Patterson make these two centers the initial focus in constructing educational facilities. For the Turlock and Oakdale sites, land acquisition will be the main priority.

Up and Coming:

- Public Safety Center
- Madrone Building Modernization
- Manzanita Building Modernization
- Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Pathways



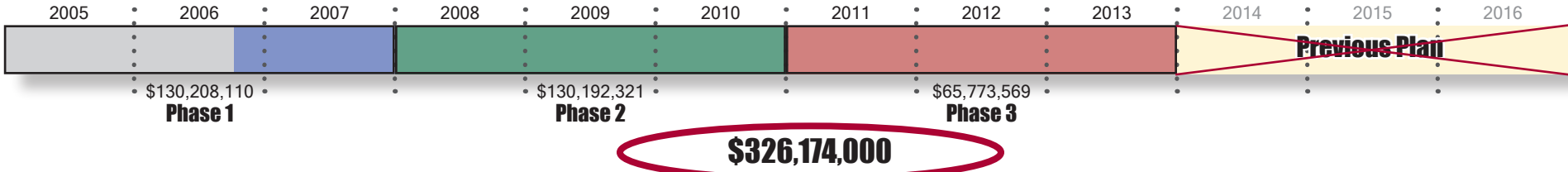
Construction View

Secondary Access Road

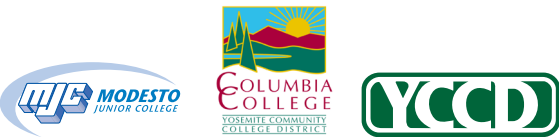


Timeline:

The Measure E Building Plan was originally developed to complete by 2016, in 4 phases. The current plan has been condensed to a 3-phase completion by 2013 with 80% of the bond funds spent in the first 6 years vs. 53% under the old plan.



The Yosemite Community College District is committed to serving its diverse and multicultural community by providing quality general, vocational and continuing education to students who are pursuing job-qualifying skills, certificates, associate degrees, preparing to transfer to four-year institutions, or enhancing the quality of their lives. The colleges in the District, supported by centralized services, offer comprehensive educational and support programs enabling students to achieve personal as well as academic potential. Particular attention is given to groups and individuals with special needs. Additionally, Yosemite Community College District contributes to the social, cultural and economic development of our communities.



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