Public Oversight Report from Peralta’s Independent Eyes on Measure A

Thanks to the 2006 passage of Peralta Colleges’ $390 million Measure A bond, district-wide construction and rehabilitation of educational and administrative buildings, grounds and infrastructure, furnishings and equipment acquisition, and the purchase or lease of real property has tremendously secured, improved and expanded the district’s educational facilities. Measure A expenditures are overseen and publicly reported by the Citizens’ Oversight Committee, which provides for transparency and public accountability in theses funds.

“We are pleased to report that the most recent audit has been thoroughly reviewed and fully support its findings,” said Dr. Nyeisha DeWitt, the committee’s chair. “Our committee appreciates the access and careful attention the staff provides to ensure we have the required knowledge and context to provide adequate oversight.”

Measure A Audits – in Compliance

The Peralta District continues to be in compliance with legally mandated audit requirements. Independent audits focused on financial statements and performance are conducted by Vavrizek, Trine & Day Co. LLP, CPA’s. The Financial Statements Audit examines fiscal management and reports by the District’s finance department. Performance Audits determine whether Peralta’s Department of General Services made expenditures in accordance with bond requirements, state law, and the District’s legal dictates and policies.

The most recent audits awarded Measure A an “unqualified” rating, meaning that no significant internal control breakdowns were detected. Several procedural issues identified in the Financial Statements Audit involving documentation, year-end close-out and specific postings have been corrected. The District passed the Performance Audits with no significant issues being identified.
Measure A provides $390 million to improve Peralta’s four colleges. To date, three bond sales have generated $275 million of that total. More than 65 individual projects have been completed [see full list >] and numerous planning processes have been initiated and/or completed during the past six years. Here are a few highlights:

**January 2007**
New furniture and equipment approved
$19,800,305

District-wide health and safety projects begin:

**March 2007**
First Phase
$20,460,906

**October 2007**
Second Phase
$21,580,963

**April 2008**
New District-wide signage starts
$2,900,000

**January 2009**
New sidewalks
College of Alameda
$2,742,556

**February 2009**
Integrated Facilities Master Plan completed
District-wide
$4,000,000

**May 2009**
Culinary kitchens and student-run Bistro
Laney College
$11,943,777

**June 2009**
Comprehensive Capital Plan approved
District-wide (covers $390 million)
December 2009
One Stop Student Services Center and
Student-Public Access Dental Facilities
College of Alameda
$17,785,000

March 2011
Solar panels installed
Merritt College
$8,240,000

October 2010
ADA upgrades and
building improvements
Berkeley City College
$7,500,000

April 2011
New, energy-efficient
lighting campus-wide
Merritt College
$1,627,480

November 2011
New athletic field, field
house and parking lot
Laney College
$20,181,409
Major completed projects – by campus

■ Berkeley City College
New building construction .............. $86,698,031
  • Measure E: $19.5 million
  • Measure A: $12.5 million
  • State: $54.6 million
Campuswide modifications .............. $1,660,000
  (labs, art studios, student and administrative areas)
ADA access upgrades ............... $200,000

■ College of Alameda
Building A modernization .............. $16,228,948
  (Student Service Center, dental facilities)
Complete sidewalk replacement .......... $2,742,556
Various building renovations .......... $3,226,756
New flooring, lighting and painting .......... $2,235,734
Access road realignment and landscaping .......... $1,069,500
Ductwork cleaning and equipment renovation .......... $802,387
New, environmentally responsible .......... $800,000
landscaping
Weight room, decking and ............... $2,299,009
restroom upgrades and repairs

Tennis court upgrades ............... $400,000
Dental clinic modifications ............... $200,000

■ Laney College
New Athletic Complex ............... $20,181,409
Various repairs and refurbishments .... $15,615,087
  (Welcome Center, classroom upgrades, tunnel lighting, theater,
  labs, gym, window coverings)
New Bistro and culinary kitchens .......... $11,943,777
Modify HVAC in computer labs .......... $2,241,696
  and Buildings F & G
Tower renovations swing space .......... $2,000,000
Refurbish restrooms and showers .......... $1,443,750
Welding, carpentry, chemistry .......... $4,229,803
  and cosmetology labs upgrades
Interim space portables .......... $775,000
Disabled Students Center upgrades .......... $892,500
  and swing space
Renew fitness center and computer labs .......... $1,207,625
Relocate Building A 2nd floor .......... $551,250
Lighting and gateway to college .......... $682,500
Theater upgrades and security .......... $241,252
  system installation

■ Merritt College
Early renovation projects ............... $1,122,400
Student Center and classrooms .......... $15,350,553
  Building R total renovation
Solar panels installation .......... $8,240,000
Library & Learning Center renovation .......... $7,900,000
Building Q improvements ............... $2,707,698

Waterproofing Buildings D, Q & P .......... $2,259,049
Lighting upgrades and other repairs .......... $1,627,480
860 Atlantic swing space .......... $1,350,000
Gym improvements .......... $1,135,437
Building D infrastructure .......... $1,083,555
improvements and repairs
Tennis court upgrades .......... $911,779
Parking lots and lighting repairs .......... $1,432,117
horticulture upgrades, and roofing
Temporary relocation space .......... $785,594

■ District Administrative Center
Office/community room renovations .......... $3,177,474
HVAC modifications .......... $1,700,000
International Student Center .......... $1,650,000
refurbishment
Emergency generator installation .......... $741,421

■ District-wide Projects
Energy systems upgrades .......... $2,235,000
  (energy-use evaluation; new meters)
New sidewalk/parking-lot paving .......... $1,584,669
Police Control Center renovation .......... $1,000,000
Lighting, recycling, library .......... $1,557,000
technology and PCCD-TV upgrades
Projects in progress and in the pipeline
(projects over $1 million)

- Berkeley City College
  Additional build-out of labs and infrastructure ........... $3,800,000
  New expansion site acquisition .................. $12,000,000

- College of Alameda
  Reconstructed Science Building ....................... $42,077,545
  Temporary classroom relocation portables .......... $3,000,000
  860 Atlantic – classroom relocation building ... $6,440,730

- Laney College
  Reconstructed Laney Student Center .................. $23,000,000
  Tower Building total renovation .................. $8,540,000
  ADA access improvements .......................... $4,728,955
  Temporary classroom/offices relocation portables .......... $1,400,000
  Solar panels, generating 500 kw of electricity .......... $5,003,000

- Merritt College
  New Allied Health Building ....................... $55,442,188
  New and upgraded utility infrastructure .......... $7,678,000
  Refurbished Library; new furniture and equipment ...... $7,900,000

- District-wide Projects
  Campus security camera and monitoring ............ $8,272,723
  Smart classrooms ................................ $9,866,141
  New ADA-compliant drinking fountains .............. $1,760,000
  New Health Clinic ................................ $2,000,000
  Signage ........................................ $2,680,500

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Total Measure A Funds Spent, Allocated & Earned
As of December 21, 2011, $187,535,638 of the $390 million bond has been spent. $7,675,000 in interest has been earned on bond proceeds.

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