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Fall 2004, voters approved a \$951 million bond initiative for the Maricopa County Community College District which included \$90 million for new construction and remodeling and \$25 million for technology and site improvements for MCC. Following is an update on MCC's remaining bond projects.

Construction Cost Outlook

It is important to note that the 2004 bond package accounted for a 3% increase in materials and labor costs each year. However, costs increased to a high point of 37% since January 2004 but have since fallen to 9.3%.

Note: Project completion dates are subject to change based on construction schedules.



Virtual Incident Command Center at MCC's Downtown Center

Southern and Dobson Campus

Communication and Humanities

The Humanities building was remodeled and opened in August 2010 and provides state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities for faculty and students.

In October 2011, the remodel of the Communications Building was completed, providing state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories.

Performing and Fine Arts

A new 450 seat Performing Arts Center, using the already purchased former Harkins Theater and Fuddrucker buildings, is in the design stage and is slated to open summer 2013.

A new Fine Arts Gallery is in the design stage and is scheduled for completion summer 2013.

Student Portal Complex

Original plans called for the creation of a new P-20 Center in downtown Mesa in partnership with Mesa Public Schools and the City of Mesa. Due to inflation and budgetary constraints, Mesa Public Schools and the City of Mesa could no longer partner in this endeavor.

Replacing the P-20 Center Project will be a new Student Portal Complex at MCC's Southern and Dobson campus with a focus on student needs and services. The Complex is in the planning stage and will consist of three phases. Phase I, consisting of a new Enrollment Center, will provide current and prospective students with a one-stop admissions, registration and advising facility. Phase II will include the renovation of four to five older adjacent buildings connected together by an atrium. This will provide students with space to study and gather with easy access to numerous student services. Phase III consists of remodeling the existing Kirk Student Center and connecting it via the atrium to form a unified complex. Construction is slated to begin in 2012 and is estimated to take three to five years to complete.

Downtown Center

The purchase of the fourth floor of the Carousel View Building on Centennial Way in downtown Mesa was completed in 2009. The state-of-the-art Virtual Incident Command Center for emergency responders opened fall 2011. The Center provides a true-to-life incident command training program. Through state-of-the-art customizable simulations, trainees experience virtually everything they would experience in the field. Additionally, Northern Arizona University continues to offer classes at this location.

The purchase of the 1st and 2nd floors of the Carousel View Building was completed in 2010 and includes student services, classrooms, faculty offices and the Chair Academy, which provides leadership programs and services to post-secondary institutions worldwide.

Distance Learning

MCC's E-Learning program, previously called distance learning, provides online classes and continues to grow each semester. MCC will seek accreditation to offer online degrees beginning fall 2012.

New Construction, Remodels and Site Development

Following is a summary of MCC's completed projects to date:

- Refurbished old Physical Science building into a new facility for Health & Wellness. The newly remodeled Health & Wellness building opened in August 2010.
- The Network Academy building was remodeled and opened in August 2010. Students receive skill training in network administration and security, computer networks and data communications, and information and data security.
- Completed construction of Saguaro building on the Red Mountain campus in fall 2009. The building earned Gold Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design certification (LEED).
- Completed construction of two new parking lots.
- Upgraded information technology equipment and networks.
- Completed construction of the new Physical Science building and planetarium, which opened in August 2008. This building was the first Gold LEED certified building at MCC and first major LEED certified building in the Maricopa County Community College District.
- Purchased equipment for Occupational Education programs such as Veterinary Technology/Animal Health and the Fire Sciences.
- Relocated athletic fields and parking lots.
- Upgraded heating and cooling systems to improve energy efficiency and lower maintenance costs.
- Replaced building canopies and completed major maintenance.
- Replaced domestic water lines.
- Created 8 new tennis courts.
- Installed additional security cameras, state-of-the-art monitoring systems, an improved communication system and increased building safety measures to enhance campus security.



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