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COUNTY BREAKS GROUND ON SOUTH WHITTIER LIBRARY

Input from Area Residents Considered in the Planning



South Whittier, July 30, 2015 - Los Angeles County officials joined in the groundbreaking celebration for the future 14,411 square-foot South Whittier Library. Following an accelerated planning and design stage, a construction contract was

awarded to Cal-City Construction, Inc., to get the project on its way.

The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) is overseeing the development of the \$15 million dollar building project, funded by the office of Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe as part of his "Operation Libraries" effort. Based on community needs, the facility will contain adult, teen, and children's reading areas, an early childhood/family area, programming space, a homework center, group

and teen study rooms, a 100-seat community meeting room with audio-visual system, staff areas, public restrooms, staff and support areas and an outdoor reading patio, and a kitchenette. The library will also be equipped with express-service checkout machines at the lobby, information services pods, public access computers, and Wi-Fi. The facility has been designed to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Rating, and will contain many sustainable features such as permeable paving, bicycle storage, drought tolerant landscaping, and a photovoltaic system.

“Across Los Angeles County, and especially in my district, libraries are as popular as ever,” said Supervisor Knabe. “There is no better way to strengthen a community than to invest in libraries. Residents will have greater access to books, videos and other multimedia and when this project is completed, they will have a brand new facility that will bring the community together.”

The project will also include parking for 61 vehicles and incorporate an exterior civic art element. Construction is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2016.

The library located at 11543 Colima Road in South Whittier is made possible with the support of the County’s Fourth Supervisorial District, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Library, the CDC, and the design team of Erik Mar Studio for Public Architecture. Once completed, it will be operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Library. For more information on library services, please call (562) 695-3979. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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