



Proposed Bond Projects

Washington Street Campus

State of the Art Science Laboratory Building (new)
Current overcrowding, antiquated facilities, safety issues, out-of-date equipment, further expansion needed to accommodate growth in health programs

Renovate Present Biology Building and Warren Hall
General classrooms, faculty offices, updated classroom technology

Upgrade Other Classroom Buildings
Basic physical plant needs, utility inefficiencies, out-of-date classroom technology

Specific Needs in Music Building and Campus Chiller Plant
Repair engineering flaws causing leaks and update inadequate chiller unit

West Campus

Health Sciences Building (new)
Need to expand nursing program, increase dental clinic size to meet present demand and upgrade equipment/technology

Renovate Allied Health Building and Criminal Justice Building
Update buildings and renovate to meet changing program needs

Quick Facts

- ➔ Texas will be short 71,000 registered nurses by 2020 if current graduate rates continue (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)
- ➔ With additional space, AC could train 50% more nurses (105 more graduates annually)
- ➔ The Amarillo College Dental Hygiene Clinic must update facilities to meet required training needs – 90% of all area dental hygienists are trained at AC

Currently

- ➔ More than 67% of area nurses are graduates of Amarillo College's nursing program (Board of Nursing Examiners)
- ➔ 90% of area healthcare professionals in the following areas are graduates of AC:
 - Dental Hygiene ♦ Dentist Aide ♦ EMT/Paramedicine
 - Medical Data Specialist ♦ Medical Lab Tech
 - Nuclear Medicine ♦ Pharmacy Tech ♦ Physical Therapist Assistant
 - Occupational Therapy Assistant ♦ Radiation Therapy
 - Radiography ♦ Respiratory Care ♦ Surgical Technology
- ➔ Most of the Panhandle's first responders (fire, police, EMTs) are trained at Amarillo College

2006-2007 Program Enrollment

- ➔ 10,356 academic credit students (Fall term)
 - ♦ 63% aspire to a baccalaureate degree (transfer students)
 - ♦ 37% preparing to enter the job market (technical)
- ➔ 11,335 continuing education students (Fall term)
- ➔ 1,354 nursing students (ADN/LVN majors)
- ➔ 1,061 other healthcare students (Allied Health majors)
- ➔ More than 70% of our students have jobs



Overview

Amarillo College was established nearly 80 years ago and has grown from a small institution operating out of a few buildings to a comprehensive community college with six campuses (Amarillo, Hereford and Dumas) and one outreach center (Community Link). AC educates more than 10,000 academic students each semester, while over 46,000 others are enrolled in continuing education classes annually. The College offers more than 150 degree and certificate programs.

Amarillo College History

- 1929 First Classes Began – College governed by AISD Trustees
- 1937 First permanent building constructed (Washington Street Campus)
- 1942 Arts and sciences courses expanded to include vocational programs
- 1958 Taxpayers elected first AC Board of Regents
- 1960s Facilities and programs expanded to include:
 - ➔ Allied Health
 - ➔ Occupational-Technical
 - ➔ Continuing Education
 - ➔ Community Service Courses
- 1987 AC Created Community Link (formerly known as STAR Outreach) to meet the specific needs of our growing Hispanic population
- 1994 Voters passed a \$26 million bond election creating additional and/or renovating classrooms and technical training space
- 1995 State transferred Texas State Technical College to AC creating a campus in East Amarillo
- 1996 Business and Industry Center on Polk created for workforce training
- 2000 Moore County taxpayers voted to create an AC Campus in Dumas
- 2003 Academic credit enrollment topped 10,000 with an additional 10,298 continuing education students
- 2005 Hereford taxpayers voted to create an AC campus in their community

Proposed Bond Projects – Continued

East Campus

Upgrade Industrial Center
Consolidate programs and upgrade facilities

HVAC Chiller (new)
Equipment is obsolete and must be replaced

Polk Street Campus

Multipurpose Facility (new)
Present space for workforce training and Senior programs is full and demand is not being met

Other

Healthcare Simulation Center
Simulation facility needed to address inadequate clinical training space in the community and to improve skills of regional healthcare professionals – this would be AC's portion of a three-way collaboration with West Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Classroom Technology
Classrooms need to be connected to the College network and Internet



Questions & Answers

How did you determine what you need during this facilities study?

Following a year-long study, the Amarillo College Board of Regents hired Shiver-Megert and Associates to develop a Capital Needs Master Plan. The architecture/engineering firm examined the recommendations of two separate committees – the first composed of AC employees and the second, an external committee, made up of community leaders. All suggestions that emerged from these independent studies were matched against the AC Strategic Plan to ensure that the College's priorities were being addressed. The Regents reviewed all findings and developed a plan to fund and address the capital needs of the College District.

Why can't AC use existing funds?

Over the last several years, existing funds have been used to address our growing student population. Also, rapidly changing technology requires state-of-the-art labs to train students to meet community demand.

AC receives NO state funds for facilities and maintenance. Local taxes are the only source for buildings and upkeep.

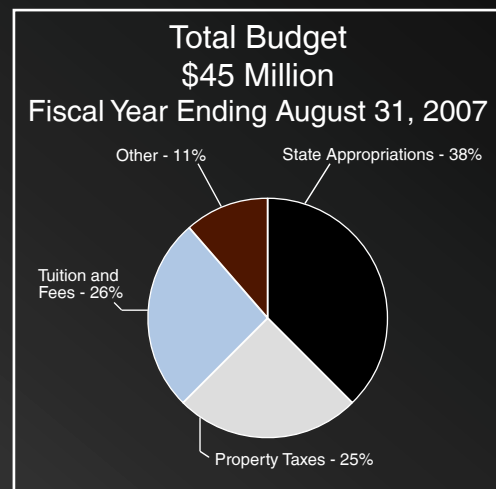
How much will this cost me?

Total Amount: \$68 million

Cost per Taxpayer: 2.66 cents per \$100 valuation – an additional \$26.60 per year on a \$100,000 home

How does this bond issue affect Senior Citizens now that there is a tax freeze in effect?

A successful bond election will NOT increase seniors' taxes. The tax due (payment) is frozen; therefore, an increase in valuation or tax rate will not increase the tax due.



Amarillo College \$68 Million Bond Issue

Election Date: November 6, 2007

Primary Purposes of Bond:

- ➔ Increase the number of nursing and other healthcare professionals to meet the current and future demand of area hospitals and healthcare providers
- ➔ Update existing facilities, including classrooms and laboratories, as responsible stewards of taxpayer-owned properties