



# El Camino College



## Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report 2019-20



# Executive Summary

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The El Camino Community College District (ECCCD) was successful at the November 5, 2002 election in obtaining authorization from the district's voters to issue \$394 million in general obligation bonds. District voters also gave the ECCCD authorization following the November 5, 2012 election to issue \$350 million in general obligation bonds.

The elections were each conducted under Proposition 39. Pursuant to Section 15278 of the Education Code, the ECCCD established an oversight committee to satisfy the accountability requirements of Prop 39. In March 2013, the El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees confirmed that the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee initially established for the 2002 Measure shall have the duties and rights set forth in the committee's bylaws with oversight responsibility over both 2002 Measure E and 2012 Measure E.

The charter of the El Camino Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is to inform the public concerning bond revenue expenditures and to actively review and report on the expenditure of these funds. The El Camino Community College District's committee comprises a cross section of the citizenry who have volunteered their time to represent various constituencies, and fulfill the responsibilities listed above.

During the 2019-20 fiscal year, the committee met on a regular basis; reviewing expenditures, touring campus renovations, asking questions, and expressing observations and recommendations. This Annual Report of the El Camino Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee documents the results of these activities and serves to fulfill the basic tenets of the charter.

By law, the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee membership is comprised of at least seven members who are selected from different groups in the local community. The committee consists of a representative that is active in a business organization located within the district, a member active in a senior citizens organization, a student enrolled at the college, an active member from a taxpayer's organization and a member in an organization that supports the college (i.e. member of an advisory council or Foundation).

Accompanying this report and available on the ECC website are the agendas and minutes of the open public meetings, as well as the independent audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 performed by the firm of Clifton Larson Allen. The committee examined and reviewed this audit. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the District complied with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution.

## **Louisa Bahar, Chair**

*El Camino Community College District  
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee*

# Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

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Name	City of Reside	Occupation	Representing	Length of Term
Lou Bahar	Manhattan Beach	Retired	Senior Representative	Three Years 4/18-4/21
Dr. Don Brann	El Segundo	Member of the El Segundo City Council	Business Representative	Three Years 4/19-4/22
David Kartsonis**	Torrance	Technical Director	Foundation Representative	Three Years 4/17-4/20
Eugene M. Krank**	Hawthorne	Podiatrist	Community Representative	Three Years 4/16-4/20
Lindsey Lee		Student Trustee	Student Representative	One Year 7/19-6/20
Laurie McCarthy	Manhattan Beach	Retired	Community Representative	Three Years 4/19-4/22
Gino DiGregorio*	Manhattan Beach	Managing Director at Accenture	Foundation Representative	Three years 6/20-6/23
Jess Negrete*	Torrance	Principle Engineer at J.M. Negrete & Associates	Taxpayer Representative	Three Years 8/19-8/22
Chris Taylor*	Torrance	Director of System Engineering at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems	Community Representative	Three years 6/20-6/23

*Each term may be repeated once. Student members serve one year only.*

\*Current member, joined after FY 2019-2020

\*\*Member during FY 2019-20, ended term in April 2020

# Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

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**Lou Bahar** is a Manhattan Beach resident, Foundation donor, scholarship supporter and ECC alumna. She started her business career at ECC with Intro to Business, Business Law and Basic Accounting. She loved accounting so much she transferred to CSULB to complete her four-year degree and received a bachelor's degree in accounting. She went on to work in various accounting jobs; finally working for her husband's floor covering distribution company before retiring. She is still a student at ECC and a lifelong learner! Born in Chicago, she happily moved to Los Angeles in her early 20s. Ms. Bahar lived in Redondo Beach for about 10 years and then moved to Manhattan Beach in 1980 and has lived there ever since.

**David Kartsonis** is a longtime South Bay resident who began his higher education at El Camino College at the age of 13. After graduating at 16, he transferred to UC Santa Barbara with a Regents Scholarship and earned a bachelor's degree in creative studies. Mr. Kartsonis is president of the El Camino College Foundation Board of Directors, and has served on the board since 2009. He is the director of technical development for Bakers Man Productions, where he has worked since 2006. Mr. Kartsonis currently lives in Torrance with his wife, son and daughter.

**Eugene M. Krank** is a podiatrist who currently works for a medical research company. In the community, he is a member of the Hawthorne School District Board of Trustees and the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association, in addition to serving as a delegate for the California School Boards Association. He also served on the committee to select El Camino College's new superintendent/president.

**Ms. Laurie McCarthy** is a retired investment banker who earned an MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Business and a BS in Nursing from UCLA. She has extensive experience in corporate finance, corporate bond issuance and merger, and acquisition financing. She has served on the Finance and Investment Committees of the UCLA Foundation, scholarship committees of the UCLA Alumni Association, and has chaired various public school and athletic team endeavors in the South Bay. Currently Ms. McCarthy is a member of the El Camino College Foundation Board and serves on the finance committee. Ms. McCarthy is a life-long learner who is currently studying French and Art History at El Camino College. She and her family have resided in Manhattan Beach for over thirty years.

**Dr. Don Brann** has over 25 years of experience in education, most recently through his leadership of the Wiseburn Unified School District. He has served as a school Superintendent in six districts, and founded the Da Vinci Schools in the Wiseburn District in 2008. He has led four successful bond initiatives over his extensive experience as an educator. A resident of El Segundo, Dr. Brann is currently serving as a member of the El Segundo City Council. Dr. Brann earned a BS in Business and an Ed.D. in Education at the University of Southern California. He is a graduate of El Camino College, was recognized as an ECC Distinguished Alumni, and is a member of the El Camino College Foundation President's Circle.

**Gino DiGregorio** is a Managing Director at Accenture, a global professional services firm committed to helping organizations transform in ways that change how the world works and lives. He received his MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, and a BS in Engineering Science from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. He works as a client account lead for global financial services clients. Mr. DiGregorio has been a member of the El Camino College Foundation Board since 2016 and is on the board for Back on My Feet Los Angeles.

**Jess Negrete** is the principal engineer at J.M. Negrete & Associates, a structural and civil engineering firm based in Torrance. The firm also specializes in building code consultation, structural inspection, architectural design, land surveys, and subdivision engineering. He serves as a director-at-large for the North Torrance Homeowners' Association. He also serves on the Citizens Advisory Panel of the Torrance Refining Company and on the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee of the Torrance Unified School District. Mr. Negrete is a graduate of El Camino College. He also earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from California State University, Long Beach.

**Chris Taylor** is Director of System Engineering at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems. Mr. Taylor has 18 years of technical, operations, and program management experience in the Space Systems. Mr. Taylor attended Tuskegee University graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering and earned a Master's of Science in Electrical Engineering from University of California Berkeley. Chris has served a volunteer help to develop a STEM program at the Boys and Girls Club in Lomita. Chris has supported recruiting efforts, at UCLA, UC Berkeley, national diversity conferences. Chris is member of Wiseburn's Juan Cabrillo PTA, Site School Council.

**Lindsey Lee** is a resident of Torrance, growing up within the community all her life. She currently serves as the Student Trustee on the El Camino College Board of Trustees and as an Executive Member for the Associated Students' Organization. Lindsey works as a Student Ambassador for the Department of Outreach and School Relations. She is also a member of Rotaract of South Bay, volunteering over 600 hours for Rotary District 5280, reading books to children, beautifying elementary schools and community gardens, and fundraising money to eradicate polio. Her goal is to graduate El Camino College as a Business Administration Major.



# July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

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During the 18th year of El Camino College's bond-funded building program, the college completed several substantial projects, and continued to design and build others.

## Milestones:

- **Student Services Center:** The departments in the new building include: Admissions & Records, International Student Program, Veterans Services, Warrior Welcome Center, EOPS/ CARE/CalWORKs & Guardian Scholars, Career & Transfer Center, Counseling & Student Success, Enrollment Services, Financial Aid, First Year Experience, Outreach & School Relations, Dual Enrollment, Special Resource Center, KEAS, Student Equity and Achievement, Student Support Services, and the Language Academy. The Student Services Center substantial completion was achieved August 2019 and the building is occupied.
- **New Gymnasium Building Project:** This is the first project identified in the 2012 Facilities Master Plan. The new building houses the basketball, volleyball, and other indoor sports programs. Substantial completion was achieved on November 2019 for District use and the building is occupied.
- **Construction continues on the Pool and Classroom Building Project.** This building will consist of two pools (a competition pool and an adaptive pool), a weight room and classrooms. Instructors, coaches and the division offices will be housed in this complex. Substantial completion was achieved on December 2020.
- **Construction continues on the Administration Building Project.** The construction of the new building will be on the same site as the current building. The offices of the Superintendent/President, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Vice President of Student Services, the Vice President of Administrative Services, the Vice President of Human Resources and the Human Resources staff, Institutional Research and Planning, Marketing and Communication, Foundation, Scholarship, and Grants, will all be housed here. Also included within this building is new Board meeting room and flexible conference rooms. The project has been completed and is occupied.
- **Manhattan Café Project.** New interior construction of a 1,658 SF café at the 1<sup>st</sup> level on the northeast corner of the existing Bookstore Building. We have obtained Division State Architect approval. The next step is to go out to bid.
- **The Art Complex building design has been submitted to the State for construction approval.** Programs within the building will consist of 2D and 3D art classrooms, sculpture, jewelry design, digital design classes, film video, photography and print making. The complex will include the anthropology museum, art gallery and staff offices as well. Exterior gathering and instruction areas will be abundant within the large shared quad with the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building. Anticipated Construction Start: Winter 2020.
- **The Behavioral Social Sciences building received plan check approval by the Division of State Architect in December 2019.** In addition to the Division office, the departments in the new building include American Studies, Anthropology, Child Development/Education, Economics, Ethnic Studies, History, Human Development, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Social Justice Studies, Sociology, and Women's Studies. Anticipated Construction Start: Winter 2020.

- The Central Plant Retro-Commissioning Project started in November 2019 and includes updating the air conditioning systems in 17 buildings by installing smart energy valves. A new chiller, cooling tower and water treatment system will be installed in the Central Plant. The project will provide better energy management and will significantly reduce the operating cost of the Central Plant. Project completion by February 2021.
- The Existing Student Activities & Student Services Demolition Project got underway in December 2019 and is scheduled for completion by the end of June 2020. The project is taking advantage of recycling the concrete for compacted fill, significantly reducing the volume.
- Student Activities Relocation Project consists of converting the first floor of the Communications Building. The project will convert the first floor of the Communications Building into the Student Activities Center consisting of 7,923 square feet. The project includes student activities area, department offices, dedicated ASO and ICC spaces, conference rooms, break room and student club storage. We received Division State Architect approval of the plans. The next step is to go out to bid.
- Construction Technology project is a covered 4 bay outdoor instruction area consisting of 10,500 sq. ft. which will be large enough to allow full scale building structures to be built under it. The canopy structure will be lighted and protected from the rain allowing for greater instruction scheduling flexibility. The canopy structure will have adequate electric, water and compressed air to support the attending students. Exterior asphalt paving will be provided for fire department access and to facilitate large deliveries of supplies. We received Division State Architect approval of the plans. The next step is to go out to bid.

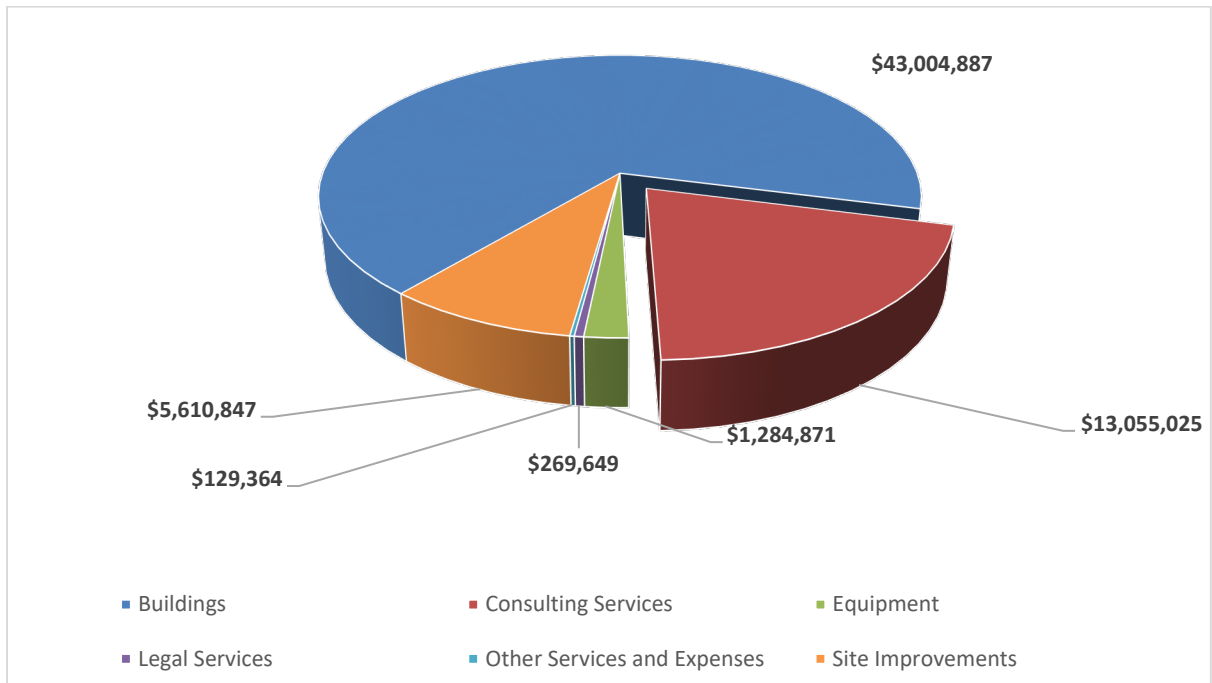
#### Challenges:

- A continuing challenge is minimizing the disruption to campus programs and operations stemming from the large amount of construction activities. As construction of future projects begins in the core of the campus, noise, disruption and access will be increasingly difficult.

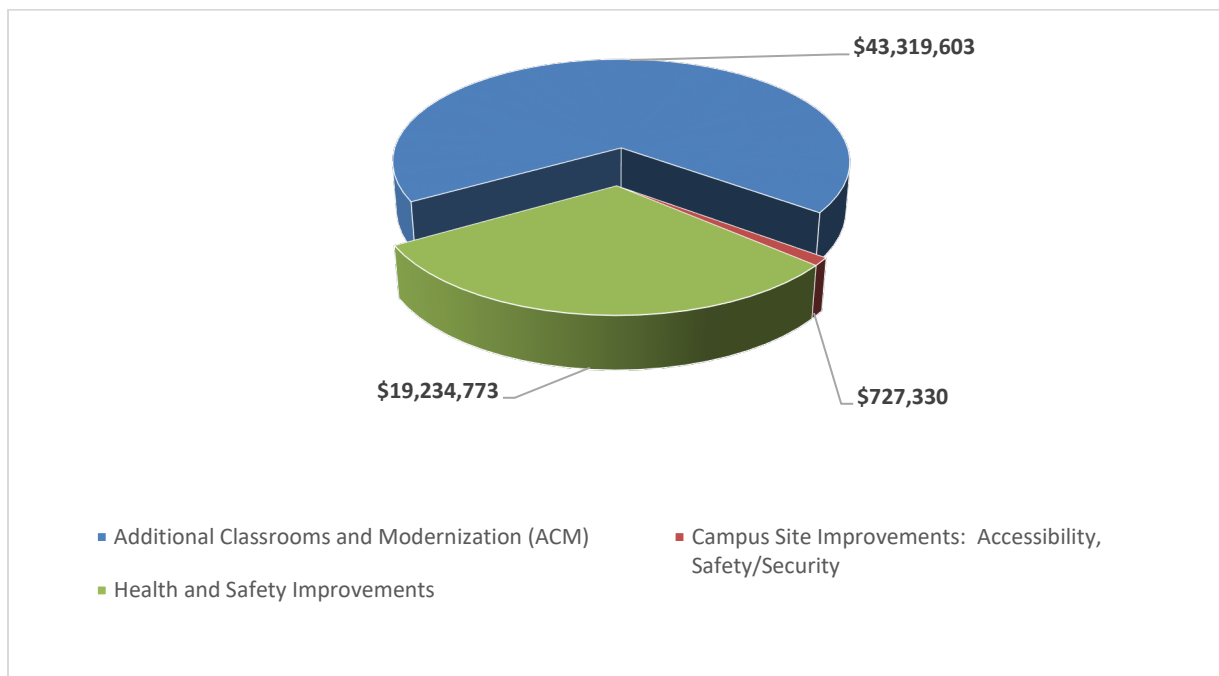
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as of June 30, 2020

## 2012 Authorization General Obligation Bond Fund Expenditures Year 2019-20 (by Type)



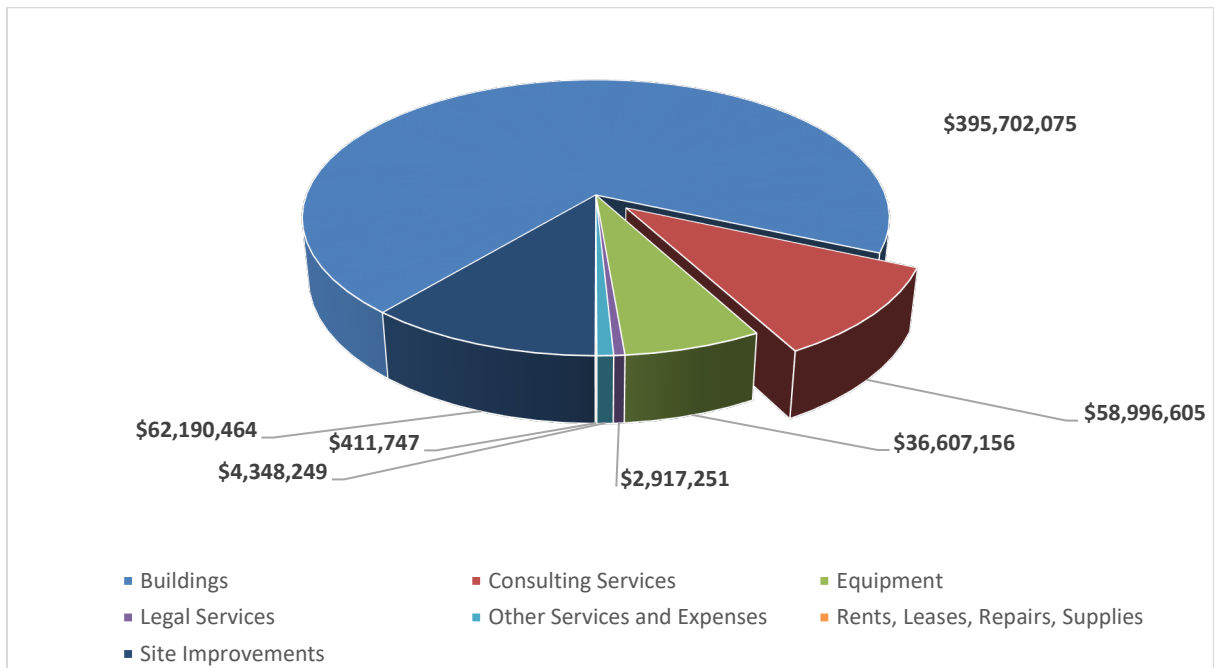
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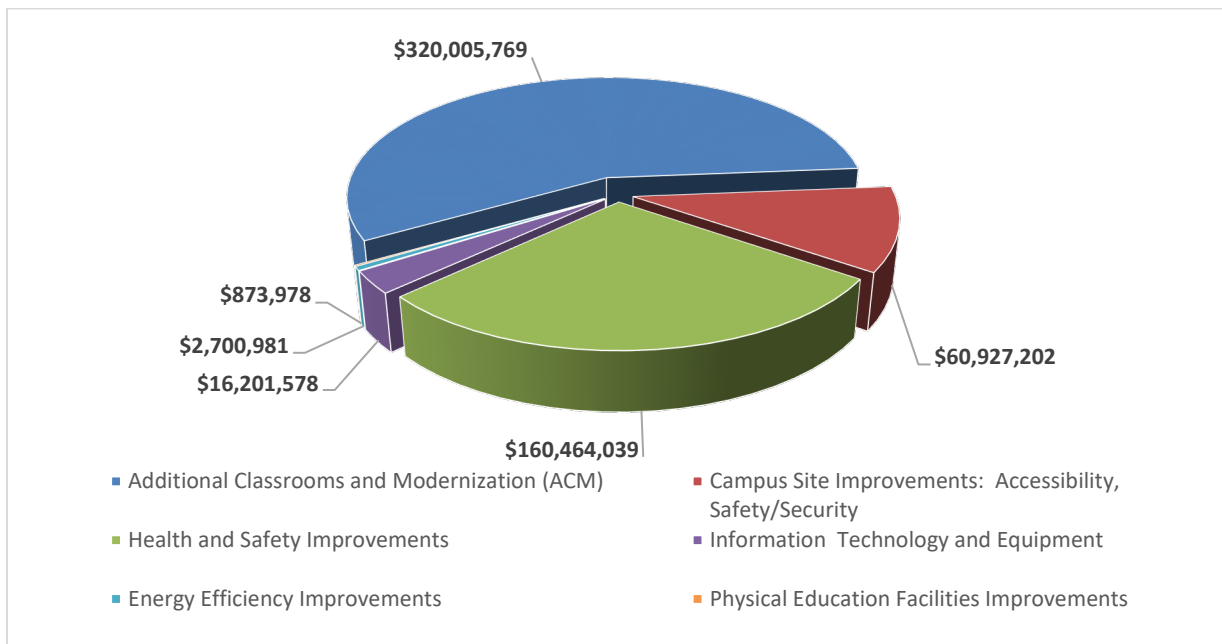
# 2002 & 2012 Authorization Combined General Obligation Bond Fund Categories and Projects

as of June 30, 2020

### General Obligation Bond Fund Expenditures Year 2002-20 (by Type)



### General Obligation Bond Fund Expenditures Year 2002-20 (by Category)





# El Camino College – Bond Status Report

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Construction Budget</b>	<b>Project Schedule</b>	
Pool/Classroom	\$36,943,766	Design	Complete
		DSA Review	Complete
Current Status:	Construction Phase (Punch list stage)	Bidding	Complete
		Construction	3/2018 - 10/2020
Percent Complete:	99%	Move In Est.	10/2020 est.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Construction Budget</b>	<b>Project Schedule</b>	
Central Plant Upgrade	\$3,323,600	Design	Complete
		DSA Review	Complete
Current Status:	Construction Phase (Punch list stage)	Bidding	Complete
		Posted	Complete
		Board Resolution	Complete
		Construction	11/11/2019 - 12/31/2020
Percent Complete:	98%	Move In Est.	N/A

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Construction Budget</b>	<b>Project Schedule</b>	
Baseball Field Improvements	\$4,100,000	Design	Complete
		DSA Review	Complete
Current Status:	Bidding Phase	Bidding	2/4/2021 - 3/3/2021
		Construction	3/20/2021 - 9/20/2021
Percent Complete:	25%	Move In Est.	9/30/2021

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Construction Budget</b>	<b>Project Schedule</b>	
Bookstore Café Project	\$1,200,000	Design	Complete
		DSA Review	Complete
Current Status:	Bidding Phase	Bidding	3/4/2021- 4/2/2021
		Construction Est.	4/15/2021 - 9/15/2021
Percent Complete:	25%	Move In Est.	9/30/2021

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Construction Budget</b>	<b>Project Schedule</b>	
Construction Technology	\$1,500,000	Design	Complete
		DSA Review	Complete
Current Status:	Bidding Phase	Bidding	2/4/2021 - 3/3/2021
		Construction Est.	3/20/2021 - 9/20/2021
Percent Complete:	25%	Move In Est.	9/30/2021

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Construction Budget</b>	<b>Project Schedule</b>	
Student Activities Relocation	\$1,300,000	Design	Complete
		DSA Review	Complete
Current Status:	Bidding Phase	Bidding	3/4/2021 - 4/2/2021
		Construction	4/20/2021 - 9/20/2021
Percent Complete:	25%	Move In Est.	9/2021

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Construction Budget</b>	<b>Project Schedule</b>	
Art Complex	\$30,698,000	Design	Complete
		DSA Review	Complete
Current Status:	Construction Phase	Bidding	8/14/2020 - 10/25/2020
		Construction Est.	11/30/2020 - 10/30/2022
Percent Complete:	2%	Move In Est.	10/2022 est.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Construction Budget</b>	<b>Project Schedule</b>	
Behavioral Social Science	\$21,398,000	Design	Complete
		DSA Review	Complete
Current Status:	Construction Phase	Bidding	8/14/2020 - 10/25/2020
		Construction Est.	11/30/2020 - 10/30/2022
Percent Complete:	2%	Move In Est.	10/2022 est.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Construction Budget</b>	<b>Project Schedule</b>	
Music Building	\$44,315,000	Design	8/2020 - 4/2022
		DSA Review	5/2022 - 12/2022
Current Status:	Design Phase	Bidding	1/2023 - 4/2023
		Construction Est.	4/2023- 4/2025
Percent Complete:	25%	Move In Est.	4/2025

## Bookstore Café Project



## Construction Technology



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## Social & Behavioral Science Building



## Arts Complex





*Entrance - Administration Building*

The El Camino Community College District is committed to providing an educational and employment environment in which no person is subjected to discrimination on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, creed, age (over 40), disability (mental or physical), sex, gender (including pregnancy and childbirth), sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, military and veteran status, or retaliation; or on any other basis as required by state and federal law.