

Propositions

2019 **R&Z**



Math, Science and Engineering Building

Letter from **the Chair**

Thank you for your time. I am pleased to present the annual report for the Propositions R and Z Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

As projects for Proposition Z begin in earnest, Southwestern College took time to review the Facilities Master Plan to ensure construction priorities aligned with educational programs and opportunities for growth and expansion. Over a two-year period, college leadership conducted 38 meetings and forums with students, faculty, staff, and community to gather their feedback.

Looking at facilities through six planning principles, designers provided recommendations that honored each campus' identity while improving access and wayfinding, community engagement, and creating a culture of sustainability. The result has added consensus to the order in which projects would be completed.

Southwestern College's participatory processes, along with a commitment to transparency in the implementation of Propositions R and Z, has resulted in the bond program earning a perfect score from the San Diego Taxpayers Educational Foundation for the last four years. As the Chair of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, it brings me great pride to represent our community in monitoring these projects.

We encourage all interested parties to read about our progress on both Proposition R and Z in the following pages. You can also keep up to date by visiting the bond website: www.swccd.edu/propr. On the website, you can request a presentation to your community, have your name added to our mailing list, or leave a comment.

Thank you for your continued support of the students and faculty of Southwestern College.

Mark Donnelly, Chair

Propositions R & Z Project updates

College Police Building

College Police personnel moved into their new building in January, 2020. Located in Parking Lot B, the building's glass exterior provides a bright and welcoming lobby and training conference room for the public. In the secure portion of the building is an armory, locker rooms, an exercise room and the district's emergency communications/security monitoring area. The building area also includes a secure parking area for college police vehicles and equipment. The project budget is \$8.4 million.

PROJECT STATUS: Complete.



College Police Building

Performing Arts Center

This project is the first funded under Proposition Z, and construction has been progressing on schedule. Located on the corner of East H Street and Otay Lakes Road, it will tower over its neighboring Wellness and Aquatics Complex. The Performing Arts Center (PAC) will house a 500-seat theater, a 151-seat black box theater, a prop construction area and classrooms. The project budget is \$61 million.

PROJECT STATUS: Under construction, scheduled opening January 2021.



Instructional Building One

The 300 buildings were demolished in fall 2019 to make room for a new instructional building complex. The complex will be completed in two stages. The first is to build a facility for the college's Information Technology (IT). Once completed, the current IT building will be demolished to make room for an Instructional Building that will double as a new University Center. Southwestern College classes will be held during the day and upper division courses will be taught at night and on weekends. The College is currently negotiating with four-year universities to provide bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs.

PROJECT STATUS: In design.

Landscape and Nursery Technology

Tucked in the South Bay Botanic Garden on the western end of the Chula Vista campus, the Landscape and Nursery Technology Program will receive brand new classrooms and facilities. A year-long process that evaluated the root systems of trees and plants to preserve mature plantings, coupled with comprehensive input from faculty, has resulted in a design that honors its surroundings. Natural landscaping and hardscaping will surround a new classroom building. Support facilities, including a greenhouse, will complement the classroom building. The project budget is \$29.7 million.



PROJECT STATUS: In design.



Jaguar Village

Southwestern College's Learning Communities will have shared classroom spaces in which to collaborate and share resources. The Learning Communities of Puente, Umoja, Bayan and a fourth one to support LGBTQIA+ students help students connect academically and socially. None of the communities currently has meeting space, and this project will bring them together to build an inclusive community. The joined classrooms will also serve as a model for the shared space being planned in a new Student Union Complex. The project budget is \$5.9 million.

PROJECT STATUS: In construction.



Chula Vista Wayfinding Project >>>>

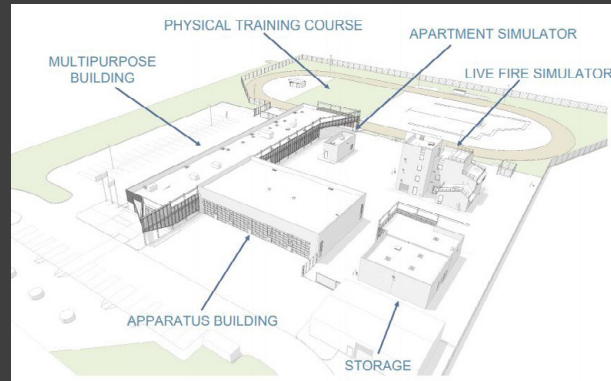
New cement pillars with updated campus maps have been installed throughout the Chula Vista campus. All campus buildings and offices have also been renumbered to bring consistency among new construction and older buildings. The project budget is \$2.9 million.

PROJECT STATUS: Completion by summer 2020.



Public Safety Training Center

A new Public Safety Training Center planned for the Otay Mesa campus will greatly expand the real-world scenarios for firefighter, police, EMT and paramedic students. Plans include a building with a live fire simulator—the only one of its kind on a college campus in the region—and an apartment building simulator. Other plans for the center include upgrading the physical training course, building a new classroom building and another building to store emergency vehicles and other apparatus. The project budget is \$31.2 million.



PROJECT STATUS: Construction begins March 2020.

About Propositions R and Z

Proposition R is the \$389 million general obligation bond approved by voters in 2008. Proposition Z is the \$400 million general obligation bond approved by voters in 2016. Proceeds from the bonds are to be used for the construction/reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of facilities, acquisition, or lease of real property for its facilities and construction management by district personnel.

Annual Performance and Financial Audits >>>>

The independent auditing firm of The Pun Group conducted an audit of the internal controls, finances and performance of Propositions R and Z. In a report provided to the Governing Board, the auditing firm has found the district's internal financial controls to be in compliance with Government Auditing Standards.

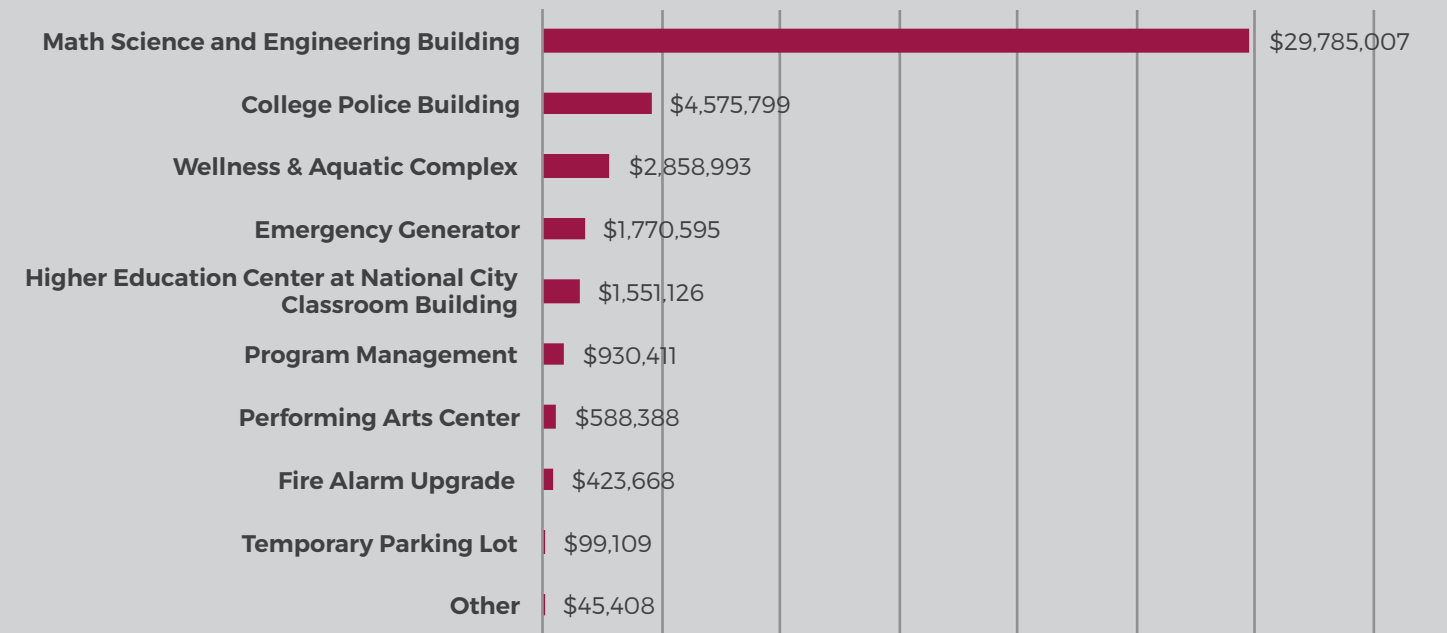
On the Horizon

Several buildings and projects are in the design stage. Below is a list of what is on the horizon:

- Operations & Warehouse relocation
- Tennis Court relocation
- Bus Transit relocation
- Automotive Tech program relocation to Otay Mesa campus
- Softball and Baseball Fields upgrades
- A new Student Union Complex that will include the bookstore, a new cafeteria and student support services, including student government, is currently in the programming stage.

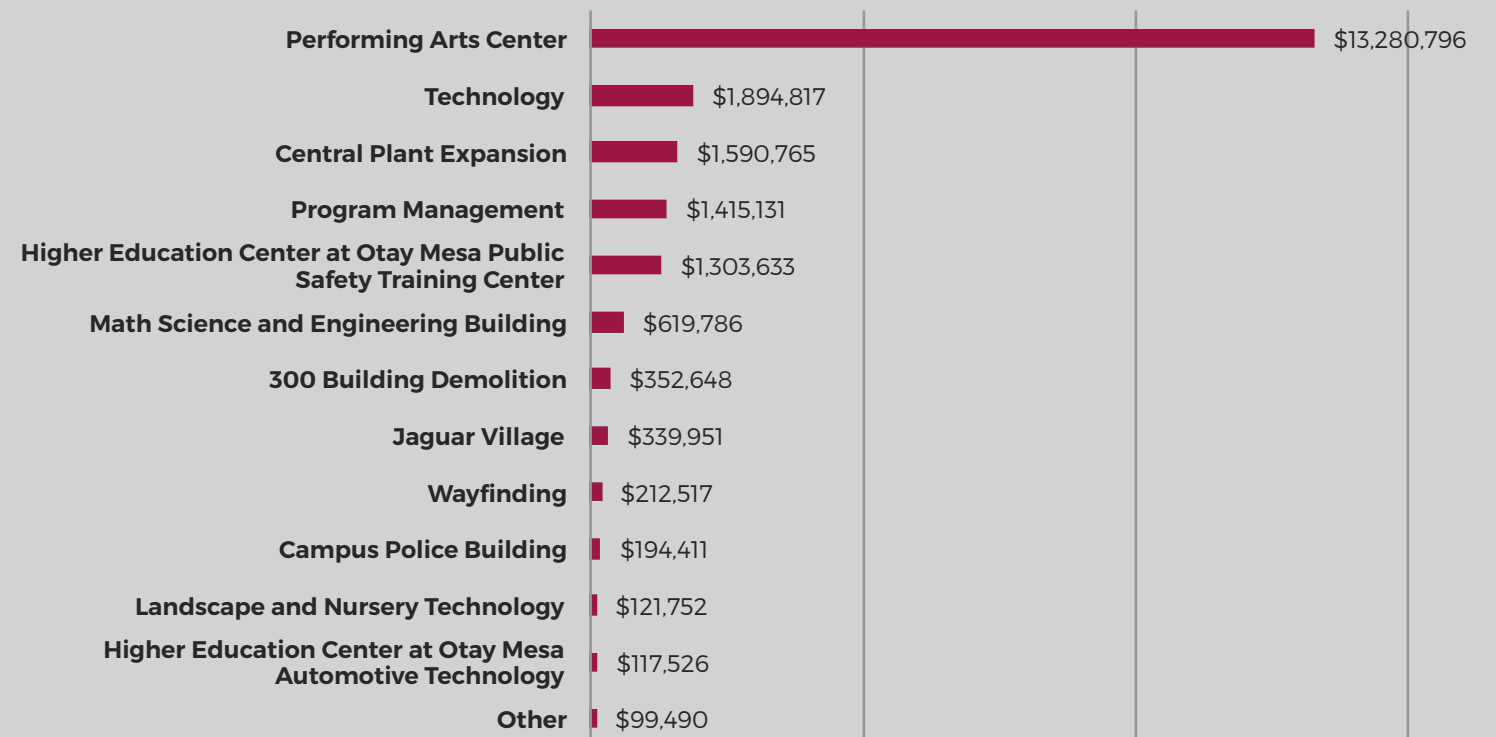
Prop R Expenditures Per Project

July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019



Prop Z Expenditures Per Project

July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019





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