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FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION (PHASE 2)
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE COMMUNITY MEETING SUMMARY
OCTOBER 29, 2025

The project team shared a detailed update on the ongoing Fremont High School Measure J Modernization. The current project is the second phase of the modernization. The first phase wa completed in December, 2021.

The Measure J Modernization Phase 2 is being implemented in two phases. Phase 1 includes the completed restroom upgrades in Building C, ongoing parking lot improvements at 4529 Foothill Boulevard, and the upcoming elevator and breezeway work, scheduled for completion in Q4 2025 and Q2 2026, respectively. Phase 2 focuses on major campus improvements, including the completed removal and abatement of portable Building D, the off-site construction of three new modular classroom buildings, and continued accessibility upgrades throughout the site.

The modular buildings are expected to be delivered in Q1 2026, followed by utility work, site improvements, and interior finishes throughout the summer, with the buildings ready for use at the start of the 2026–2027 school year.

Meeting Discussion Highlights:

Bioretention System: A bioretention system is being installed along 46th Street to capture and filter rainwater runoff before directing it into the city's storm water system.

Parking Lot: Parking lot construction is progressing and will be expanded to provide 34 new spaces, including accessible stalls and EV charging. Due to vandalism of PG&E services at the site, a new power service is being coordinated and is anticipated to be completed by Q2 2026. The lot is expected to be completed in Q4 2025 and available for staff use in Q1 2026.

Cafeteria Building: The cafeteria building was also found to have unforeseen structural issues. A temporary ramp has been installed to maintain access while permanent repairs are being designed for completion in Q3 2026.

Project staff shared construction photos and updates showing earthwork, retaining wall installation, concrete footing preparation, and ongoing utility upgrades. Retaining wall piers, concrete forms, and structural steel are being placed at the top of the campus, and sidewalk improvements along Foothill Boulevard are underway in coordination with the city. The team also highlighted the addition of a windscreen at the elevator breezeway to prevent rainwater from entering the elevator pit.

A participant asked whether students would have access to the new parking lot. The site team clarified that all spaces are allocated for staff, and there is currently no funding to support permanent security staffing for student parking.

Staff also reflected on the positive impact the new facilities have already had on students and the campus community. Looking ahead, work will continue on retaining walls, site utilities, sidewalk improvements, irrigation and planting at the parking lot, and preparations for modular building installation.

BUDGET

The total budget for the project is $15M and is being funded by Measure J.

NEXT STEPS

November 2025

- Continue drilling and setting piers
- Remove courtyard scaffolding
- Pour asphalt in parking lot
- Sidewalk and street work along Foothill Blvd.
- Install bioretention footings and walls

December 2025

- Continue concrete and foundation scope at top of campus
- Install/ upgrade site utilities
- Install shotcrete retaining walls
- Install irrigation and planting at parking lot

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