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## L.A. Trade-Tech College Speeds Towards Modernization with Parking Structure Ground Breaking

*First "design-build" project at Downtown L.A. campus will add 805 new parking stalls*

**LOS ANGELES (May 1, 2006)** Los Angeles Trade-Tech College recently broke ground on its first parking structure, which is part of the campus' \$236 million construction and renovation plan. With six levels of parking, the 250,000 square foot structure will provide 805 spaces for the campus.

"We have the citizens that voted for Propositions A and AA to thank for the funds that are providing for new construction and renovation projects, such as the Olive Street Parking Structure, at Trade-Tech College," said Dr. Tom Harris, interim president of Los Angeles Trade-Tech College.

This will be the first of two parking structures planned for the College, as part of its construction efforts to overhaul and enhance the campus. The structure is anticipated to be completed by summer 2007. The new parking structure is also Trade-Tech's first "design-build" project, a construction industry method in which a general contractor both designs and builds the project, thus speeding up the construction delivery process.

"We are finally getting to build the learning environment our students deserve," said Michael D. Waxman, vice president of the Board of Trustees for the Los Angeles Community College District. "We are fulfilling our obligation to the community and taxpayers by using funds from the Proposition A and AA Bonds to build the facilities this campus needs."

Trade-Tech College's new construction and campus renovation projects are quickly moving forward, with the demolition of an existing vacant building on campus expected soon to make room for the South Campus projects. The South Campus projects are the largest construction projects planned for the campus, which includes two five-story classroom buildings, underground parking and a new athletic field.

The new Olive Street Parking Structure is part of Los Angeles Trade-Tech College's \$236 million campus renovation and upgrade efforts to enhance and modernize its facilities. In February 2006, the campus broke ground on its new \$6 million Child Development Center, expected to open in spring 2007.

The Los Angeles Community College District's construction and modernization projects receive funding from Propositions A and AA, two bond measures overwhelmingly approved by Los Angeles voters in 2001 and 2003. Propositions A and AA are providing more than \$2.2 billion for new construction and renovations at each of the nine community colleges. For more information, visit the construction program's web site at [www.PropositionA.org](http://www.PropositionA.org).



Participants at the ground breaking turn dirt to celebrate Trade-Tech College's first parking structure. From Left to Right: *Frank Harris, ASO president at Trade-Tech College in 1952; Greg Fischer, deputy for L.A. City Councilmember Jan Perry; Michael D. Waxman, vice president for the Board of Trustees for the L.A. Community College District; Larry Eisenberg, executive director of Facilities Planning and Development for the L.A. Community College District; Dr. Tom Harris, interim president at Trade-Tech College; Trade-Tech College's ASO President Ethan Burrall.*

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