

New Athletic Fields Making Progress

Construction on the new Athletic Fields project site, located at the lower campus and identified by the blue temporary fencing, is in full swing. This project will provide new synthetic turf baseball, softball, and soccer fields for the Fremont campus. Each field will have associated team rooms, dugouts and storage. The project also includes a new fieldhouse which will be used as a hub including restrooms, small concession items and storage for equipment and tools required to maintain the new facilities.

The baseball and softball fields are showing the most progress, with the outfield perimeter fence posts in place as well as the left and right field sidelines. The concrete block buildings under construction are the future dugouts, and large poles have been erected where the future bullpens and batting cages will be. In the coming months work will continue on the field house and the playing fields.

The project is encountering a challenge from Mother Nature as rainfall totals in Fremont for November and December were above average. Excessive rains leave wet, soggy soil and large puddles which make construction work difficult. The Athletic Fields' construction contract includes time allowances for rainy day impacts to the project; however, there is a tipping point at which the weather will delay completion of the project. The Measure G team is doing everything it can to keep work moving whenever the weather is dry enough to work safely and productively. Currently the baseball and softball fields are scheduled for availability in late March, and the soccer field will be available for fall semester 2016 – weather depending.



Softball dugout construction



Baseball field site

Measure G was approved by district voters in November 2010. We are grateful for the community's support in funding necessary repairs, accessibility upgrades and new construction projects to better serve the instructional needs of our students.

Swimming Pool Facility Renovation

The Fremont campus swimming pool is closed for the spring semester of 2016 to allow a complete renovation of the facility.

The existing 50 meter by 25 yard pool will retain its footprint, but will receive a re-contoured shell to provide appropriate pool depth dimensions to match the College's program needs. The pool shell will also receive new tile, plaster, lighting and circulation valves. A new pool deck and all related equipment will also be installed.

In addition to the work on the pool, the mechanical facility supporting the pool will be completely redone. New heating, chemical treatment and circulation systems will be installed.

All of this work will help to make the pool a much more efficient facility, saving the College several hundred-thousand gallons of water each year and approximately \$25,000 of annual energy usage. The pool was drained in late December 2015 to begin the construction work, which will continue through the duration of the spring semester and into the summer. Return to use and occupancy by the College is scheduled for fall 2016.



Existing facility

Keep An Eye Out For...

Two relatively small but important projects will be under construction during the beginning of the spring semester. First, a new stairway will be built on the small hillside south of Building 7. The concrete site stair will provide a safe and convenient pathway for pedestrians to connect from the South Parking Structure drop-off circle up to the second level of Building 7.

Second, an interim signage project will install updated Fremont campus maps and directional signage to help visitors find their way around during the ongoing Measure G construction. The maps will be posted at key areas such as adjacent to parking permit machines.

Directional signage will be installed at key pedestrian intersections to help with navigation. Keep an eye out for these important projects, which will begin construction in mid-January.



Future stairway path at Building 7 exterior

Measure G Funding...Series A, B & C

An election was held in the Ohlone Community College District on November 2, 2010, for the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the District for various purposes in the maximum amount of \$349,000,000. Previously, the District sold the first, second and third series of bonds under the Measure in principal amounts of \$70,000,000, \$10,000,000 and \$74,995,430, respectively. The District is now preparing to issue its fourth series of bonds in an amount not-to-exceed \$165,000,000. The bonds are being authorized for sale for the purpose of providing funds to finance approved projects. These funds will primarily go towards the Academic Core Project.

Academic Core Buildings Update

The most significant project planned under the Measure G program is the new Academic Core. This project, when complete, will provide nearly 200,000 square feet of academic space spread through three new buildings. The Academic Core Buildings will house general use classrooms, science and engineering labs, music and art studios, new lecture halls and a library/learning center. The buildings will also house faculty, staff and executive offices. These facilities will contribute to the academic mission of the College and enhance operational efficiency of the campus.

Construction of the new buildings is anticipated to begin in April of this year and full occupancy is projected for spring semester of 2019.

Several renderings of the Academic Core Buildings as well as a three-dimensional physical model of the project were provided recently by the architect. The renderings can be seen at: <http://ohlonebond.com/academic-core-project/>

The model can be seen in the first floor lobby of the Student Services Center. Additionally, live webcams are available at: <http://ohlonebond.com/webcam-1/>



Future Site of the Academic Core Buildings

Keeping The Lights On And Turning Up The Heat



New gas meter main installation

Over the winter break the Measure G team completed two very critical activities which support the daily function and operation of the Fremont campus. First, new electrical switchgear equipment was installed and energized by PG&E on December 28, 2015. Second, a new natural gas meter and campus valve were installed on January 8, 2016. Planning for this work started over three years ago, including coordination with many contractors, PG&E, and the College's campus academic, athletic and events calendars. The campus power system was shut down entirely on December 28, 2015, to facilitate installation of the new equipment. The system was re-energized later that same day and now is more reliable and efficient than before. The campus also received a new natural gas distribution system which serves building heat, hot water, and special equipment such as the kiln used by the ceramics department. This work completes the Utility Infrastructure project on the Fremont campus.

Campus Map



Watch the Academic Core Buildings progress live at:
<http://ohlonebond.com/webcam-1/>