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RIO HONDO COLLEGE MASTERPLAN CALLS FOR INCREASED ACCESSIBLE PARKING

Whittier- The Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees was presented with a draft of the Facilities Master Plan at their March 15th meeting. The plan, which Board members were asked to review before their April 5th meeting, includes three options for parking structures. Although, parking requirements for the foreseeable future do not indicate that all three structures will need to be built the plan clearly indicates that parking is a top priority and that at least one of the structures will be built.

This draft of the Facilities Master Plan was circulated in an effort to garner feedback from the Board of Trustees as the plan evolves into the final draft. The Facilities Master Plan is slated for adoption at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 17th, once all of the Environment Impact Report comments and concerns have been individually addressed.

“Convenient accessibility has always been, and continues to be the focus of the renovation and renewal project at Rio Hondo College,” said Gary Mendez, President of the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees. “We are pleased to see this draft of the plan and I am confident that, working with the administration, the Facilities Master Plan will meet or exceed our expectations. This Board understands that students, faculty, and community members need to be able to access all the programs safely and conveniently, and that is our top priority.”

Access and circulation is one of the four major components of the Master Plan. Consultants and members of the Rio Hondo College management team are meeting weekly to address accessibility both through the construction process and after each of the projects are completed.

“Discussions about increasing and improving parking at the campus are a part of every Facilities Master Plan management meeting,” said Dr. Rose Marie Joyce, President of Rio Hondo College. “As stewards of the Bond money allocated through Measure A, we are committed to creating a campus that can be an educational resource for the entire community. Convenient access both to the campus, and to programs once you are on campus, is foundation on which the entire Facilities Master Plan is built.”

The comprehensive Master Plan draft will be on the agenda for the April 5th Special Meeting of Board of Trustees and parking will be an important part of the discussions about access to the campus. Additional improvements such as bus services, carpool incentives, and increased shuttle service will also be discussed.

Located in Whittier, California, Rio Hondo College is a collaborative center of lifelong learning which provides innovative, challenging, and quality educational offering - including programs and courses leading to transfer and vocational degrees and certificates - for its diverse students and community. For information on the College or its programs, please call 562-692-0921 or visit www.riohondo.edu .

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