MEASURE T ACTIVITY IN 2019-2020

Activity during the July 2019 through June 2020 time period saw the first part of the fiscal year (Fall Semester) devoted to issuing Requests for Proposals (RFPs), holding bid walkthroughs, bid openings, selection of contractors and issuing Notices to Proceed.

All projects had broken ground by December 2019. Castroville being a Design/Build project did have presentations made by the top three qualifying design/build entities. The finalist was selected in August 2019.

Contractors: Building D and E were Avila Construction; Nursing - Tombleson, Inc., King City - Avila Construction, Soledad - Dilbeck & Sons, Inc. Castroville. Design/Build entity selected was Dilbeck and Son’s and ISA: In Studio Architects, both local firms.

December saw the area (north and south) receive heavy rains which did create some delays.

Management of the projects included weekly Owner, Contractor, Architect meetings (OAC) to keep lines of communication open and identify areas needing clarification. Made sure that contractors followed new protocols for COVID-19. OAC meetings went virtual.

Three furniture vendors provided presentations to the project management team. The district is looking for costs savings in addition to other sources to assist and augment the bond funds in areas such as fixtures, furniture and equipment.

COVID—19 has not stopped the progress of the projects. Projects were identified as essential projects via the Board of Trustees (BOT) Resolution 20-7 which identified the public works projects as essential per Monterey County’s definitions of “Essential Businesses” and the guidelines of Governor Newsom’s executive orders responding to COVID-19.
INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDITS
June 30, 2020

The accounting firm of CWDL, Certified Public Accounts presented the Annual Independent Financial and Performance Audits for 2019-20 to the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee on November XX, 2020. The 20XX audit will be presented to the Board on December XX, 2020. In addition to issuing an unqualified opinion, the audit found the financial statements to fairly portray the financial position and changes in Measure T fund balance in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. These audits are available at: www.hartnell.edu/bond-oversight-reports-and-audits-0.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

This Annual Report is submitted to the public and to the Board of Trustees by the Hartnell College Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee in partial fulfillment of the Committee’s responsibilities as set forth within Article XIII.A, Section 1 of the State of California Constitution and Sections 15278 through 15282 of the State of California Education Code. The Committee is in agreement that the District is in compliance for the period of this Annual Report.

The table to the right identifies the three Series or Phases (issuance) of the Measure T funds. The white lettering indicates work begun or completed during this report’s timeframe. The two items, Bldg. K in Phase II and Bldg. H in Phase III, was work determined necessary in the current Phase I to mitigate potential damage or for sequencing of the project. These were re-roof projects and Measure T contribution to the Bldg. K ticket booth. The figures in yellow indicate budgets for current Phase I projects and future Phase II and III projects. White indicates funds expended to date.
Dear Community Members,

What a year it has been! As we all continue to adapt to the "new realities" COVID-19 and the year 2020 have given us, it is important to take time to acknowledge the things that have gone right in the last year.

The on-going implementation of Measure T is clearly one of those successes that we should celebrate. This year saw significant advances in the construction of a new campus in Soledad, an expanded campus in King City, improved facilities at the main campus, and development of designs for a new campus in Castroville. Hartnell College has been able to move these projects continuously forward throughout all the challenges our community has faced this year. For that, we thank all the staff who work hard to keep the bond projects moving forward!

I want to take this opportunity to welcome Hartnell College's new interim President, Dr. Raúl Rodríguez. On September 23, 2020, the Hartnell College Board of Trustees extended Dr. Rodriguez’s term through early 2023. We look forward to working with Dr. Rodriguez on the development of Measure T projects.

When voters approved Measure T on November 8, 2016, they did so with intent that the bond be closely monitored by a Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC). The CBOC is responsible for:

* Reporting to the public, District compliance with California Constitution Article XIII A, Section 1 (b) (3) as provided for by the attorney general's opinions.
* Monitoring expenditure of bond funds.
* Ensuring expenditures are for the purpose approved by the voters.
* Providing an annual report to the Governing Board and the community.

The Committee is pleased to present our 2019-20 Annual Report to the Hartnell CCD and the public and reports that, to the best of its knowledge, the District is in full compliance with the responsibilities as described in Article XIII A of the California State Constitution. (This article of the State Constitution is posted on the Hartnell College Measure T website for review.) With this report, the CBOC members assure the community that Measure T bond expenditures have been issued properly, and only for projects identified in the bond measure and that no funds were used unlawfully for teacher or administrator salaries. This assurance is supported by the financial and performance audits that were completed on November 30, 2017, November 14, 2018, and November 21, 2019, and (month and day) 2020 by the accounting firm CWDL, Certified Public Accountants in which Hartnell College was found in full compliance in all respects.

As the projects are being constructed and moving closer to realization, the Committee continues to follow project costs compared to the original estimated project budgets. Construction costs are currently running higher than the estimated budgets due to a hot construction market that has put a strain on available labor and materials. In response to this, the District is maximizing the bond dollars by frontloading key projects into Phase I of the bond. The District is also continuing to seek matching state funding to augment and support Measure T funding. Projects in Phase II, such as the renovation of Buildings F and G (the oldest on campus), will be supported with matching funds. Projects in Phase III, the final bond phase, have the greatest potential to be effected by higher construction. At this time, Phase III is currently underfunded and the District is continuing to review funding opportunities to support these projects.

The CBOC will continue to fulfill its duties over the next several years until all expenditures have been made as stated in Measure T. It has been my pleasure to serve as CBOC Chair and to work closely with the committee and college staff in preparing the Annual Report to the community.

Thank you,

Grant Leonard, Chair

Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee
MEASURE T 2019-20 FINAL SUMMARY & A LOOK TO 2020-21

The 2019-20 fiscal year saw actual work on the projects commence. Slightly higher than anticipated costs came back and the district is monitoring what can be done to keep in control and react to them. In March, the projects were identified as essential work and continued to progress in spite of COVID-19 shelter-in-place.

Looking towards 2020-21 -
Series B sale of Measure T bond funds will be completed. Programming/Design committees will begin to meet for the projects of Series B. Projects will be the renovation of Building J (visual arts), Building K (performing arts—interior), and a new building at the Alisal Campus. In addition, Measure T funds have been set aside as matching funds for high school projects. High schools were contacted in 2019-20 regarding the funds. Development of the logistics for the high school projects and matching funds will be developed in the coming year. Groundbreaking at the Castroville project, last of the Series A Bond projects, will take place in mid-October 2020. Students hopefully will be back in 2020-21.