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Mesa Community College's (MCC's) Bond Report Card provides an update on the development of new MCC facilities and improvements to existing buildings using money from the 2004 bond initiative. Future report cards will provide updates on the progress of MCC's ongoing capital development projects.

### **Construction Cost Outlook**

The cost of construction materials, particularly concrete and steel, has grown at a higher than anticipated rate. The bond package accounted for a 3% increase in materials cost each year, however rates have increased by 12% and continue to rise. MCC is responding by looking to collaboration and partnerships to supplement bond dollars so that all projects can be accomplished.

## Southern and Dobson

### *Physical Science and Health and Wellness Buildings*

Facility plans originally called for the construction of new Physical Science and Health and Wellness buildings. The impact of rising construction costs created the need for a new approach to plans for the Health and Wellness building, slated as the last building to be constructed at Southern and Dobson. Faculty in the Physical Sciences and Health and Wellness departments collaborated to construct one building with the same square footage as the two that were originally proposed.

Groundbreaking for the Physical Science building, which will be located on the west side of campus, is anticipated to occur January 2007. SMITHGROUP, Inc, has been selected for the design and Barton Mallow will provide construction services.

Once the new Physical Science building is completed, the existing Physical Science building will be refurbished into a state-of-the-art facility. The remodel is scheduled to begin March 2008.

**status report:** ✓ *in progress*

### *Communication and Humanities*

Faculty and college leaders are meeting to identify the types of classroom space needed to meet the department's educational initiatives. Planning will continue throughout fall 2006.

**status report:** ✓ *in progress*

### *Performing and Fine Arts*

Construction on the Performing and Fine Arts building is scheduled to begin in 2010. Because of the anticipated increases in construction costs, the college is seeking funding partners.

**status report:** ✓ *in progress*

### *Site Development*

Heating and cooling systems are being upgraded to improve energy efficiency and create infrastructure to support new buildings. Security across campus will be enhanced with the installation of additional security cameras. Buildings are being re-keyed to a computerized system tied to employees' electronic I.D. cards to further enhance security.

Additional parking is being developed on the east side of campus. The new parking area will join the existing northeast and southeast lots and will be completed by December 2006.

**status report:** ✓ *in progress*





## Red Mountain Campus

Faculty and college leaders are meeting to identify the types of classroom spaces needed to facilitate future growth. Construction is scheduled to begin April 2008.

**status report:** ✓ *in progress*

## Downtown Campus

Partnerships are the driving force behind MCC's Downtown Campus. MCC is partnering with the City of Mesa to build a Fire Science Training Academy, with each partner bringing capital dollars to fund the project. Negotiations are also in progress that will enable the college to acquire buildings it has historically rented in Downtown Mesa.

**status report:** ✓ *in progress*

## Distance Learning

MCC's distance learning program will be expanded and will include course and content management systems and access to online student services. In addition, computer hardware will be purchased to support the new systems. MCC will be seeking accreditation to offer an online degree.

**status report:** ✓ *in progress*



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