

# **Library Capital Improvement Project Update**

January 26, 2006

## **MAIN LIBRARY**

The 90% construction drawings for the new Main Library are continuing through the building permit review process. Value Engineering and constructability reviews were completed, and the final cost estimate has been established at \$184.9 million, based on a contract start date of July 1, 2006. The processing of the contract, bids evaluation and negotiating the final cost with Turner Construction will take approximately five months. The demolition of the existing police garage is now set to begin in February 2006 and should be complete in approximately one month. Directly following the demolition will be a contract to remediate any contamination that may exist on the site. This process will take one to three months depending on the level of contamination found.

## **OTAY MESA-NESTOR LIBRARY**

The expansion of the Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch is coming close to completion. It is anticipated that the building will pass inspection for a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy in February 2006 and Library staff can begin moving back in at that time. An opening date will be arranged with the Council District 8 Office.

## **SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA LIBRARY**

Construction is approximately 65% complete on the new Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch. The Council District 6 Office is working with City staff to provide some enhancements to a Preschoolers' Door to Learning Center, serving children under 5, for reimbursement from the First Five Commission grant.

## **NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Construction is approximately 15% complete on the new North University Community Branch. City staff is waiting for the review of the final furnishings package.

## **LOGAN HEIGHTS LIBRARY**

The first phase (parking lot and portable classroom relocation) of the new Logan Heights Branch has been completed. The construction documents are being completed. A request has been sent to the State Library to allow the community auditorium to be bid as an "add/alt" when the project goes out to bid. The sharp rise in construction costs since the State Library Construction Grant was awarded has resulted in the concern the building design as submitted will not be bid within budget.

## **MISSION HILLS-HILLCREST LIBRARY**

A final community meeting about the design of a new Mission Hills-Hillcrest Branch is anticipated to be scheduled this spring. The program has been sent to the architects who are incorporating the public input with the operational requirements.

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**PARADISE HILLS LIBRARY**

Engineering staff made a presentation to the Paradise Hills Village Council on Jan. 18 on site selections activities for a new Paradise Hills Branch. The preferred location is a 6-acre site owned by the San Diego Unified School District. This site could provide for a library and for a park. A member of the community is opposed to this site and is promoting a small site in the commercial area on Reo Drive to be used. That site is very small and would require the library to be two stories and likely require costly underground parking.

**BALBOA LIBRARY**

City staff held a meeting with the architectural consultant on Jan. 25 to discuss developing the current conceptual plans for a new Balboa Branch to the bridging document stage.

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