

MEASURE L EXPANSION PROJECT



New Gym Floor Playing Surface



New Science Building



Expanded Parking

The 70,000 square-foot centerpiece of Imperial Valley College's Measure L expansion project, a state-of-the-art science building, will be ready for occupancy in early 2010.

During 2008, more than \$25.2 million in contracts were awarded for the science building's construction and those contracts resulted in a direct infusion of nearly \$10 million into the Imperial Valley economy through work with local contractors. While more than 40 percent of all Measure L contracts have been awarded to local firms, the overall economic impact is even greater due to the fact that other contractors have been purchasing supplies locally.

With the downturn in the construction industry, the bidding process was very competitive during the year. The ultimate cost of the science building is expected to be approximately \$32.4 million.

The building is designed to provide a state-of-the-art learning experience in science and math as well as other subjects taught at IVC, in keeping with the promise made to voters in 2004 when they adopted Measure L.

IVC students currently use three 47-year-old labs for all science classes and those aging facilities limit the kinds of course offerings available to IVC students.

The new complex includes 12 labs (6 wet and 6 dry labs), each with specific designated use and state-of-the-art equipment. There will be two chemistry labs as well as labs designated for biology, anatomy and plant sciences. There also will be a new upgraded planetarium.

But while the sciences will be a major focus in the building, its "smart classrooms" also will be home to a number of other subjects and its expansive lecture hall is bound to see a lot of campus as well as community uses.

While the science building is the most obvious Measure L project, other Measure L-funded projects have also been underway to modernize IVC. Bond proceeds have funded:

- **new energy efficient sloped roofing on permanent buildings throughout the campus;**
- **new perimeter access roads;**
- **expanded parking to accommodate IVC's increasing student population;**
- **replacement of the sewer lift station to accommodate current capacity as well as future growth;**
- **a new gym floor playing surface and improvements to the track, women's soccer field and women's softball field;**
- **improvements to the plumbing infrastructure on campus by adding and replacing valves to the main water line;**

Measure L work which is still ahead includes refurbishing the 400 building to replace the labs there with "smart classrooms" and make that facility available to other disciplines. Matching state funds are being sought to assist in that project to leverage the Measure L financing.

*New science building construction.
Architect: Sanders, Inc., Architecture/Engineering
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