As the semester comes to a close, it is an appropriate time to provide the campus with an update as to the status of the various Measure L Bond Projects. It seems everywhere you look there is some sort of construction under way.

Data Center:
The Data Center project can be seen just north of the Cunningham 6 parking lot behind the central plant. The construction of the building has purposely been divided into two stages: construction of the shell and interior improvements. One look at the project and you'll notice the building shell is nearing completion. Additional preparation around the site later this summer includes concrete and parking lot work. Interior improvements are in design stages, with approval by the Department of State Architects expected by the end of May. If all goes according to schedule, interior construction is expected to begin in September.

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South Campus at Mountain House:
The Fall Semester will see the opening of the college’s new center in Mountain House. With more than 30,000 square feet of space, technologically advanced classrooms and the same quality instruction offered on the main campus, August 17th will be a special day for Delta College. Work on the project is on schedule with the focus including landscaping, signage and other phases of readying the facility to welcome its first batch of students.
Gateway:  
As many of you know, the project we’ve all been calling the Gateway building now has a permanent name: The Lawrence and Alma DeRicco Student Services Building. Construction is progressing on schedule. Exterior framing is complete and lathing is now underway. HVAC ductwork, fire sprinklers and electrical rough-in work are complete and interior framing and drywall work continues.

Northeast Infrastructure Project:  
The Northeast Infrastructure project which had the most impact on the Cunningham 6 parking lot is nearing completion. All utilities that had to be run through the area are complete. Landscaping, paving, and re-striping continue, with the parking lot expected to be back in use just after Memorial Day.

North Road:  
The north road project which involved enhancing the entrance near the Pershing Avenue exit on the northwest corner of the campus is complete. This project also incorporated trenching to supply utilities to the area of campus occupied by the new Data Center and Police Department.
Central Plant:
In order to prepare for the Lawrence and Alma DeRicco building to come on line in October, and the much larger Math and Science building which is being planned, capacity for heating and air conditioning on campus needed to be enhanced. The Central Plant project consists of the installation of a new chilling unit, construction of an additional thermal energy storage tank and an upgraded electronic energy management system.

The critical part of this project occurred several weeks ago when the central plant was shut down to connect new plumbing and control circuits. The window for this tie in had to be prior to the opening of the student services building, but also during a time when outside temperatures allowed both heating and air to be non-operational for a brief period of time. The weather cooperated and the tie in is now complete. The thermal storage tank and chiller are in place and ready for operation. The energy management system the last remaining piece of the project.

Goleman Building Modernization:
It’s hard to miss the day to day construction at the Goleman Building. The asbestos removal phase of the project is complete. Reinforcement and concrete work continues throughout the interior. The large construction crane that has taken up residence in front of the building steadily places new structural steal framing on the northeast corner of the building near the Koi Pond. Exterior plastering should begin in the coming weeks. The interior walls are being framed on the first floor and mechanical, plumbing and electrical subcontractors are working right behind the framers in preparation for gypsum wallboard to be installed. This process will begin soon on the second floor as well.

Police Portables:
The new police facility which has been named in honor of former Chief Lourn Phelps, is currently undergoing significant work throughout the interior. A holding cell, armory, locker rooms, conference room and offices are being constructed and the building’s new emergency generator is now in place.

Planetarium Project:
The Clever Planetarium has received a facelift with renovations aimed at enhancing ADA access, improving safety and bringing “Herman”, the star projector up to date. Chairs have been repaired and refurbished with new fabric and the floor of the dome room is now accessible by wheelchair. The Planetarium is scheduled to reopen sometime near the beginning of the Fall semester.