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DATE: November 3, 2017 **A/R = Action Required**

TIME: 11:30 pm – 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Fresno City College – OAB 114

RE: Programming: Existing and New Science Building

PRESENT:

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The purpose of this meeting was to review possible locations for the New Science Building and Parking Structure. The following was discussed:

I. Introduction:

A. Dr. Carole Goldsmith gave a brief introduction and history of the project:

1. There are roughly 200 million dollars that were designated for Fresno City College through Measures C and E. Measure C focused on the 2012 Master Plan which identified the need for science expansion as well as parking needs. There were a couple of areas that the master plan didn't address and it's become clear that it is time for a revised Master Plan. Master Planning for the entire district including FCC is on the agenda for

November. Today's focus is to look at the possible location for the New Science Building as well as for the new parking structure. All recommendations will go to the chancellor's cabinet who will then take the recommendations to the board. The board will ultimately vote and be making the final decisions.

II. Summary from previous workshops:

- A. In the spring a series of meetings and workshops were held. During this process many options were reviewed in regards to the siting of the New Science Building and parking structure. Some of the comments that came out of these meetings included:
- a) Provide a stronger presence on Blackstone
 - b) Provide a parking structure
 - c) Incorporate retail within parking structure on Blackstone, possible mixed use opportunities
 - d) Move the District Office, Operations and Maintenance to an alternate site
 - e) Move Police and Fire Academy to alternate site
 - f) Keep trees at the parking lots
 - g) Be respectful of residential neighborhoods and don't displace families
 - h) Location of parking structure along Cambridge is acceptable
 - i) Develop campus along McKinley Ave.
 - j) Locate Science Building closer to Blackstone entrance, locating on west side of campus not preferred

III. Possible New Science Building Locations:

A. Through the process it became clear that locating the New Science Building on the East side of campus makes the most sense. This would not only bring more students to this side of campus but would help create a better presence along Blackstone. Two options for the location of the New Science Building were presented. Again, these are not necessarily the final options and must ultimately be reviewed by the board.

1. **Option 1:** This option shows the New Science Building where the existing District Operations & Maintenance is located (on the corner of Blackstone and Weldon Ave.)
 - a) Some of the advantages listed for Option 1 include:
 - (1) Development of east side of the campus
 - (2) Improves campus presence along Blackstone Ave.
 - (3) Greater connectivity to campus on the other side of Blackstone Ave.
 - (4) Better utilization of existing surface parking on east side of campus
 - (5) Creates new campus entrance
 - (6) More prominent view from the west campus
 - (7) Located away from the railroad tracks
 - (8) Close to Childhood Development Center to create educational opportunities for children
 - (9) Allows easy BRT access without interruption to academic core
 - b) Disadvantages listed for Option 1 include:
 - (1) Requires property acquisition for the relocation of District Operations and Maintenance or relocation of Police Academy.
2. **Option 2:** This options shows the New Science Building running parallel to Blackstone Ave just south of District Operations and Maintenance.
 - a) Advantages listed for Option 2 include:
 - (1) Development of east side of the campus
 - (2) Further improves campus presence along Blackstone
 - (3) Campus growth by acquiring property

- (4) Better utilization of existing surface parking on the east side of the campus.
- b) Disadvantages listed for Option 2:
 - (1) Requires property acquisition
 - (2) Changes access to Childhood Development Center (CDC)
 - (3) Is closer to the railroad tracks
- B. PMSM showed the locations of the two options in regards to the railroad tracks (since proximity was mentioned as being an issue for sensitive equipment). The Existing Science Building is located 475' away from the railroad tracks. Option 1 is located 465' away, where Option 2 is 380' away from the tracks. The following was discussed:
 - 1. Option 2 is considered too close to the railroad tracks by the group
 - 2. The Existing Science Building is negatively affected by vibration and sound from the railroad tracks. Even though Options 1 and 2 show the New Science Building being closer to the railroad tracks, the issues of vibration and sound may be addressed through design and construction techniques.

IV. Possible Parking Structure Locations:

- A. Parking has been a considerable discussion throughout this process. The consensus is that a parking structure is needed for the campus. During the multiple stakeholder meetings three areas have been identified for the possible location of the parking structure. These locations work for each of the building location options discussed above.
 - 1. Parking Structure Option A is located where the District Offices currently are.
 - a) Advantages of Option A:
 - (1) Closer to Instructional Buildings
 - (2) Opportunity to expand all the way to Blackstone Ave. in the future
 - (3) Near athletic complex
 - b) Disadvantages of Option A:
 - (1) Required relocation of the District Offices
 - (2) Near residential neighborhood. Although in the community discussions there didn't seem to be strong opposition to locating a parking structure there.
 - 2. Parking Structure Option B is located on the south-east side of campus along Blackstone.
 - a) Advantages of Option B:
 - (1) Presence on Blackstone Ave.
 - (2) Direct access from Blackstone Ave.
 - (3) Provides retail on the first floor along Blackstone Ave.
 - (4) Takes up the least amount of existing FCC surface parking
 - (5) Near athletic complex
 - b) Disadvantages of Option B:
 - (1) Requires relocation of District Office to add 125 surface parking
 - (2) Requires property acquisition
 - (3) Added traffic adjacent to CDC
 - 3. Parking Structure Option C is located on the south west side of campus along the railroad tracks.
 - a) Advantages of Option C:
 - (1) Provides more parking on the west side of campus
 - (a) A comment was made by staff that in the future will be moving more student volume to the east side of campus. Currently the immediate need for parking is on the west side of campus but once the New Science Building is constructed this need will shift.
 - b) Disadvantages of Option C:

- (1) Requires relocation of District Office to add 125 surface parking
 - (2) Requires roundabout construction in phase 1
 - (3) Takes up most amount of existing FCC parking spaces
 - (4) Larger structure to make up for lost surface parking spaces
- V. The meeting broke into groups to discuss the proposed locations of the New Science Building and New Parking Structure. Below are each tables comments:
- A. Table 1 Comments:
1. This voted Option 1 for the New Science Building.
 2. For parking this table was torn. Some liked Option A mostly from the standpoint of safety reasons. This location would lessen the chances of students walking across the tracks and the structure could be shared with Health Science and other programs on the east side.
 3. The rest of Table 1 preferred Option C because felt it would cause the least disruption and has more covered parking spaces. However there was concern about the students getting into the parking structure at this location and that traffic could get backed up along McKinley and onto Blackstone. Also students would have to walk further to the New Science Building through the underpass. Worst case some students would take a short cut across the railroad tracks.
- B. Table 2 Comments:
1. This table also preferred Option 1 for the location of the New Science Building
 2. Regarding the parking structure they felt that Option C would be a massive disruption during construction. With Option A would have to move the District Office buildings. They thought maybe the existing buildings could be kept and utilized. However it was noted that these buildings are in poor condition.
 3. Ultimately this table settled on Option 1B.
- C. Table 3 Comments:
1. This table preferred Option 1 for the building location.
 2. For the parking garage they liked both Options A and C. They liked Option C the best because they felt it would keep students from walking over the railroad tracks and came up with a drive/car plan as follows:
 - a) Entrance only for cars at McKinley and along the tracks. Exit only at northern most area. This way you would not congest the campus and surrounding streets as much.
 - b) Look at reconfiguring some of the existing lanes to enter the parking structure at McKinley.
- D. Table 4 Comments:
1. This table agrees with Option 1 for the building location although there were two people at the table that preferred Option 2 because they felt this would have a greater presence on Blackstone.
 2. For parking they liked either Option A or C. C would be the preferred option if can come up with a solution for traffic along McKinley Ave.
- E. Table 5 Comments:
1. This table preferred Option 1 for the location of the New Science Building.
 2. They felt that Option C for the parking garage would have too much of an impact on the parking situation during construction. They liked Option A because it has the opportunity to expand to Blackstone with food and retail options. Option A would also provide more parking on the east side of campus. They felt that Option B may have opportunities for better traffic flow with entrances and exits off of Blackstone and the campus.

F. Table 6 Comments:

1. This table liked Option 1 for the New Science Building for the following reasons:
 - a) Further from the train
 - b) More green space
 - c) Better paths to west side of campus
 - d) Suggested to change the orientation of the building 90 degrees.
 - e) The con to Option 1 is that Operations and Maintenance would have to move first. They felt that this may increase the construction costs.
2. For parking they really like Option A although one person voted for Option C and one for Option B. With Option A could expand to Blackstone.

VI. After the table discussion and comments the group voted individually for the New Science Building and the parking structure locations. The most votes received were for Option 1 A and were tallied as follows:

SCIENCE BUILDING LOCATION	VOTES
Option 1	33
Option 2	4
PARKING GARAGE LOCATION	
Option A	23
Option B	9
Option C	4

VII. Closing comments:

- A. A comment was made that it was mostly science faculty at this meeting and that there may be different voting results depending on who was in attendance such as Health Sciences. Some felt that additional input should be solicited.
- B. This is an ongoing process and we are making good progress. Everyone will be kept up to date regarding future meetings.