

# Measure H Bond **FAQ** (Frequently Asked Questions)

## Facilities Master Plan

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- 1. Where can I find information about the bond and the process to date?**
  - You can check the website at <http://bond.santarosa.edu> for updates.
- 2. What is a “Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan?”**
  - A comprehensive facilities master plan includes four scopes of work:
    - Assessment of existing facilities.
    - Assessment of internal data including the District’s Strategic Plan and Educational Master Plan.
    - Creation of a fifteen year vision for each of the District’s five teaching sites.
    - Creation of District building standards.
  - The District’s capital project and facilities maintenance list exceeds \$850M and was trimmed down for the election. Therefore, it will not be possible to address every capital improvement project with Measure H funds.
  - The District may apply for State General Obligation (GO) bond funding to “leverage” Measure H dollars, allowing the District to undertake more projects further down the project list.
- 3. What is the 2030 Plan Steering Committee?**
  - The 2030 Plan Steering Committee is an internal Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) participatory governance committee created to oversee the facilities master planning process, comprised of administration, faculty, staff and students.
  - Subcommittees have been created for specific areas of planning and are under the direction of the 2030 Plan Steering Committee. Each subcommittee, chaired by co/tri-chairs, is comprised of administration, faculty, students and classified staff, and is supported by a consultant who specializes in that area. Over 200 volunteers from the SRJC community are involved in the work of these subcommittees.
  - Subcommittees have been formed to work in the following eight (8) areas:
    - ADA and Universal Access
    - Architectural Design
    - Demonstration Classrooms
    - Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment
    - Health and Wellness
    - Signage and Wayfinding
    - Site and Landscape
    - Sustainability
- 4. What is “State Funding” and why does it matter?**
  - The State of California issues “General Obligation” educational bonds (GO bonds) intended for the improvement of capital assets (buildings and grounds) for the K-12, Community College, State University and UC systems. The last set of GO bonds was issued in 2004, and the next set of California GO bonds is on the ballot this November.
  - The November statewide education bond is valued at \$9 billion, with \$2 billion allocated for the Community College system.

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- The District's capital project and facilities maintenance list exceeded \$850M prior to the election and was trimmed down to a number palatable to the voters of Sonoma County. Therefore, it will not be possible to address every capital improvement project with Measure H funds.
- The District will apply for State GO bond funding whenever possible, "leveraging" Measure H funding and allowing the District to address more projects further down the project list.

### **5. How does the "State Funding" process work?**

- The State Chancellor's Office has a point system that ranks projects from Colleges across the State against each other. Projects with more points are deemed a higher priority. A Measure H contribution provides additional points, making our local projects more attractive to the Chancellor's Office.
- The Chancellor's Office has a two-step funding process. The first step includes a submittal known as an Initial Project Plan (IPP). If it is accepted, the second step in the process is the development of a submittal known as a Final Project Plan (FPP).
- If the District deems a project worthy of a State funding application, the District will hire an architect to assist in the creation of the IPP and FPP and faculty, staff and administrators will be consulted.

### **6. How will building standards be utilized and implemented?**

- The SRJC college community, with the assistance of specialty consultants, is developing standards. The 2030 Plan Steering Committee, the Cabinet and Dr. Chong will evaluate the sub-committee's recommendations and will ask the Board of Trustees to approve those recommendations.
- Architects will be hired to design specific projects and will be expected to follow the approved standards in the project design.

### **7. How will SRJC determine what to build and modernize?**

- The District has hired the planning team of Gensler + Quattrocchi Kwok (QKA) have been hired to evaluate the District's facilities. They will assist in creating a site plan for each teaching site and an implementation plan, binding the Facilities Master Plan to the Educational Master Plan.
- Additional criteria include:
  - Age and condition of building.
  - Increased student enrollment due to the building's renovation.
  - Safety and condition of equipment.
  - Growth of program over time.
  - Availability of state funding.

### **8. How much money was the original bond and do you have all that money right now?**

- The taxpayers of Sonoma County approved \$410M in November 2014.
- The planning phase is ongoing, and the first round of bond money will be available for project work in 2016 in the amount of \$125M.

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- The balance of the money will become available in phases over the length of the program.
- 9. Who is the Program Director for the District and is there an in-house team?**
- Leigh Sata was hired as the Director of Capital Projects and Susan Brouwer was hired as Administrative Assistant III to the Director of Capital Projects in August 2015.
  - Consulting teams will be hired to assist in project-specific work, including Project and Construction Managers, Architects and Engineers.
  - The in-house team also includes individuals in Accounting and Purchasing.
- 10. How long will it take to spend the \$410M and complete the projects?**
- This program is projected to take anywhere from seven to fifteen years.
- 11. What will be done about the brick buildings on the Santa Rosa campus?**
- One of the 2030 Plan Steering Committee subcommittees is creating design standards. Plans include maintaining brick on the Santa Rosa campus.
  - The older brick buildings will be evaluated; their condition will determine plans for those buildings.