

Library Construction Improvement Project Update

May 23, 2005

COLLEGE-ROLANDO BRANCH LIBRARY

Construction is approximately 97% complete on the new 15,000-square-foot branch library. Landscaping and flatwork continues on the building exterior, as well as correction of the metal fascia around the exterior wall. The laying of carpet continues on the interior and a moisture barrier will be applied before the hard flooring will be put down. Work on the decorative starburst pattern will begin on May 23. The library is tentatively scheduled to open in late summer/early fall 2005.

LOGAN HEIGHTS BRANCH LIBRARY

City staff met with representatives of the San Diego Unified School District to review the costs of the portable classroom move scheduled to take place this summer. Staff met with the architect and a consultant on May 16 to review ideas to reduce costs. Some of the items have been returned to sub-consultants for evaluation. Separate meetings will be arranged for the City Facilities Division to comment on the mechanical suggestions and Library technical support staff will review the electrical and data suggestions. A meeting will also be scheduled to review the flooring and lighting schedules for possible savings. The library is tentatively scheduled to be completed in 2007.

NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY BRANCH LIBRARY

Grading has begun for the new 15,900-square-foot branch library. The design team meetings will continue through the end of May and will be replaced by the regularly scheduled construction meetings. Final comments to issues raised by the Facilities Access Review Committee (a citizen committee that reviews ADA accessibility) will be submitted to the City's Engineering ADA coordinator by the end of May. The architect is evaluating furnishings from different vendors and will present a proposal in the coming months. A meeting was held with project staff and the artist, Blue McRight, on May 9 to review her proposed art concepts for the branch library and the neighboring recreation center. A presentation to the public was also made on the evening of May 9. Feedback will be reviewed and a follow-up meeting will be scheduled in the coming months. The library is tentatively scheduled to be completed in 2006.

OTAY MESA-NESTOR BRANCH LIBRARY

Construction is approximately 94% complete on the expansion of the branch library. On the exterior, grading for the street and sidewalk continues as well as forming the entry and ramp. The concrete pour in the courtyard will begin soon. Sketches for the restroom wall modifications are complete. The library is tentatively scheduled to open in fall 2005.

SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA BRANCH LIBRARY

Construction is approximately 17% complete on the new 15,250-square-foot branch library. The most critical item being worked on is the slab on grade. The steel and framing have arrived and work continues on the underground utilities. The permanent fence is also being erected now. The library is tentatively scheduled to be completed in 2006.

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