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MEASURE G NEWSLETTER



New Academic Core Buildings

With summer ending, the final phase of construction begins on the new Academic Core Buildings. Excitement around the upcoming completion can be felt throughout the project as work on the project is coming to a close. Within just a few short months—after many years of planning, hard work, and tens of thousands of trade worker hours—the three buildings will become the foundation and the new center of Ohlone’s Fremont campus.

Both the exterior and interior of the buildings are taking their final form. As the scaffolding is removed, one can see the exterior of the building take shape and the multitude of finishes which make up the building



*Building 1: north elevation,
looking west towards the bay*



Building 3: Library, southeast elevation

enclosure. At the interior, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems are all powered up and functioning. These systems provide the backbone of the building operation and include everything from heating & cooling to power & data. The systems are programmed, tested, and retested to ensure they are operating as designed. Workers are adding the final touches of detailed finishes such as painting, casework installation, interior glazing, and flooring (just to name a few) with many areas already completed.

Around the buildings, flatwork and sitework are looking good with the addition of sidewalks, ramps, benches, and lighting. In and around the sitework, trees and other landscaping have created a softer contrast to the concrete and walkways. Pedestrians may notice that temporary construction fencing has been relocated to allow use of many of these newly installed concrete walkways and areas. For the immediate start of fall semester, there are several walkways with temporary handrails installed. The final handrails are in fabrication and will be installed soon.



Ohlone way and lower patio

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.

North Parking Project Started in May 2019

Construction started on the North Parking project in May 2019, and is anticipated to be completed in January 2020. The project will add an additional 70 parking stalls for the Smith Center and create a safer area for pedestrians. Additionally, there will be new signage, landscaping, and a new storage building for the Smith Center added to the site.

Approval from the Division of the State Architect and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) allowed for the sitework to begin. DWR maintains a 72" water supply line running beneath the site that brings water from the Sierra Nevada mountains to the Santa Clara Valley. Protecting the water line is of primary importance. Sitework activities have included the removal of existing storage containers, preparing the project site for construction, and the removal of existing vegetation. Building-24 was also removed from the site during demolition.

The existing project site has a steep slope, requiring fill material to be brought in to level out the ground for the parking lots. The District saved the excess dirt from phase one of the Geothermal Ground Loop project, which provides a cost savings to the North Parking project. Underground utilities, including sanitary sewer and fire water supply lines, which would have conflicted with new retaining wall footings, have been relocated. Excavation to support the retaining walls has been partially completed, and the concrete footings for the lower retaining wall in the new Lot-X have been poured. The first of the retaining walls have been poured, and work will continue for the next couple of months.

In the coming months, construction of the new storage building will also begin and the parking lots will take their shape. Parking in these lots will provide great access into the new Academic Core Buildings and for those attending the many events held throughout the year at the Smith Center. Look for the opening of the North Parking areas to coincide with the start of the Spring 2020 semester.



Lot X: Wall footing pour



Lot X: Retaining wall forming

Building 5 Renovation

Building 5 currently houses the Bookstore, Cafeteria, the Monitor, UMOJA, Veterans Affairs, a Personal Development classroom, and several of the IT Services staff. The building will be fully vacated and renovated upon approval from the Division of the State Architect (DSA), and after the Academic Core Buildings project is complete. Renovation of the food preparation and serving areas will include new kitchen appliances, a new walk-in refrigerator and freezer, the addition of a grab-and-go item store, and a new food sales area. The renovation will also allow the College to provide exciting new menu options including Asian noodles, pizza, Mongolian BBQ, and other hot food items. These new food and drink options will be a welcome addition to the new Academic Core Buildings.

Several of the current building occupants will move to new locations within the building after the renovation is complete. The Monitor and Personal Development classroom will move to the first floor next to the Bookstore. Veterans Affairs and UMOJA will move to a renovated space on the third floor that is currently occupied by the Monitor, and the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) will move from Building 7 to the third floor of Building 5. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2020 and will take approximately ten months to complete.



West Elevation Rendering

New Academic Core Buildings... (continued)



Building 3: English center



Building 3: Corridor with reclaimed wood from the old Building 1

Later this fall, new furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) will be delivered and placed in the newly completed spaces. The new furniture includes seating, tables, office furniture, and many other items to provide inspirational spaces for learning and collaboration. New equipment includes everything from glassware in the science labs to new kilns for students to create art. There will also be audio visual systems in nearly every classroom and space. The addition of the FF&E pulls the buildings together, adding the final beautiful touches to the classrooms and collaborative spaces.



Building 1: Lab

A model of the buildings and the site can be found on the first-floor lobby of the Student Services Center in Building 7.

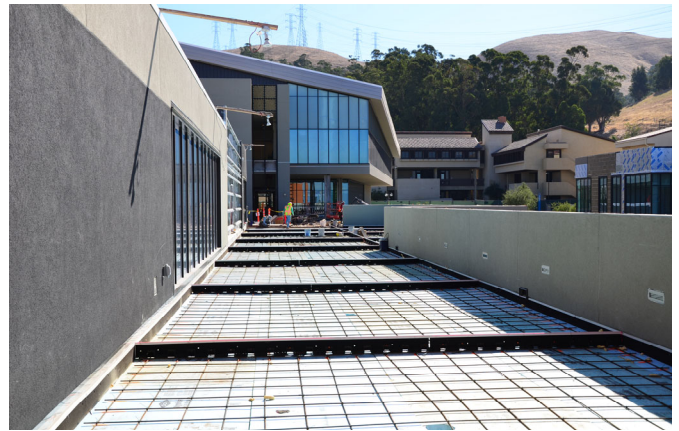
Additionally, time lapse videos of the demolition of Buildings 1, 2, & 8 and the new construction completed to date can be viewed at ohlonebond.com.

To track LIVE progress live of the construction, you can view the four project webcams at:

<http://ohlonebond.com/webcam-1/>



Building 3: Reading room with rulon (linear wood) ceiling



Building 2/3: level 4 exterior walkway



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Fremont Campus Map with Detours

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