The following is an update of the progress related to our major facility initiatives.

**VETERINARY MEDICINE STUDENT SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION CENTER (VMSSAC)**

The contract and notice to proceed for the Veterinary Medicine Student Services and Administration Center (VMSSAC) were issued Monday, June 15, 2015. This month expect to see the creation of a laydown yard/staging area due east of Vet Med 3B, fencing and movement of equipment and trailers on the building site (due south of Vet Med 3B). The building is expected to be finished in the Fall of 2016 and will house the following units: Academic Programs, Student Programs, Global Programs, Research and Graduate Education, Development, Academic and Staff Personnel, Communications, Fiscal Services and Administration, Information Technology, Facilities and Safety Services, and the Executive Office. There will also be a café and outdoor event space. The overall cost of the project is $27.9M (including the café) funded by the campus and SVM gift funds.

**VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER**

The Detailed Project Program (DPP) phase of planning for the Veterinary Medical Center (VMC) was initiated in February and is progressing well. The DPP discussions have involved VMTH leadership as well as faculty, staff and house officers from all services identified in phases 1 and 2 in both small animal and equine portions of the VMC. The design schematic above illustrates the proposed new and renovated facilities included in the overall multi-phased, multi-year construction plan.
Planning efforts include:

- Large Animal Facilities: Equine Sports Medicine; Equine Surgery & Medicine; Equine Intensive Care; LA Isolation Unit; Equine/Livestock Medicine
- SAC-East Additions: Emergency/ICU; Imaging; Surgery/Anesthesia; Patient Receiving/Exam; Specialty Services; Wards; Transfusion Medicine; Pharmacy; Integrative Medicine; Community Practice (remodel) – Medicine, Surgery, Shelter Animal Surgery
- Existing VMTH Repurpose: Research Labs; Offices/Support Services

The DPP phase of the project is the time that planning is done room by room, identifying room size and essential features, location of equipment, and how the room’s use impacts the design. Consideration is given to proper work flow, number of people and patients to occupy the space, what is needed for optimal space use and for safety, lighting, and air flow. Planners also consider traffic patterns of personnel, patients and clients, program adjacencies, co-location of required support services, shared staff or equipment, and the drivers of potential future program growth. These and a multitude of other issues are being considered and discussed.

Detailed planning, while focused on phases 1 and 2, encompasses all 5 phases as what is built in phase 1 must flow into the design and construction of later phases. Also, maintaining operations during a multi-year construction project requires strategic identification of facility needs, infrastructure and services, traffic flow, patient safety and appropriate teaching environments. DPP discussions recognize that as one phase is completed services may need to be temporarily relocated to make way for new construction or renovations. The design teams are developing test layouts for the SAC floors to study how to fit programs into the available footprint once circulation spaces are accounted for.

The total VMC project is also being phased to allow for fundraising and capital funding efforts, as well as a construction schedule that will address new building, renovations and infrastructure build outs while maintaining on-going clinical services and teaching. The development team continues to work on the elements of the related capital campaign: major donor prospect identification; the feasibility study; case for support documentation and extensive current and future communication efforts.

**SOUTH VALLEY ANIMAL HEALTH LABORATORY PROJECT**

![South Valley Animal Health Laboratory Project](image)

The South Valley Animal Health Lab Project, an integral component of our California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System (CAHFS), located adjacent to the Veterinary Medicine Teaching and Research Center (VMTRC) in Tulare, has been under construction since last January and is currently 45% complete. The steel work has been completed and now construction should really start to accelerate. Walls are being framed, plumbing and electrical installed and soon paving of the entrance road and parking areas to the north side of the lab will be completed. Project completion is currently scheduled for June 2016.
TUPPER LAB STUDY UPDATE
We have reviewed the initial results from the Tupper Lab Study and are considering several shared lab and core facility options as part of a multi-year planning and renovation project for the SVM space in Tupper Hall. The Tupper space will be planned with the understanding that use of VM2 will change over the coming years as the Veterinary Medical Center is planned and developed. We are aiming for VM2 to have more of a clinical service focus and Tupper will house three shared clinical research spaces. We also plan to create faculty office space in the current Scrubs Café location once the café moves to the VMSSAC site in the Fall of 2016. Our next steps are to discuss alternative short and long-term options for shared lab and core spaces with our department chairs.

SVM SAFETY AND TRAINING RESOURCES To further support our SVM Community, the School's safety team has developed a new web site on VIPER for SVM faculty, staff and students. This web site provides safety resource materials, training, SOP's, policies, and web links in one location. The web site features: Lab Safety; VMTH Safety; Safety policies, manuals and emergency action plans; An extensive list of training resources/links; How to report injuries; Forms & Checklists and much more. This detailed site is linked to the main VIPER Home Page, with a tab on the left hand side and can be accessed at: SVM Safety

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