

Community Connection

2015

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

The 2006 passage of Peralta Colleges' \$390 million Measure A bond continues to deliver great educational support value in the form of 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. District facilities are now safer and more secure with improved and expanded capacity. Measure A expenditures are overseen and publicly reported by the Citizens' Oversight Committee, which provides for transparency and public accountability in the use of these funds.

■ Measure A Audits

Peralta has been in compliance with legally mandated audit requirements since Measure A's inception. Separate, independent audits of financial statements and performance are conducted by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. LLP, CPAs. The Financial Statements Audit examines bond fiscal management and the Performance Audit determines whether expenditures have been made in line with bond requirements, state law, and the District's legal dictates and policies.

The most recent audits in each area earned "Unqualified" opinions, confirming that the Bond is being handled correctly and within the legal requirements, and the auditor has no qualifications that need to be addressed or other performance concerns.

"Our facilities are improving to support the hard work of students, faculty and staff, and provide a learning environment that promotes our full range of educational objectives – from transfer education to workplace training – that prepare our students to meet the demands of tomorrow."

– Michael Mills, Committee Chair



Measure A

progress at Peralta

Measure A provides \$390 million to improve Peralta's four colleges. As of May 2015, bond sales have generated \$275 million, \$12,456,311 has been earned in interest, and \$115 million remains available to be cash out. A total of \$264,092,154 has been spent with an additional \$119,193,178 committed or encumbered. Here are a few highlights...



April 2008
New District-wide
signage starts
\$1,864,763

2007
District-wide
health-and-
safety projects
begin
\$42,041,869



March 2011
Solar panels installed
Merritt College
\$7,867,544

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

June 2009
Comprehensive
Capital Plan approved
District-wide
(covers \$390 million)



November 2011
New athletic complex
Laney College
\$19,817,959



February 2013
860 Atlantic buildout completed
College of Alameda and Merritt College
\$7,337,389



October 2013
Athletic fields renovation at Laney College,
Merritt College and College of Alameda
\$2,280,634



June 2013
Security Center renovation
District Administrative Center
(cameras installed district-wide)
\$6,156,367



May 2015
2118 Milvia St. acquired
Berkeley City College
\$4,052,033



November 2015
Barbara Lee Science
and Allied Health
Building dedicated
Merritt College
\$47,731,869

Major and notable completed projects – by campus

■ Berkeley City College

Center St. Campus buildout and improvements	\$8,236,015
Milvia St. Building acquired	\$4,052,033
Roof-mounted solar panels	\$363,190
ADA accessibility improvements	\$1,485,930
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$1,432,433
Information Technology Phase 2	\$976,486

■ College of Alameda

Student Welcome Center	\$3,896,052
Building modernizations (Dental Center, weight room, flooring, lighting, other small projects)	\$9,860,859
Sidewalks replacement	\$2,636,779
Aviation School parking lot	\$9,800
Access road realignment and landscaping	\$669,355
860 Atlantic Annex refurbishing	\$6,990,645
Veterans' Center buildout	\$308,873
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$2,263,142
Information Technology	\$253,286

■ Laney College

Athletic complex, field & parking	\$19,817,959
Building modernizations (Theater, Tower reception, instructional space, offices and beautification)	\$23,505,375
Solar panels	\$4,059,596
Beginners Inn culinary kitchen and dining room	\$7,275,736

Tower renovation	\$7,671,524
ADA access upgrades	\$3,714,787
Student Services Building renovation design	\$2,262,562
Sustainability Building planning	\$542,050
Buildings waterproofing	\$85,882
Breezeways improvements	\$816,717
Stairs repair	\$55,202
Temporary space	\$2,132,188
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$6,591,359
Information Technology	\$3,365,103

■ Merritt College

Barbara Lee Science and Allied Health Building	\$47,731,869
Solar panels	\$7,867,544
Library/Learning Resource Center renovation	\$7,148,123
Building modernizations (instructional spaces, lighting, sidewalks, athletic facilities, waterproofing)	\$9,499,307
Utility infrastructure and upgrades	\$8,151,876
Building modernization small projects	\$9,499,307
Temporary instructional and administrative space	\$11,800
Genomics accommodations (at 860 Atlantic)	\$346,743
Africana Center	\$399,500
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	4,591,134
Information Technology	\$1,535,839

■ District-wide Projects

Integrated Educational and Facilities Master Plan	\$2,931,322
Smart classrooms	\$8,378,723
Security Center renovation	\$6,156,367
Paving and parking meters	\$1,584,914
Signage	\$1,864,763
Sidewalk and lighting upgrades	\$518,690
Solar panels and sustainable upgrades	\$64,549
Recycling equipment	\$283,830
Renewable energy	\$2,146,450
Water fountains	\$455,004
Library technology upgrades	\$248,532
Athletic field renovations	\$2,280,634
Distance education apps	\$435,005
Financial aid system	\$83,103
IT infrastructure	\$11,981,011

■ District Administrative Center

District Office renovation	\$1,853,494
Emergency service upgrade	\$268,141
HVAC	\$1,446,376
Service Centers	\$3,534,117
International Program facility and sidewalks	\$1,619,245
Furniture, fixtures/equipment and Information Technology	\$1,642,629

860 Atlantic Center Partnership: The College of Alameda and Merritt College collaborated on design and shared the expense to deliver a state-of-the-art science facility to their students.

MEASURE A BOND SALES AND EXPENDITURES

Expenditures in a Nutshell

The majority of Measure A expenditures are directed by specific, college-determined needs and objectives, and made through careful planning. At the beginning, a small portion of these funds were immediately spent on pressing health and safety situations and badly needed technology equipment for Peralta campuses.

Measure A Bond Sales

Voters approved Measure A in **June 2006**, authorizing the sale of \$390 million in bond funding for Peralta.

- August 2006 1st bond sale ■ \$75 million
 - November 2007 2nd bond sale ■ \$100 million
 - September 2009 3rd bond sale ■ \$100 million
- > Remaining amount available: \$115 million

Total Measure A Funds Spent, Allocated & Earned

As of December 31, 2015, \$279,885,075 of the \$390 million bond has been spent and \$8,337,525 encumbered. An additional \$107,694,244 is committed (projects approved and awaiting contracts or state matching funds). \$15,241,638 in interest has been earned on bond proceeds.

	Spent	Encumbered	Committed
Berkeley City College	\$16,546,086	\$16,127	\$6,715,980
College of Alameda	\$28,953,625	\$712,889	\$36,226,390
Laney College	\$82,800,878	\$5,274,542	\$32,961,339
Merritt College	\$87,325,935	\$2,129,059	(\$23,894)
Districtwide Projects	\$59,520,601	\$86,960	\$1,627,994
District Administration Center	\$10,737,952	\$117,948	---
Interest Earned	---	---	\$12,482,299
TOTAL	\$279,885,077	\$8,337,526	\$107,694,305

In progress and in the pipeline

■ Berkeley City College

Milvia campus buildout \$7,767,966

■ College of Alameda

New Building "C" construction \$38,103,948

Utilities \$634,020

Temporary instructional and office space \$1,903,612

Furniture, fixtures and equipment \$1,480,222

Information Technology \$2,358,709

■ Laney College

Library and Resource Center \$31,735,811
(contingent on receipt of state bond funding)

Sustainability Building (B.E.S.T. Center) \$6,008,281

Student Center \$15,822,608

Health Clinic \$1,925,200

Additional Tower improvements \$414,979

Utility infrastructure \$92,039

Information Technology \$1,643,693

■ Merritt College

Furniture, fixtures and equipment \$4,439,251

Information Technology \$914,523

■ District-wide Projects

Solar power and sustainability \$1,627,994

Smart-classroom streaming \$1,489,418

Electronic marquee signs \$1,065,737

Emergency blue phones \$300,000

Information Technology \$18,989

■ District Administration Center

Furniture, fixtures/equipment and IT \$1,116,649



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Measure A Citizens' Oversight Committee



A Message from the Committee Chair

Michael Mills

Voters in our six cities provided the funding to improve College of Alameda, Berkeley City College, Laney College and Merritt College. Our Oversight Committee is responsible for ensuring that these monies are spent wisely. The Committee ensures that bond expenditures adhere to voter approved dictates, delivers an annual progress report to the public, and certifies that ballot language and statutory requirements were met during the reporting period. We take our charge and responsibility very seriously.

To the best of our knowledge, based on current auditor reports and regular reporting by the District, the Committee finds that the Peralta Community College District is in full compliance with the responsibilities described in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California State Constitution regarding college districts' bond indebtedness.

Thank you for the confidence you have placed in us.



Watching the Money

The Citizen's Oversight Committee consists of seven members representing the community, businesses, senior citizens, taxpayer organizations and students. Its quarterly meetings are open to the public.

■ Committee Members

- Michael Mills, Chair
- Adrien Abuyen, Peralta Student
- John Caner, Business Organization
- Arthur Kurrasch, Taxpayers' Organization
- Chantal Reynolds, Community-at-Large
- Zac Unger, Labor Organization
- Karen Weinstein, Community-at-Large
- Debra Weintraub, Senior Citizens' Organization