**December 2002**

**Measure E – Success!**
Now that the dust has settled after the passage of Measure E, our facilities bond measure, the real work begins. On December 4, the Los Angeles County Clerk certified the election results, which show Measure E officially winning with 61.6 percent of the vote.

During the month, several meetings have been held to move forward with our facilities plans. The district facilities task force met on December 9 to review the overall plan, and discuss how to best share information with and receive input from all constituencies across campus.

Meetings will be held in each division beginning in February. Watch for notices for the meeting in your division. In January, the Board of Trustees will adopt three resolutions. One to establish a citizen’s oversight committee and bylaws for the committee; one regarding certifying the election results received from the county; and one authorizing the issuance of bonds. In January, the County Board of Supervisors will also adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of our bonds.

In March, the ECC Board of Trustees will appoint individuals to serve on the citizen’s oversight committee. At that time, staff (working with bond consultants) will prepare a bond presentation, obtain our bond ratings, determine the timing for the sale of the bonds, and verify the amount for the first sale of the bonds.

From March through mid-May, the first increment of bonds will be sold. In early June, the college will receive the first series of funds from the sale of the bonds. In December 2003, the county tax collector will impose the tax levy to tax payers to secure the bonds.

All future President’s Newsletters will provide information on each process of the bond implementation as it progresses.

**January 2003**

**Bond update**
Despite the proposed state budget cuts to our general fund and categorical programs, Measure E will provide funds to update our facilities and purchase equipment. Please note that all Measure E funding must go directly into the improvements identified in our facilities plan. No bond money can be used for staff salaries or college operating expenses.

The Board of Trustees recently approved three resolutions to move our facilities plan forward. First, the board established a citizen’s oversight committee, which will be responsible for reviewing the projects, progress and expenditures of Measure E.

Second, the board approved bylaws for that committee, which will comprise a minimum of seven members from each of the following constituency groups: an enrolled student active in a community college support group, such as student government; a member active in a business organization; an active member of a senior citizen organization; an active member of a taxpayer organization; a member of a college support organization, such as the foundation or a community advisory group; and two members of the community at large. Oversight committee members will be appointed by the board at the March meeting.
Third, the board approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of the general obligation bonds. The resolution now goes to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, who will issue the bonds on behalf of the El Camino Community College District.

Campus communications will continue to provide updates on our facilities projects as we continue to move forward with our plan.

**February 2003**  
**Facility Info Meetings**  
As we move ahead with campus improvements made possible by funds from Measure E, we continue in our efforts to keep our campus community informed of our progress.

Those efforts include scheduling a series of facility information meetings to provide a general overview of the facilities plan. More specific information will be covered at future meetings. We welcome and encourage all faculty and staff to attend.

A review the overall scope of the facilities project as a whole will be reviewed. More detailed information about specific improvements and priorities will follow at subsequent meetings.

**March 2003**  
**Meet the New Oversight Committee Members**  
Members of the Citizen’s Oversight Committee have been appointed by the Board of Trustees. The committee will review expenditures for the $394.4 million bond and report to the community.

The nine-person panel consists of area residents interested in the success of the college. As required by Proposition 39, the committee must include at least seven people, each representing one of the following constituencies: a business organization, a senior group, a taxpayer’s association, a currently enrolled student, and a member of a college supporting organization, such as the foundation. Committee members will service a minimum of two years, with a two-year maximum.

Members include: Leandro Carde, an Inglewood businessman; Bud Cormier, retired Hawthorne city manager; Mary Ann Keating, former El Camino College public information director; and Raymond Roney, former El Camino College dean of instructional services.

Members serving a one-year term include: Don Greco, a Manhattan Beach resident and board member of the El Camino College Foundation; Robert Hammond, also of Manhattan Beach, a retired financial manager; Cameron Samimi, a student from Torrance; Frances Stiglich, of Hawthorne and a member of the El Segundo Senior Club; and Chairman Kurt Weideman, a Torrance resident and member of the North Torrance Homeowners Association.

**April 2003**  
**Citizen’s Committee Meets**  
The process for putting our successful bond measure into action is moving along. Members of the Citizen’s Oversight Committee met for the first time recently to set terms of office and select a chairperson.
The nine-person panel, appointed by the Board of Trustees, is responsible for reviewing expenditures for Measure E, the $394 million bond approved by voters in November 2002. As a committee, they will regularly report their progress to the community.

**June 2003**

**Facilities Project Priorities**
The successful passage of Measure E is probably the most defining issue which will assist El Camino College physically. On April 1, we received our first series of bond funds – $63.7 million – for our facilities and equipment needs.

Our first set of projects will revolve around five areas: the Natural Sciences Building, infrastructure needs, the Humanities Building, relocating the Industry and Technology shops, constructing a parking structure, and equipment and remodeling needs.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who assisted us with the success of Measure E. Now we begin the real work of utilizing those funds!

**August 2003**

**Phase I Projects**
The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees has approved the first phase of projects made possible by Measure E funds.

Phase I projects include:
- Natural Science complex renovation
- Hawthorne site acquisition
- Master plan
- North Gym – bleacher replacement
- Electrical substation and infrastructure
- Humanities Building
- Central heating and cooling plant
- Parking lot structure – Lot F
- Temporary space during construction

In addition, about $4.2 million in bond funds will also go toward the purchase of new equipment, including: computers, microscopes, desks, chairs, new lighting systems, pianos, maps, globes, pottery wheels, musical instruments, medical equipment, overhead projectors, tools, and video cameras. The equipment list was developed by the divisions/departments across campus.

The Citizen’s Oversight Committee continues to meet monthly, reviewing projects and expenditures. All monthly reports are filed in the Schauerman Library and on the ECC Web for access by the public. The committee’s next meeting is scheduled for September 10.

**November 2003**

**Master Plan – Funding**
The El Camino College Facilities Master Plan quarterly report for October shows a need to readjust some of the costs for projects to be funded by Measure E. In June 2002, when the total
facilities costs utilizing Measure E funds was determined, some unforeseen costs were not figured into the total.

These areas include campuswide programming (CWP), seismic adjustments, and additional costs for access. These additional costs total $136,876,000 for CWP, $15,262 for seismic upgrades and $6,192 for access improvements. Adjustments will have to be made as we move forward with our projects.

Throughout the entire facilities process, no project will be started if it cannot be completed within the allocated budget.

December 2003
Measure E ~ Fund Adjustments

It was earlier reported that we are in the process of readjusting some of the costs for projects to be funded with Measure E bond funds. As mentioned, when the total facilities costs were determined, prior to the passage of Measure E, some unforeseen costs were not included into the total of the 2002 Facilities Master Plan.

The $158 million increase in costs was outlined in the 2003 Facilities Master Plan at the highest level for scope of work. As we prepare the 2004 Facilities Master Plan, we are reducing our scope of work to include the following:

- Life safety improvements such as seismic mitigations, fire safety code compliance and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance.
- Building infrastructure including mechanical and electrical equipment.
- Campuswide programming requirements involving adapting spaces to accommodate moves and changes in usage of buildings.

By bringing the scope of work to the more realistic level listed in the bullets above, the increased cost for renovations is now $42.6 million, in current day dollars. More specific information on these costs will be included in the 2004 Facilities Master Plan, which will be finalized in February 2004.

January 2004
Budget Update

As we continue to move ahead with Measure E projects, we will be reviewing the budget especially in light of recent cost increases in materials such as wood and steel. The Chancellor’s Office staff informed us that the price of some of these goods has increased as much as 30 percent this year. This means that we will need to review and plan accordingly for our future projects in order to keep within the Measure E funding allocations.

September 2004
Building Costs Rise

We will revise our Facilities Plan throughout 2005 as building materials costs continue to skyrocket. We were able to purchase much-needed equipment last year with bond funds, but will have continued needs as we upgrade existing buildings and construct new facilities.
October 2004
New Humanities Building
The next major facilities project for the ECC campus will be the Humanities Building. This building will be located in the center of an area surrounded by the Natural Sciences Complex, the Library and the Administration Building. The Humanities Building will be a part of the “front door” to campus from Crenshaw Boulevard. A major campus circulation path will be opened along the area east of the new building.

The Humanities Building is proposed to be a three-story building constructed of brick, concrete and glass. Several user group meetings were held during the spring and summer sessions to address the needs of students, faculty and staff who will occupy the building.

Construction is proposed to begin in January 2006 and be completed by September 2007. The first floor of the building will include 10 classrooms, two computer labs, faculty offices, reading, writing and journalism centers and a language lab. The second floor will consist of 12 classrooms, faculty offices, division offices, adjunct faculty stations and a faculty lounge. The third floor of the building includes 12 classrooms, four computer labs, faculty offices, adjunct faculty stations and a second faculty lounge.

A presentation of the facility will be given to the ECCD Board of Trustees at its October 18 meeting.

October 2004
Natural Sciences Open House
An open house to celebrate the completion of Phase I of El Camino College’s Natural Sciences Complex is scheduled from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. November 5. The evening’s program begins at 6:30 p.m. Tours of the renovated facilities will be available, and faculty members will be on hand to answer questions.

November 2004
Construction Costs Climb
Increasing costs of construction materials such as steel and concrete are affecting construction projects around the world. These increases are also impacting El Camino College’s new construction and remodeling facilities projects.

The high demand for construction materials has caused steel and rebar costs to increase by as much as 50 percent. Overall material costs for construction have increased by 20-30 percent. As we move forward with our future planning for meeting our facilities needs, we will have to address how the increased material costs will impact our Facilities Master Plan. The plan will be reviewed and revised in early 2005.

March 2005
Master Plan Revisions
The Board of Trustees adopted changes to the Facilities Master Plan at its February 22 regular meeting. The plan has been revised in order to implement cost reductions measures needed as a result of the increase in the cost of construction materials.
The changes include: not building a parking structure on Manhattan Beach Boulevard – instead, the plan calls for increasing the number of parking stalls in lot H by building a structure; renovating the technical arts and shops buildings instead of replacing them; deleting the plans for a new Health Occupations Building and renovate the Communications Building instead; and keeping Murdoch Stadium, as it is and leave the track as is, rather than putting the track inside the stadium.

It is important to remember that our Facilities Master Plan is a living document which will continue to have additional changes over the coming years.

May 2005
Redesign Plans
Upgrades continue as a result of Measure E funds, bringing in a bit of dust and noise to campus, but also important improvements necessary to better serve our students and community. Throughout this process, were are continually aware that construction costs are continuing to rise – sometimes in mid-project – so we are always reviewing plans to monitor all expenditures.

The redesign of the Humanities Complex is now under review by the Department of State Architects. In the meantime, some improvements were made to H-7 and the building will be re-roofed this summer. Preliminary drawings have also been submitted to the Chancellor’s Office that cover improvements to the Learning Resource Center – construction is expected to begin July 2006.

A new Parking Structure Design is also on the drawing board, with proposed plans to increase parking opportunities by up to 1,000 spaces. It estimated that construction for this project can run up to 12 months, at which time the current lot will be unavailable. The Facilities Committee is investigating options to secure more temporary parking during this period. And finally, an elevator will soon be built in the Art and Behavioral Sciences Building.

June 2005
Facilities Update
The Science Complex is substantially complete, and plans for the Humanities Complex are under review by the Department of State Architects.

The Manhattan Beach Boulevard modular buildings are being modified to serve as temporary housing for the classrooms and offices being demolished on the site of the new Humanities Building. We plan to complete the project and occupy the modules before the Fall 2005 semester starts. Demolition of the existing Humanities structures occupying the site of the new building will begin in September and will last for three months. Actual construction should start in the winter of 2006, with occupancy planned for the Fall 2007 semester.

Renovation for the shop facilities is the first in a chain of events that will ultimately conclude with additional classrooms in the Math & Computer Science (MCS) building, a high priority for the Math Division. The demand for additional classrooms has partially been meet by the Math Division’s use of classrooms in the Manhattan Beach Boulevard modules. Additional space for classrooms will also be available when the Humanities Building is completed and the Reading Center – which is currently in MCS – is moved to the new building. The Technical Arts building
will also get a new roof during the summer. Thanks to everyone for your patience and support as we expand and modernize!

**September 2005**  
**Facilities Improvements Progress**

As we settle into the new academic year, you have no doubt noticed many exciting changes and improvements on our campus. We are actively spending our Measure E bond funds to enhance and improve our campus.

As this work continues, we are faced with ever-increasing construction costs. These escalating costs are impacting construction projects throughout the nation, including ours. In an effort to address these increasing costs, we are consistently evaluating our plans for construction and equipment.

We continue to appreciate your understanding as we work to make our campus a safer and better place to learn and work.

The following is an overview of our progress and future plans:

The Manhattan Beach Boulevard Modules (MBBM) will serve as temporary housing for the classrooms and offices for the Humanities Division as their older buildings are demolished to make room for the new Humanities Building. The AFT office is being relocated to the Alumni House. The Office of Staff and Student Diversity has also moved to Administration 210. A fence around the construction area preserves the safety of the worksite.

Hazardous materials abatement and demolition of the existing Humanities structures will begin this month. All materials will be contained inside the buildings and all work will be handled by qualified hazardous materials contractors. Construction is scheduled to begin in winter 2006, with a fall 2007 move-in date. A $2.425 million Proposal has been submitted to the state to fund equipment and furniture for the new building. This funding is contingent on the approval of a statewide bond measure proposed for November 2006.

Electrical Upgrades includes the construction of a new electrical substation that will provide power to the new Humanities building and the new Lot H parking structure. Phase I of this project starts the process to convert the entire campus to the new substation. Construction begins in November and will be completed by March 2007.

Plans to remodel the Learning Resource Center were approved. This project will coincide with the construction of the Humanities Building and a mall landscaping project, which will allow for a consolidation of efforts and a reduction in program disruption. Construction is expected to begin in June ’06 with a June ’07 completion date.

A new Parking Structure design has also been selected. It will be a five-level structure with parking capacity of 1,100 spaces in the structure and 100 spaces adjacent. Representatives from campus police and facilities planning have developed a list of measures to help alleviate parking problems during the construction. Replacement athletic facilities, a softball field, and 10 tennis courts are also included in the design and will be located at grade. Construction is set for July 2006.

Upgrades are also planned for the campus’ Central Plant, which will be moved to the northeast
corner of the stadium. The new site is currently occupied by the Community Advancement building and the Foundation House. Both will be relocated. The changes to Central Plant will lead to energy savings and conservation.

Other areas under plan for renovation include: Cafeteria conversion to Administrative Offices, and relocation of the Machine Tool Technology program. The decision to demolish the western Humanities building when remodeling the Learning Resource Center means that the building cannot be used as temporary housing for programs displaced by the Student Services Center replacement project. So, the cafeteria will be converted to office space for Fiscal & Business Services and Public Relations & Marketing. This will allow the space in the Administration building currently housing these programs to be used as temporary housing for displaced student services programs.

November 2005
Facilities Update
Progress on our facilities plan is happening every day here at El Camino College, with Measure E dollars hard at work. Of course, we continue to grapple with rising materials and construction costs. In order to keep up with these constantly changing costs, the facilities committee will meet in the New Year to evaluate and revise the Facilities Plan.

The following is an overview of recent progress:

Hazardous materials abatement and demolition of the existing Humanities structures continues this month. All materials are contained inside the buildings and all work is being handled by qualified hazardous materials contractors. Construction is scheduled to begin in winter 2006, with a fall 2007 completion.

Electrical Upgrades begin in December will be completed by March 2007. A new electrical substation will be built to provide power to the new Humanities building and the new Lot H parking structure.

The remodeling of the Learning Resource Center is on course, and will coincide with the construction of the Humanities building and a mall landscaping project. Construction is expected to begin in June ‘06 with a June ‘07 completion date.

Plans for a new Parking Structure were submitted to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) last month. The five-level structure will have a parking capacity of 1,100 spaces in the structure and 100 spaces adjacent. A softball field and 10 tennis courts are also included in the design and will be located at grade. Construction is set for July 2006.

Plans will be submitted to the DSA this month to upgrade the campus’ Central Plant, which will be moved to the northeast corner of the stadium. The two-story structure will construct capacities of cooling water and heating water to supply the entire campus.

Other areas with projects of smaller scope include:
- **Fire Alarm System Replacement**: Upgrades are being performed in the Communications and Women’s Locker Room buildings.
- **Art & Behavioral Science Elevator Modernization**: Measure E funding will also cover elevator safety improvements.
• **Lot F Parking Structure Improvements**: The existing structure will be evaluated and safety recommendations and improvements will be proposed at a later date.

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**June 2006**  
**Humanities Building Groundbreaking**
El Camino College supporters from throughout the South Bay joined Board of Trustees members and President Fallo for a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Humanities Building on May 15.

The new Humanities Building will be located in the center of an area surrounded by the Natural Sciences Complex, the Library, and the Administration Building. The area is designed to serve as the “front door” to our campus from Crenshaw Boulevard. The new building will be a three-story structure made of brick, concrete and glass, all created with input from several user group meetings where students, faculty and staff discussed different ideas for the space.

In other facilities news, the following projects are scheduled to be completed during 2006:
- Learning Resource Center
- Central Plant
- Lot H Parking Structure
- Energy Management System Upgrade
- MCS Computer Room Electricity Back Up
- Dance Room Ventilation
- Social Sciences Offices
- Fire Alarm Replacement

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**September 2006**  
**Humanities Building Progress**
The Humanities Building seems to be growing right before our eyes. It is scheduled to be completed next year and will provide our campus with a welcoming “front door” from the Crenshaw Boulevard entrance. In other facilities news, the Student Services Building users group has continued to meet and we are in the final stages of selecting a design for this important part of our campus.

Because of the increased construction, we have enhanced our signs across campus to help students find their way. In addition, we have updated our map to clearly identify the Manhattan Beach Boulevard modular buildings and to include the Cherry Tree Offices. For extra guidance, our welcome and information booths at the high-traffic entrances will be operating throughout the first two weeks of the semester. We appreciate everyone’s patience as we work to improve and upgrade our campus.

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**September 2006**  
**Facilities Update**
The El Camino College campus continues to move ahead with our improvement projects.

• Science Complex - This project is nearly complete, with just a few details to wrap up.
• Humanities Building - With construction fully underway, the underground utility work has been completed and concrete walls have been poured. The project’s budget remains at
approximately $29.4 million, and equipment funding - an allocation of $2.6 million - is included in
the 2006-07 state budget. Funding is contingent upon passage of the statewide bond measure
on the November 2006 ballot. If received, the state funding will exceed and supplant the
Measure E funding of nearly $1.1 million, currently budgeted for equipment. Completion is
expected in October 2007.

• Humanities Mall Landscaping – This project will provide hardscape, landscape, and a food
service venue in the area bounded by the MCS Building on the north, the Library on the south,
the new Humanities Building on the east, and the main north/south walkway on the west.

• Primary Electrical System Replacement - Work is continuing to construct a new electrical
substation and provide electrical power to the new Humanities Building and new Lot H parking
structure. Future phases will complete the changeover of the entire campus’ electrical system to
the new substation. Completion is scheduled for March 2007.

• Modular Buildings - Additional modular buildings have been installed where needed.

• Central Plant - This project is designed to construct capacities of cooling and heating water to
supply the entire campus. The location for this facility has been identified as the northeast
corner of the Stadium. It will be a two-story structure, located where Community Advancement
and Foundation were formerly housed.

• Cafeteria Conversion to Administrative Offices - This project will upgrade the building
infrastructure, provide accessibility, and convert a portion of the Cafeteria to house Fiscal
Services, Business Services, Print & Copy Center, and other components of the Public
Relations & Marketing Office. Also included is the renovation of the Bookstore office areas.
Construction is scheduled to be performed from June through December 2007.

• Restroom Renovations - This project will improve the accessibility, functionality, and
appearance of 40 restrooms in 16 buildings on campus.

• Conversion of Social Sciences 202A& 202B into Multiple Offices - This project, completed in
July, increased the number of faculty offices in the Social Sciences Building.

February 2007
Facilities Update
We managed to complete quite a bit of construction during the winter break and the winter
session. Consistent increases in construction costs remain to be a challenge. Increased costs
mean that the current Facilities Master Plan is under-funded to the extent that substantial
changes are required or additional funding needs to be identified.

In an effort to identify possible options, we continue to meet and work toward reviewing options
and ways to continue the improvements on a tighter budget.

Match 2007
Humanities Building Update
Work continues on construction of the Humanities Building. Concrete has been poured and
progress is being made on the brand-new structure off of Crenshaw Boulevard. Construction is
scheduled to be completed in October 2007. In the design stages is a Humanities Mall
landscaping project which will provide hardscape, landscape, and a food service venue in the
area bounded by the MCS Building on the north, the Library on the south, the new Humanities
Building on the east, and the main north/south walkway on the west.

When the project is complete, the area will become a “front door” to our campus from Crenshaw
Boulevard. We continue to deal with the challenges involved with huge increases in construction
costs. As a result, the current Facilities Master Plan is under-funded, to the point that changes
are needed or additional funding must be provided. To identify possible options, meetings are being held and work is continuing to find options and ways to continue the improvements on a revised budget.

April 2007
Facilities News
Our work on campus building projects and upgrades continues, including progress happening behind the scenes. Our new central plant facility will house three hot water boilers and three chillers in a two-story building located on the north side of Murdock Stadium. The infrastructure Phase I project will include the distribution of hot and chilled water piping from the central plant to the buildings on campus. This project will also provide electrical conduit to the northern section of the campus for data, fire alarm and security communication wiring as well as high voltage electrical power to the buildings.

As you might have noticed, crews are digging trenches on the west side of campus to house the pipes and conduits for the project. The contractors will fence off different areas as they proceed to dig up the ground and install the pipes. Please be aware and cautious of the construction trucks and the temporary fences on campus.

May 2007
Facilities Update
Summer construction projects will temporarily close some campus roads and walkways. Signs and fences will be installed to help minimize disruptions. Please use caution in these areas and excuse the temporary closures as we work to improve our campus.

The areas and dates of closure are listed below.

- **East Perimeter Road:** Closed June 9 – August 3. The section of road between the south side of the Administration Building, extending north to the south side of the Chemistry Building will be closed to vehicle traffic. This area includes the campus entrance at the signal light on Crenshaw Boulevard. A walkway will be provided for pedestrian use.
- **Walkways:** Two walkways will be temporarily closed during the summer. The west walkway from the Administration Building to the Chemistry Building will be closed June 9 through August 24. The walkway on the south side of Physics/Chemistry will be closed at the west end from June 9 to June 22.
- **Main Campus Drive:** Closed during the summer. Construction activities will be in progress during the summer next to the main campus drive from the Planetarium to the Library during the summer. Campus vehicles and pedestrian traffic will continue through this area with some detours.
August 2007
Building for Our Future
Construction crews were busy during the summer months, completing improvement projects across campus. Most of the work is funded through Measure E, the $394 million bond which provides funds to upgrade classrooms, update instructional equipment, and make health and safety repairs.

As our campus improvements continue, challenges remain with staggering increases in construction costs. As a result, the current Facilities Master Plan is under-funded to the extent that substantial changes are required or additional funding needs to be provided.

Later this fall, our Board of Trustees will review our current facilities program status and discuss where we go from here in order meet the facilities needs of El Camino College for now and into the future. During the summer, the structural work on our brand-new humanities building was completed. The interior work is continuing through the fall; and we anticipate our first classes to be offered in the new building for the winter session.

The new building features state-of-the-art services such as WiFi, and is constructed from recycled and eco-friendly materials. It is surrounded by the natural sciences complex, the Schauerman Library and the administration building, and is designed to serve as the “front door” to the campus from Crenshaw Boulevard.

Additional facilities slated for 2007-08 include:
• Energy Management System Upgrade - This project will upgrade and expand the existing energy management system and replace pneumatic controls with digital technology controls.
• Learning Resource Center (LRC) - Upgrades are expected to be finished by Spring 2008.
• Central Plant - Structural work is completed and equipment/pipes are being installed. Expected completion date: December 2007.
• Food Service Building - This temporary modular building will open for fall semester 2007.

The following facilities projects are in various stages of design work for the current academic year:
• Student Services and Activities Center.
• Cafeteria Conversion to Administrative Offices and Conference Center – This project will upgrade the building infrastructure to provide accessibility; convert a portion of the Cafeteria to house Fiscal Services, Business Services and the Public Relations and Marketing Department, including the Print & Copy Centers. The Bookstore will also be renovated; and remodeled, larger meeting/conference facilities are included.
• Humanities Mall Landscaping - This project will provide hardscape, landscape, and food services in the area surrounded by the MCS Building on the north, the Library on the south, the new Humanities Building on the east, and the main north/south walkway on the west.
• Social Science Building - This renovation and modernization project will update the 47-year-old building.

Future Projects
• Restroom Renovations - Improve the accessibility, functionality, and appearance of 40 restrooms in 16 buildings throughout campus.

October 2007
Facilities Update
As work continues on the interior and exterior of our Humanities Building, we anticipate the completion date of this important project later this month. To complete the $29 million dollar project, equipment and furnishings have been ordered and plans are in place for ordering information technology equipment.

Most of the work is funded through Measure E, the $394 million bond which provides funds to modernize classrooms, update instructional equipment and make health and safety repairs. The Learning Resource Center (LRC) is also on its way, with the building’s concrete foundation and slab complete. Structural steel and masonry walls will be put up this month. The project’s completion date is estimated for April 2008.

The Humanities Mall will also be landscaped -- total costs of this project are estimated to be $3.35 million and construction is expected to begin in April 2008. After about two years, the Department of State Architects approved on Sept. 28 our plans for the Lot H Parking Structure & Athletic Facilities project. Construction will start in February, with an April 2009 completion date. Also included in the plans are a softball field and 10 tennis courts The estimated cost for the project is $25 million.

Lunch Break: For those seeking a snack between classes, a temporary food service venue is expected to open mid-November in a modular building next to the modular classrooms and offices on Manhattan Beach Boulevard.
Cheery Cherry Trees: We are pleased to announce the return of the Cherry Trees to our campus. Our beloved trees were moved for construction and have been successfully replanted in the area west of the Math and Computer Science Building and south of the Planetarium. We hope you enjoy their beauty in your walks across the campus.

November 2007
Updated Facilities Master Plan Approved
The El Camino College Board of Trustees recently approved an updated Facilities Master Plan that will enable us to complete renovation projects while dealing with substantial construction cost increases. The plan covers projects scheduled through the next five years. However, the plan relies upon an anticipated $37 million in new, but not yet confirmed, state funding.

Due to escalating construction costs, our current Facilities Master Plan is substantially underfunded. Estimates show that the original $460 million plan would now cost $733 million to implement. State funding has offset some funding shortfalls - in fact, a proposal for El Camino College’s Math Building renovation/conversion and the Student Services/Activities replacement/renovation met with positive initial reviews from the state.

Master plan revisions include:
• Increase budgets to complete Bookstore renovation, new parking structure and infrastructure improvements.
• Construct a new building at the Business Division area to accommodate additional space for the Mathematics Division, creating a new Mathematics and Business Building (estimated construction 2009).
• Redesign the north entrance of campus with additional parking by removing the Technical Arts Building (estimated construction 2012).
• Use anticipated state funding to renovate the current Math and Computer Science Building, which will be converted for Industry and Technology programs (estimated construction 2011).
• Postpone construction of the Student Services and Activities Building replacement until state funds can be secured (estimated construction 2012).

Budget adjustments include the shifting of projected contingency funds, allocating currently unbudgeted interest income, shifting uncommitted equipment/site purchases, and reallocating surplus funds from projects that were completed under budget. For more information on the revised Facilities Master Plan, click on this link: http://www.elcamino.edu/administration/facilities/docs/FacilitiesMapUpdate_Oct2007.pdf for a map detailing the plan.

November 2007
Facilities Update
We are excited about the completion of the brand new, $29.36M Humanities Building. Work is continuing on the interior and exterior. Furnishings have been ordered and information technology equipment will follow. Our spring semester classes will be held in the new building!

Here is a quick recap of other projects under construction:
• The Learning Resource Center’s metal decking is complete and the second floor concrete deck has been poured. Interior wall framing will begin this month and the roof deck and stairs will be poured. The completion date for the $13.7 million project is set for April 4, 2008.
• Structural work at the Central Plant is completed and equipment and piping are being installed. The project is expected to be finished on December 1, 2007 at a cost of $15.485 million.
• The Infrastructure Phase 1 project, the installation of underground piping, continues with a scheduled completion date set for February 15, 2008.

December 2007
Watch Your Step!
Continuing construction improvements will close the existing walkway between the Physics Building and the new Humanities Building through January 2. A new pedestrian walkway will be open on the north side of the new Humanities Building. Disabled parking stalls and access will be temporarily located on the northeast side of the Chemistry Building.

In addition, the perimeter road will be reduced to one lane of vehicle traffic from the east entrance off Crenshaw Boulevard to the traffic light entrance from Crenshaw Boulevard. During this closure, there will be safety personnel directing traffic. Thank you for your understanding and your increased awareness to safety procedures during construction.

In other facilities news, construction for the Learning Resources Center is progressing. The project’s budget of $13.7 million comes from state funding and local monies. State funding of $8.615 million is committed to the project, with the balance provided from Measure E.

The completion date is set for April 4, 2008, with the building being fully ready by summer 2008. Work on the new Lot H parking structure and athletic facilities is scheduled to begin this winter as well, with construction beginning in February and completion in April 2008.

February 2008
Humanities Building Opens
Our brand new Humanities Building opened last week with a grand opening celebration complete with an open house, reception and tours. The $30.9 million project is the first completely new instructional building on the El Camino College campus in nearly 40 years. The building replaces the last of the original “barracks-type” structures on campus, trucked up more than 60 years ago from the old Santa Ana Army Air Base in Orange County.

The three-story building is constructed of brick, concrete and glass, with energy-efficient features and utilizing recycled and eco-friendly materials wherever possible. All classrooms have podiums and projectors and are designed to let in plenty of natural light. An energy-saving computerized heating system will eventually be controlled by our Central Plant. Hallway floors are covered in thick vinyl, eliminating noise from passing students.

Surrounded by the Natural Sciences Complex, the Schauerman Library and the Administration Building, the Humanities Building is designed to serve as the “front door” to the campus from Crenshaw Boulevard. All are invited to tour the new building! Thank to all who supported Measure E, which made the Humanities Building and numerous other facilities improvements on campus possible.

Humanities Building Fast Facts
• Building Size: 83,900 square feet
• Landscaping: 35,000 square feet of drought-tolerant landscaping
- **State-of-the-art services**: Internet, Computer labs, Energy efficient – designed to provide abundant natural lighting
- **Building features**: 33 classrooms, 13 computer labs, 49 offices, 560 computers, More than 47 miles of fiber optic and other cable

**Got Parking?**

**March 2008**

We are pleased to announce that ground was broken on March 10 for our new parking structure which will provide 1,100 new parking spaces for students. After nearly two years, the Department of State Architects approved our plans for the five-level Lot H parking structure which will include a NCAA standard softball field and 10 tennis courts. The project is estimated to cost a total of $25 million, supported by funds from Measure E, the college’s facilities bond approved by voters in 2002. A stoplight with a left-hand turn into campus off of Redondo Beach Boulevard will be installed to coincide with completion of the project, which is set for summer 2009.

**March 2008**

**Humanities Kudos**

Just over one month into the spring semester and our new Humanities Building is generating quite a bit of positive feedback. The buzz generally relates to the great design of the building, from the classroom layout that makes it easy to lecture and interact with students, to the configuration of faculty offices which is conducive for teamwork and camaraderie to the latest technological advances.

One adjunct faculty member commented how wonderful it is to have a workspace to grade papers, check e-mails and messages, and meet with students. “I'm not sure who deserves the credit for carving out a space for adjunct faculty in the architectural plans for the new Humanities Building, but whoever you are: thank you, thank you,” she writes.

**September 2008**

**Parking Alert: Road Closure**

Please pardon our dust as we continue to improve our campus to better serve our community! The Redondo Beach Boulevard entrance and exit of Parking Lot F (the two-story structure) will be closed beginning Wednesday, October 1. Access to enter and exit Parking Lot F will be limited to Manhattan Beach Boulevard only.

This temporary closure is part of our future multi-story parking structure, planned to open in spring 2009. Students are being notified via campus e-mail and fliers on cars parked (day and evening) in Lot F from 9/24 through 9/30. Police cadets will be available at both the Redondo Beach and Manhattan Beach entrances to assist with traffic mitigation beginning October 1. We appreciate your patience as we expand parking opportunities for our students.

**October 2008**

**LRC GRAND OPENING!**
Our new Learning Resources Center is now open and ready to serve our community. A well-attended grand opening celebration featuring an inspiring speech and a book signing opportunity by authors Ray Bradbury and Eva Brown highlighted the event.

The Eva Brown Peace and Tolerance Collection was also unveiled at the event, with Mrs. Brown available to sign copies of her book, "If You Save One Life." Mrs. Brown, a survivor of the Holocaust and a distinguished speaker and author, presented a $10,000 check for the Eva Brown fund, to be used for Holocaust and tolerance educational materials including books, videos as well as for guest speakers.

The new $13 million Learning Resources Center was funded with monies from measure E - $5 million and state funds - $8 million. It includes a basic skills lab, campus archives, the Ella Rose Madden Nursing Collection, and a digital processing center. In addition, it houses the Distance Education/Incubator Conference Center, designed to foster innovative approaches to the educational process by enabling faculty to experiment with flexible learning environments and technologies.

November 2008
ECC On Tour!
Area high school principals visited El Camino College on November 5 for the annual Fall Principal’s Breakfast. Our outstanding ECC facilities were highlighted at the well-attended event, with informative tours of our new buildings. Thanks go to Alice Grigsby, director of learning resources, for leading tours of the newly opened Learning Resources Center; and to Tom Lew, dean of humanities, for providing a tour through the new Humanities Building.

The principals also learned about El Camino College’s academic offerings available to high school students through concurrent enrollment, robotics courses and other programs.

December 2008
Facilities News
Some important revisions have been made to the Math, Business & Allied Health Building, which has a completion date set for September 2011. Originally planned as a three-story, 80,000-square-foot building, the plans now include a four-story, 100,000-square-foot building. The Social Sciences Building will also be renovated, with construction expected to begin January 2010. The project budget is set at $11.345 million, with 50% of the funding coming from state revenues.

In addition, several finished campus projects are awaiting final certification from the Division of the State Architect (DSA): Humanities Building, Science Complex, Modular Buildings, and the Central Plant.

Parking Update: Please note that we will have 300 additional parking spaces available for the spring semester, which includes the first level of the parking structure. We look forward to the opening our new multi-story parking structure, scheduled for completion this spring.

February 2009
We Have Parking!
Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to park in 350 just-opened spaces in the new parking structure from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning this semester. Access is available from the south side of the Redondo Beach Boulevard overpass; the Stadium Way entrance to the campus will remain closed.

March 2009
Facilities Updates
Work continues on our campus renovations, with many projects funded by Measure E. Projects currently under construction include providing additional cooling to the MCS computer room housing the network switching equipment and computer drives. Our $25.175 million five-level parking structure is well underway, at the intersection of Stadium Way and Redondo Beach Boulevard. Ten tennis courts and a softball field are also scheduled, along with landscaping.

Field renovations to the North Field and the Stadium Field are planned for the near future, including grading, irrigation and sod, at an estimated cost of $300,000. The Stadium Field will be renovated first, in time for commencement; work on North Field will be performed in June and July.

Other future projects include: re-roofing the Behavioral Science Building, Auditorium, and South Gym; providing recycled water from the Hyperion Plant to five athletic fields; Stadium, Track, Softball, North and Baseball; and relocating the photography program to the basement of the Behavioral Science Building. Projects in the design stage include modernizing the track and replacing the field house at cost of $15 million; renovating and modernizing the Social Sciences Building ($11.345 million); and constructing a new $63.5 million Math, Business & Allied Health Building at the site of the existing Business Building. This new building will be a 105,000-square-foot, four-story structure, and will house the Math and Business Divisions, along with the Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, and Radiological Technology Programs.

April 2009
Breaking New Ground
ECC students and staff braved record-breaking heat to join the Board of Trustees in a groundbreaking celebration at the site of the Humanities Mall. Scheduled to be completed by the end of 2009, it represents the last phase of the construction plan for this area.

All involved in the project were acknowledged, from the community that supported Measure E to employees and vendors; and recognized for their role in making the project a reality. Facilities staff members provided architectural drawings, which offered a distinct glimpse into the future look of the Humanities Mall area.

The project includes the hardscape, landscaping, and a food service venue in the area bordered by the MCS Building on the north, the Library to the south, the Humanities Building on the east, and the main north/south campus walkway to the west.

The food service facility will comprise 1,750 square feet - larger than any current food service area currently on campus - with a total cost estimated at just under $3 million.

May 2009
Facilities News
Our facilities improvements continue to move ahead, with Infrastructure Phase 3 underway. The scope of this $12.174 million project extends hydronic piping, electrical conduit, and water piping to the southern part of campus. Construction is scheduled to be completed in April 2010. In an effort to conserve water, a new campus “greening” program will provide recycled water from the Hyperion Sewage Plant to four athletic fields: stadium, track, north and baseball.

This water-saving plan has an estimated cost of $50,000. We will celebrate the grand opening of our new parking structure on June 15. This $25.175 million, 1,230-space, five-level parking structure at the intersection of Stadium Way and Redondo Beach Boulevard will feature a monitoring system that will count the spaces available and post the information on electronic sign boards at the two entrances.

September 2009
Construction Update
Exciting changes are happening on campus with our facilities improvements. A welcome addition is our new parking structure, which opened during the summer. This $25.2 million, 1,230-space, five-level parking structure at the intersection of Stadium Way and Redondo Beach Boulevard features a monitoring system that identifies the spaces available on electronic sign boards at the two entrances. The total project also included new tennis courts and a softball field.

Our busy construction season will carry on this year. Our newly remodeled, $12 million bookstore and conference center is scheduled to open in spring 2010. Other construction projects include remodeling 40 restrooms across campus, a $1.4 million project; a $12 million renovation to the Social Sciences Building is set to begin next spring; and the Humanities Mall food court and landscaping project is scheduled to be completed in December.

Another major project is the new $63.5 million Math, Business & Allied Health Building at the site of the existing Business Building. This new building will be a 105,000-squarefoot, four-story structure, and will house the Math and Business Divisions, along with the Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, and Radiological Technology programs. This year we will also review and revise the Facilities Master Plan; a draft will be ready to present to the Board of Trustees at the December meeting. Please check out our current map for construction information, sidewalk and road closures. This page will be updated as new information becomes available at:
www.elcamino.edu/about/docs/ECC-Map-Fall-2009.pdf

October 2009
Facilities News
Our revised facilities master plan is scheduled to go to the Board of Trustees for review at the January meeting. This updated document includes facilities plans for the college through the year 2020.

The facilities plan provides crucial information to guide construction planning activities, outlining the assumptions and conditions of existing campus facilities. The plan also includes a listing of facility planning issues; a proposed building/facilities program; details of project scheduling and phasing, elements and costs; and a map of what the campus might look like in 2020.

The document is being developed with input from members of the campuswide Facilities Steering Committee, who work with staff and consultants. Throughout the development of the
plan, the primary goal has been to provide the blueprint for major construction projects provided through Measure E, the largest facility.

**October 2009**

**Facilities Master Plan: Proposal Forums**

We are in the process of reviewing and updating the El Camino College Facilities Master Plan. The architectural firm of HMC, in conjunction with input from the Facilities Steering Committee, has developed a concept proposal for our long-term Facilities Master Plan. This concept proposal will be presented at two campus forums.

The priorities involved in developing the concept proposal include: maximize functional space and eliminate non-functional space; improve efficiency and utilization of all facilities; and position the District to maximize funding from both state and local sources. Responding to the most recent Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges (ARCC) indicators, we are continuing our work to improve student success. The Academic Senate has been asked to develop a goal to define student success and retention, as well as identifying the metrics necessary to measure improvement by course and discipline.

Establishing minimum levels of service to ensure students’ immediate needs are met, while planning ways to provide additional services in the wake of recent (and future) budget cuts is part of the process. Prior to implementation of the goals, we will use available data to drive planning and decision making, as well as employ technology to improve services.

The 2008 ARCC report showed progress in some areas at El Camino College, especially relative to our persistence rate, and pre-collegiate course success and improvement rates. However, we are committed to continuous improvement of instructional and student services to ensure student success.

The **two campus forums will be held on the following dates:**

Tuesday, October 20 – 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Board Room

Thursday, October 22 – 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Distance Education Conference Room

Please plan to attend one of these forums to review and discuss the proposed Facilities Master Plan concept proposal.

**November 2009**

**Facilities Master Plan: New Campus Proposal**

Thank you to everyone who attended the open forums to discuss the college’s Facilities Master Plan. Concept proposals, developed in collaboration with our Facilities Steering Committee, were presented by the architectural firm HMC. This document details facilities plans for the college through the year 2020.

The “preferred option” shows a student-centered campus where academic areas are organized in a unified grouping of buildings connected by landscaped pathways.

The instructional buildings along Crenshaw Boulevard, for example, would become an academic corridor, featuring traditional lecture and lab classrooms. All student services would be housed together along Manhattan Beach Boulevard, in a new building that facilitates student access to college support services and provides convenient parking.
Also in the plan is a proposal for a new art complex near Marsee Auditorium; athletics programs and facilities would likewise be positioned together in a unified cluster.

The proposal focuses on a campus that has increased green space, with plenty of places for students to gather, study and socialize. Your comments are welcome! Drop by the offices of Vice President Jo Ann Higdon or Facilities Director Bob Gann, check out the poster-sized plans on display, and record your thoughts on sticky notes, right on the spot.

November 2009
Facilities News
Please note the following upcoming walkway closures on campus, a necessary safety measure as we continue work on a number of improvements.

Closures:
• Through December 10: the walkway between PE-South and the Art Building will be closed.
• December 21 to January 22, 2010: the walkways on the north and east side of Marsee Auditorium will be closed to through traffic. This will impact pedestrian traffic from the parking structure. In addition, the northeast corner of the campus thruway (for cars), at Crenshaw and Manhattan Beach boulevards will be closed to through traffic.
• January 4 to March 29, 2010: the walkways between the Art and Social Science buildings will be closed, as well as the walkway between these buildings and the Campus Theatre/Music Building.
• March 29 to May 10, 2010: the walkway between the North Gym and the Student Services Building will remain partially blocked, and will include the quad area between the North Gym and PE-North. Please see the map for details. We thank everyone for your patience and courtesy during this time of construction.