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VALLEY COLLEGE HOLDS FIRST BOND-PROGRAM GROUNDBREAKING PHOTOGRAPHS ATTACHED (*HIGH RESOLUTION PHOTOS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST*)

Valley Glen, April 26, 2005— Los Angeles Valley College today broke ground on the first of four new buildings on the campus, kicking off Valley's \$286 million campus upgrade. The campus improvements are part of the Los Angeles Community College District's \$2.2 billion bond-funded renovation and new construction program.

The \$6.6 million, 28,000-square-foot, Maintenance and Operations Building / Sheriff's Station will house maintenance offices, shipping and receiving, warehouse offices, and Sheriff's personnel and operations. Valley College currently employs 75 electricians, plumbers, painters, carpenters, auto mechanics, locksmiths, gardeners, and custodians. The Sheriff's Station, which operates 24 hours per day, is the base for campus security officers, cadets, and Sheriff's administrative staff. The Maintenance and Operations Building / Sheriff's Station will be the first LEED™-certified, environmentally-sustainable building in the College District funded as a Proposition A and AA project.

"This is an exciting day for Valley College," said President Tyree Wieder at today's groundbreaking ceremony. "As we break ground for the new Maintenance and Operations Building and Sheriff's station, Valley College has launched its new Educational Master Plan and is well on its way to our campus revitalization. Students, faculty and the community have all been a part of this process, and soon we will see the results of our hard work."

The Maintenance and Operations Building / Sheriff's Station is scheduled for completion in early 2006. At that time, the temporary structures housing the maintenance and operations staffs and the campus Sheriffs will be demolished so construction can begin on the Allied Health and Sciences Center. The new building will consist of three connecting structures that form a compound with an inner courtyard.

Community College District Chancellor Peter Landsberger joined in at the groundbreaking. "With renovation and new construction on all nine of our campuses, we are using the Proposition A and AA bond funding that voters approved. Valley College's new Maintenance and Operations Building and Sheriff's Station, our first LEED™ certified new building, is an important step forward in the construction process."

Propositions A and AA, bond measures passed by Los Angeles voters, provided \$2.2 billion for extensive construction and renovation at each of the nine Community College campuses. Valley College has already renovated several existing buildings, including the campus Art Gallery, and plans to construct the Hertzberg Library and Learning Resource Center and renovate and expand other on-campus facilities.

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Maintenance carts on parade at Valley College's groundbreaking ceremony for the Maintenance & Operations Building / Sheriff's Station, April 26, 2005

Valley College President Dr. Tyree Wieder (center) ceremonially breaks ground for the M&O / Sheriff's Station building with Community Colleges Chancellor Dr. Peter Landsberger and other special guests.



Valley College President Dr. Tyree Wieder welcomes guests to the groundbreaking of the Maintenance & Operations / Sheriff's Station building, Valley College's first Prop A/AA new building.