

Bond Program Biweekly Report

ending April 24, 2026

Program-wide

BuildLACCD Graduates its 25th Cohort of Small Contractors



For the past several weeks, BuildLACCD's **Community Economic Development (CED)** team has been hosting workshops to equip small contractors with information and resources to improve their competitive bidding capacity for procurement opportunities within the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). During the four-session **Small Contractor Boot Camp**, participants learned how to navigate estimating, scheduling, labor compliance, and how to become a Pre-Qualified Service Provider (PQSP).

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To complete the boot camp, the final session was an in-person graduation on April 16, 2026, at **Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC)**. Participants who completed the whole program were awarded with a certificate of completion, a packet of upcoming PQSP bench projects ranging from \$25K to \$5M, and recognition from LACCD Vice Chancellor/Chief Facilities Executive **Leigh Sata**, LACCD Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities, Planning, and Sustainability **Peggy Quijada de Franke**, and BuildLACCD Program Director **Edwin Van Ginkel**.



As part of the boot camp graduation, seven BuildLACCD industry partners - **ACE, MINOREA BEM, Inclusive Action, PCR Business Finance, LACCD, MCGriff Insurance, and BuildLACCD Contracts** provided key resources for small and emerging businesses.

Moreover, LACCD's Board of Trustees established a **30% Local, Small, Emerging, and Disabled Veteran (LSEDV) participation goal** for all BuildLACCD contracts. This provides heightened opportunities for these new graduates to participate in the program.



BuildLACCD's Spring Interns Connect to Future Opportunities



BuildLACCD's Internship Program, led by **Mareta Zuniga**, held a Spring Networking and Panel event on April 10, 2026, for approximately 50 student interns. As part of the Internship Program's objective to encourage professional development, this event was designed to expose interns to potential career and academic opportunities following their success at community college by bringing in industry employers with healthy hiring programs and a local university for transfer opportunities.

Associate Vice Chancellor of the Facilities, Planning, and Sustainability Department, **Peggy Quijada de Franke**, kicked off the day with a brief welcome, emphasizing that career paths are rarely straight lines and that gaining transferable skills is essential for adapting to new roles.



Next, Program Director **Edwin Van Ginkel** moderated a panel of professionals in the session, Breaking into the Workforce: What Employers Are Looking For. Panelists included **Luke Langbehn**, Project Manager for McCarthy Construction, **Andy Glauska**, Director of Talent at MAAS, and **Eileen Ta**, Senior Vice President of Operations and

Development with the Cumming Group. Each panelist reflected on their own non-linear journeys and agreed that there is a high demand for emerging talent in the construction industry.

Current interns also heard from former BuildLACCD interns during the session, How We Got Hired: Program Alumni Talk Careers, Skills, and Experience, moderated by Vice Chancellor and Chief Facilities Executive, **Leigh Sata**. Alumni Panelists included **Marc Rogers**, Project Engineer at MAAS, **Agustin Esparza Garcia**, Senior Project Manager with NIC Partners, **Sana Imran**, Project Engineer for Safework CM, and **Bertha Mendoza**, BIM/GIS Coordinator at Harris & Associates. The panelists represented the near future for current interns, revealing the importance of the internship program, gaining industry experience, and continuing to do well in classes. They shared how they faced mistakes or failures and how important it is to learn from those examples. Dr. Sata agreed and assured the intern cohort that each of them belongs and is meant to be right where they are.



After the alumni panel, the interns got the chance to network with 10 exhibitor booths. Representatives from **Woodbury University**, **McCarthy Construction**, **Swinerton Builders**, **Harris & Associates**, **Cumming Group**, **MAAS PM-CM**, **Safework CM**, **NIC Partners**, **HED**, and **BuildLACCD's Community Economic Development team** set up their booths with recruiting materials and giveaways to engage in conversations with the interns. These meaningful

interactions not only allow student interns to practice talking about their relevant experiences and transferable skills, but also broadens their world of possibilities.



LACCD Showcases Bond-Funded Workforce Facilities at AAa/e Higher Education Panel



Joining representatives from the region’s institutions of higher education – **UCLA** and **Cal State Dominguez Hills** – **LACCD** had the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion on how construction projects are actively supporting the academic mission of higher education institutions, and shaping tomorrow’s workforce.

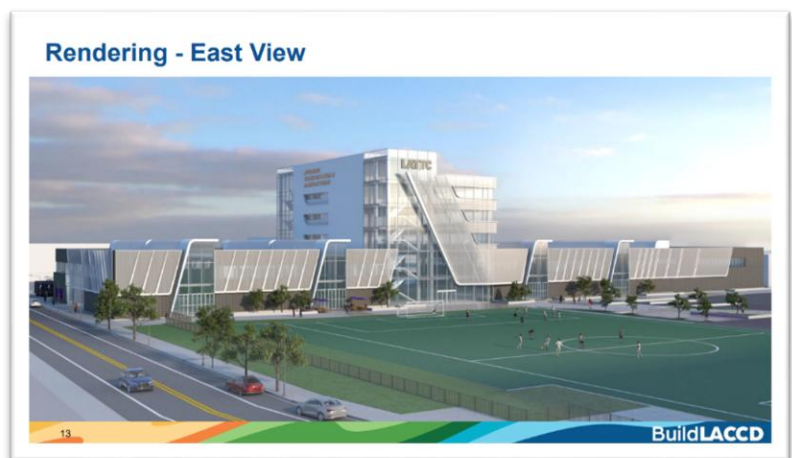
Vice Chancellor/Chief Facilities Executive **Dr. Leigh Sata** highlighted how thoughtfully planned campus projects go far beyond bricks and mortar. Projects like the **Advanced Transportation & Manufacturing building at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College** will play a vital role in preparing the next generation of technicians as the region’s transitions from combustible engines to alternative fuel vehicles and ultimately, rail. The state-of-the-art facility, currently in design, will create modern, flexible spaces that foster collaboration with the private sector partners and public agency employers and while meeting the evolving demands of advancing technology through integrated real-world learning settings.

Facilities Master Planning & Oversight Committee Summary – April 15, 2026

The following presentations were made at the April 15, 2026 Facilities Master Planning and Oversight Committee (FMPOC) meeting:

[Advanced Transportation & Manufacturing \(ATM\) Building Project at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College – Schematic Design](#)

College President Dr. Alfred McQuarters and College Project Director Robin Byrd presented the schematic design for the Advanced Transportation & Manufacturing (ATM) Building project at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College. The project will replace the existing ATM building with a high-performance, visibly



active learning environment integrating **classrooms, laboratories, high-bay shops, offices, and support spaces**. Specialized instructional areas will support emerging technologies, including electric, hybrid, alternative fuel, diesel, motorcycle, and rail systems. The proposed design emphasizes innovation and hands-on learning while projecting a strong campus identity. The project includes a one-story high-bay base with a **multi-story tower, sustainability features**, and will utilize the design-bid-build delivery method. Project phasing, schedule milestones, demolition of adjacent facilities, and overall construction budget were reviewed. A robust discussion was held on the topic of the removal and potential replacement of the pool at the ATM project site.

Kinesiology South Replacement Building Project at Los Angeles City College – Schematic Design

College President Dr. Amanuel Gebru and College Project Team Design Manager Leslie Sydnor presented the schematic design for the Kinesiology South Replacement Building at Los Angeles City College. The presentation outlined plans to replace the existing 1959 Kinesiology South Gymnasium, which no longer



meets the needs of modern academic and athletics programs. The proposed two-story facility will include a **new gymnasium, fitness rooms, locker rooms, and support spaces**, all designed to be Title IX compliant and to establish a stronger athletics presence on campus. A phased construction approach will allow kinesiology and extension programs to continue operating without interruption and eliminate the need for additional swing space. **Sustainability strategies**, including **photovoltaic systems** and a **fully electrified building**, were highlighted along with the project delivery method, schedule, and estimated construction budget.

Wayfinding, Roadway Conversion, and Campus Improvements Project at Los Angeles City College – Schematic Design

Due to time constraints, this presentation was tabled to the May 20, 2026 FMPOC meeting.

For more information on all **BuildLACCD active projects**, please see the following:

- [Active Design Projects Status Report \(as of March 31, 2026\)](#)
- [Active Construction Projects Status Report \(as of March 31, 2026\)](#)