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## **El Camino College Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Releases Annual Report**

The El Camino College Citizen's Oversight Committee recently released its annual report regarding bond expenditures relating to Measure E. Copies are available for public viewing in the college's Schauerman Library, the office of Vice President, Administrative Services, and on the El Camino College Web site at this link:

[http://www.elcamino.edu/administration/bond/annual\\_reports.asp](http://www.elcamino.edu/administration/bond/annual_reports.asp).

The document summarizes the project's progress, spending, and audit reports as Measure E moves into its eighth year. Some milestones from this past year include numerous safety and security upgrades, such as the installation of high resolution video surveillance cameras; a new five-story parking structure, tennis courts and softball field; a new Learning Resources Center; many new roofs; and repairs to 40 restrooms across campus throughout the year.

The college still faces the continuing challenge of delays to construction projects that rely on state funding for a portion of the costs, due to the state's reduced ability to sell bonds. Additional challenges include minimizing the disruption to campus programs and operations resulting from the large amount of construction activities.

The \$394 million Measure E, El Camino College's first-ever bond measure, was approved by voters on November 5, 2002. Since then, construction has continued on campus, with bond funds supporting extensive remodeling projects, in addition to classroom upgrades, instructional equipment updates, and critical health and safety repairs.

A nine-member Citizen's Oversight Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees monitors spending and reports all findings to the public.

As mandated by Proposition 39, the committee must include at least seven people, each representing one of the following constituencies: a local business, a senior group, a bona fide taxpayer's association, an enrolled student active in a student group, and an active member of a college supporting organization, such as the foundation or a community advisory group. No district employee or official, vendor, contractor, or consultant may serve on the committee. Members are appointed for a minimum of two years, with a two-term maximum.

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