

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date of March 24, 2009

ITEM # 6

ITEM TITLE: *(Please define the subject; e.g., change order – Berkeley City College)*

Memorandum of Understanding for the Lake Merritt Station Area Specific Plan, also referred to as a Transit Oriented Development (TOD).

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for the Lake Merritt Station Area Specific Plan, also referred to as a Transit Oriented Development (TOD), between the City of Oakland and the Peralta Community College District

In February 2008, the City, BART and the PCCD expressed a desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to cooperatively pursue development of a Specific Plan for the Lake Merritt BART Station Area (defined as a 1/2 mile radius around the Lake Merritt BART Station). An application was submitted for funding to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to support development of a Specific Plan.

In July 2008, the City was awarded \$720,000 from MTC to develop a Specific Plan and an environmental document for the Lake Merritt BART Station Area with the understanding that the City, PCCD and BART would each contribute \$50,000 in local match funding towards this effort.

Through this MOU, the Parties agree to work collaboratively towards the development and adoption of a Specific Plan for the Lake Merritt BART Station Area.

The plan has several objectives, among them: Supporting the educational needs of Laney College students and faculty. Laney College and the District will participate through:

* A Community Advisory Committee. Laney College and the District Office will be represented on this committee.

* A Technical Advisory Committee. Laney College and the District Office will also be represented on this committee.

* Laney College will also be represented on the Grants Management Team, consisting of the City of Oakland, BART, and PCCD/Laney College. This team will be responsible for guiding the entire process, working with the planning consultant, and ensuring full community participation.

Laney College President Frank Chong met with representatives of college staff to apprise them of the plan initiative, and will continue to meet with staff to ensure their involvement.

PCCD and Laney College will have significant opportunity to influence and guide the planning process to insure that the needs and objectives of the college are incorporated into a finished document.

Enhancing student life and the physical area immediately around Laney College are major objectives of this effort, and ones that college leadership will have full opportunity to shape.

The creation of the TOD plan is a unique opportunity to collaborate with other agencies to develop and enhance the quality of life and physical attributes of Laney College for the benefit of our students, faculty, staff and visitors.

ITEM SUMMARY: (PLEASE *DISCUSS THIS ITEM*)

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

GENERAL FUNDS

OTHER DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THIS ACTION (E.G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY):

YES _____ NO _____

COMMENTS:

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?

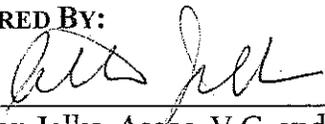
SPECIAL ASSISTANT JELKS

DID A BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE ITEM? YES _____ NO X
_____ **IF "YES", PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION IN YOUR SUMMARY.**

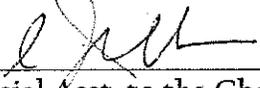
(*****Board contract approval is subject to negotiation and execution by the Chancellor.)

PLEASE ACQUIRE SIGNATURES IN THIS ORDER:

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

Prepared by:  Date: 3/16/09
[Alton Jelks, Assoc. V.C. and Special Asst. to the Chancellor]

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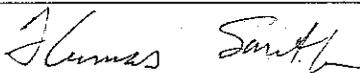
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FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW

Finance review required Finance review *not* required

If Finance review is required, determination is: Approved Not Approved

If not approved, please give reason: _____

Signature:  Date: 3/17/09
Thomas Smith, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

GENERAL COUNSEL (Legality and Format/adherence to Education Codes):

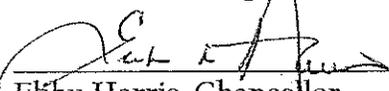
Legal review required Legal review *not* required

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
Thuy T. Nguyen, General Counsel

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL

Approved, and Place on Agenda Not Approved, but Place on Agenda

Signature:  Date: 3/17/09
Elthu Harris, Chancellor

