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Los Angeles Southwest College to break ground on School of Science

The 27,000-square-foot, two-story building will support students in their study of the sciences.

Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC), one of nine colleges in Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), will host the groundbreaking of its School of Science, a 27,000-square-foot, two-story building that will support the college's students in their study of the sciences on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

LASC's new School of Science is expected to take about 17 months to complete and will be ready for geology, microbiology, physics and general science classes in fall 2019. The facility will house a lecture hall, laboratories, an outdoor patio for astronomy and more.

"The School of Science will provide an incredible experience for our students studying the sciences so they will be well equipped to confront the most difficult questions in their fields of study on our campus and to separate themselves in an ever competitive job market," LASC interim President Dr. Denise Noldon said.

The School of Science is funded by Measure J, which was overwhelmingly approved by voters in November 2008 and allocated \$3.5 billion for the modernization, renovation, improvement and new construction of projects throughout the LACCD. San Diego-based Harper Construction Co. and Sillman Wright Architects were awarded the design-build contract to design and construct the School of Science.

Thanks to the passage of voter-approved bond measures, including Measure CC, a \$3.5-billion construction bond that was supported by voters in November 2016, LASC's campus will experience a dramatic transformation in the next few years. The School of Sciences will be joined by other state-of-the-art and green-friendly recently proposed facilities that will house the Nursing program and a Student Center among other infrastructure upgrades.

The Feb. 28 groundbreaking at 10 a.m. will take place between the Student Services Education Center (SSEC) and the Technology Education Center (TEC). Representatives from the Los Angeles Community College District, Los Angeles Southwest College, Harper Construction Co. and Sillman Wright Architects will attend the groundbreaking.