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El Camino College to Break Ground on New Shops Building

El Camino College will celebrate the groundbreaking of a new Shops Building with a ceremony scheduled for 3:30 p.m. July 15 at the north side of the construction site, off of Manhattan Beach Boulevard.

The Shops Building will be a brand new 44,400-square-foot, state-of-the-art learning center, complete with indoor and outdoor learning spaces. The \$31.8 million project is made possible with funds from the college's 2002 Measure E facilities bond.

The new Shops Building replaces one of the first structures built on campus, dating back to 1949.

Housing the Welding Technology, Automotive Collision Repair and Painting, Automotive Technology, and Air Conditioning and Refrigeration programs, the building will offer modern learning facilities for students, including exterior covered areas and vehicle/equipment yards, paint spray booths, and an Emergency Preparedness Building, which will also contain equipment and supplies for the college's emergency response program.

Each program will have its own separate indoor shop area and exterior yard. A centralized tool room, two lecture classrooms with Wi-Fi, four technology labs with a video conference system and Internet access, and five faculty offices are also part of the plans. Other equipment includes welding machines, auto technology machines, car-lifts, dyno testing machine, and a transmission testing machine.

Sustainable features of the building include: occupancy sensors for lighting, heating and air conditioning control, natural cross-ventilation in the shops area, and motion sensors for restroom fixtures. Outside, the building will be surrounded by a 6- to 15-foot belt of drought-tolerant landscaping.

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