

SECTION 8 – LIBRARY & CULTURAL ARTS FACILITIES

I. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The performance standard for library facilities was determined during the preparation of the City of Calexico General Plan update approved by the City Council in 2006. The performance standard for library facilities for the City of Calexico is 0.55 square feet of library facilities per resident. Library facilities should be available within 2 miles or 10 minutes driving time, whichever is less. Staffing should include one (1) librarian and two (2) clerical staff per 6,000 Calexico residents. Library inventory should include 3.0 items per resident. Library inventory includes books, computers, tapes, CD's, periodicals, etc.

II. FACILITY PLANNING AND ADEQUACY ANALYSIS

This analysis provides an inventory of the existing library facilities owned by the City of Calexico, the existing and future demand for facilities, as well as a projected phasing schedule. The purpose of this analysis is to determine if the existing facilities are adequate and to identify approximately when additional facilities will be needed in order to meet future demand.

A. Inventory of Existing Facilities

The city of Calexico is currently served by two libraries. The main library is Camarena Memorial Library (12,000 square feet (SF)), located at 850 Encinas Avenue (see *Figure 10, Existing Libraries*). There is a branch location at 1202 Kloke Avenue within William Moreno Junior High School (3,000 SF), which operates with very limited hours and has experienced recent reductions in space allocated to library services due to school growth. The City of Calexico is also the location of the university library of the Imperial Valley Campus of San Diego State University.

Cultural arts needs are being addressed through the rehabilitation of two older buildings in the downtown area. The former Carnegie Library building is being rehabilitated to serve as a technology center for residents to augment the Library's capabilities. Another building in the downtown area is currently being renovated to serve as a cultural arts center for both the visual and performing arts. Another historic structure located near Bowker Road and Anza Road is being considered for a museum.

B. Adequacy of Existing Facilities

Using the performance standard above, the existing demand for library facilities is 19,910 square feet.

$$32,600 \text{ existing population} \times 0.55 \text{ square feet / person} = 19,910 \text{ square feet.}$$

Existing City library square feet total 15,000 SF, if the space within the William Moreno Junior High School is included. This represents a shortfall of 4,000 SF, currently. Because the library facilities are currently at capacity and the uncertainty of the availability of space within a school that is experiencing growth, the Library Board recognizes the need to expand the main library by doubling its square footage and to possibly build other branch libraries. The main library expansion would include facilities for arts/crafts, more computers, additional staff, and small conference rooms.

The current library collection includes 70,000 items. Using the performance standard above, the existing demand for library books and other resource items is:

$$32,600 \text{ existing population} \times 3 \text{ items / person} = 97,800 \text{ items}$$

The 70,000 items is virtually a constant due to the limitation of shelf space. Therefore, library collections do not currently meet the performance standard.

The current library staffing includes: the City Librarian, Reference Librarian, 2 Library Assistant II, 2 full-time and 4 part-time Library Assistant I, a part-time Children's Reference Clerk, and a part-time Children's Services coordinator. Using the performance standard above, the existing demand for library staff is:

$$\begin{aligned} 32,600 \text{ existing population} / 6,000 &= 5.43 \\ 5.43 \times 1 \text{ librarian} / 6,000 \text{ people} &= 5 \text{ librarians} \\ 5.43 \times 2 \text{ clerical staff} / 6,000 \text{ people} &= 11 \text{ clerical staff} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the library is currently understaffed with only 2 librarians and 8 full-time equivalent support staff.

C. Future Demand for Facilities

With the implementation of the proposed General Plan, the City population is estimated to be 89,500 in 20 years. The new residents would cause an increased demand for library services and facilities. As noted above, the City's libraries are currently operating above capacity. Therefore, the addition of new residents will only add to the current situation where there is already a lack of facility.

D. Opportunities for Shared Facilities

Additional library services are available in the City of Calexico through the San Diego State University, Imperial Valley campus. In order to provide adequate library services, it is the intent of the City of Calexico and the Camarena Memorial Library Board of Trustees to continue to share services and network with other libraries or create other joint use agreements with schools and pursue additional beneficial arrangements.

Some library facilities, such as the conference rooms, could be shared with other City and non-City agencies.

Partnerships have been formed with the Small Business Development Center and the Literacy Volunteers of America to encourage use and better serve the community.

E. Phasing

The City of Calexico shall undertake a systematic capital improvements program for the construction of new and expanded library facilities in order to supplement and complement facilities and services provided at the Main Library. This program shall include:

1. Expansion of Camarena Memorial Library to 24,000 square feet.
2. Construction of a new Branch Library to serve the west side of town, around the area of William Moreno Junior High.
3. Construction of a Branch Library on the east side of town as development continues to grow in that direction.
4. Designation of the Camarena Memorial Library as the Main Library facility.

This construction program shall be targeted for completion within the next 20-years (by FY 2025-26). Approximate need for library-related facilities phased per projected population growth is shown in *Table 8-A*, below. Costs for construction of projected facilities are based on a cost for construction of \$180 per square foot and an average of \$60.00 per item for collections. The feasibility of completion by these target dates depends on future community growth and the availability of financing sources.

Table 8-A: Projected Phasing and Costs for Construction of New Library Facilities

Year	Population Projections	Phased Library Square Footage Need	Available SF	Projected Phasing for Construction of New Library Facilities	Estimated Construction Costs (Based on \$180/SF in 2006 Dollars)	Projected Phasing of Collections Items	Estimated Costs for Collections Items
2010	41,100	22,605	15,000	12,740 SF	\$2,293,200	39,970	\$2,398.200
2015	53,300	29,315	27,740	0 SF (share 1,575 SF with schools)	\$0	39,970	\$2,398.200
2020	69,000	37,950	27,740	10,210 SF	\$1,837,800	39,970	\$2,398.200
2025	89,500	49,225	37,950	11,275 SF	\$2,029,500	39,970	\$2,398.200

III. MITIGATION

Recommendations:

- A. The City shall require new development to pay mitigation fees, as allowed by law, to fund the expansion of library facilities and services relative to each development’s impact thereon, as a condition of project approval.
- B. The Camarena Memorial Library Board of Trustees shall continue to concentrate its resources on improving and maintaining adequate staffing, inventory of items and volumes, computers and related technology, and community library services and programs for all residents of the City of Calexico. These factors should be thoroughly reviewed every three (3) years according to previously stated facilities and services standards.

IV. FINANCING

The current sources of revenue for library facilities and services include property and sales taxes from the City’s general fund and grant funding.

A. Per Capita Costs

The 2005 – 2006 City of Calexico Adopted Budget provided approximately \$728,235 from the City’s general fund and grant funding for ongoing provision of library services including acquisition of some books, periodicals and other collections items. Using the City’s current population of 32,600, library services cost \$22.34 per resident.

$$\$728,235 / 32,600 \text{ population} = \$22.34 \text{ per capita}$$

Costs for projected services needs are based on \$22.34 per capita. Total costs for library services per 5-year increment are shown in *Table 8-B*. The cost estimates are based on Year 2006 dollars.

Table 8-B: Cost Estimate for Future Library Facilities and Services

<i>Year</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Services Costs</i>
2005	32,600	\$728,235
2010	41,100	\$918,174
2015	53,300	\$1,190,722
2020	69,000	\$1,541,460
2025	89,500	\$1,999,430

Note: Future cost for services estimates are based on current cost per capita in the 2005-2006 budget and year 2006 dollars.

B. Future Funding Sources

The City of Calexico will continue to use the existing funding sources for continued maintenance and operation of the Calexico library. However, due to the existing deficiency and the future anticipated, other funding sources, such as development impact fees, will be needed in order to correct this existing deficiency, and provide an adequate level of library services for existing and future residents.

In addition to General Fund and development impact fee sources, the City will continue to seek grant funding to further its ability to provide library services. The City intends to use Community Facilities Districts in new development areas which will be required to include library funding in the future. Other possible funding sources for library facilities include special assessment districts, the California Literacy Campaign Fund, the State Public Library Fund, as well as Community Development Block Grants and user fees for certain services. Further descriptions of these and other financing mechanisms are provided in the Financing section of this document.

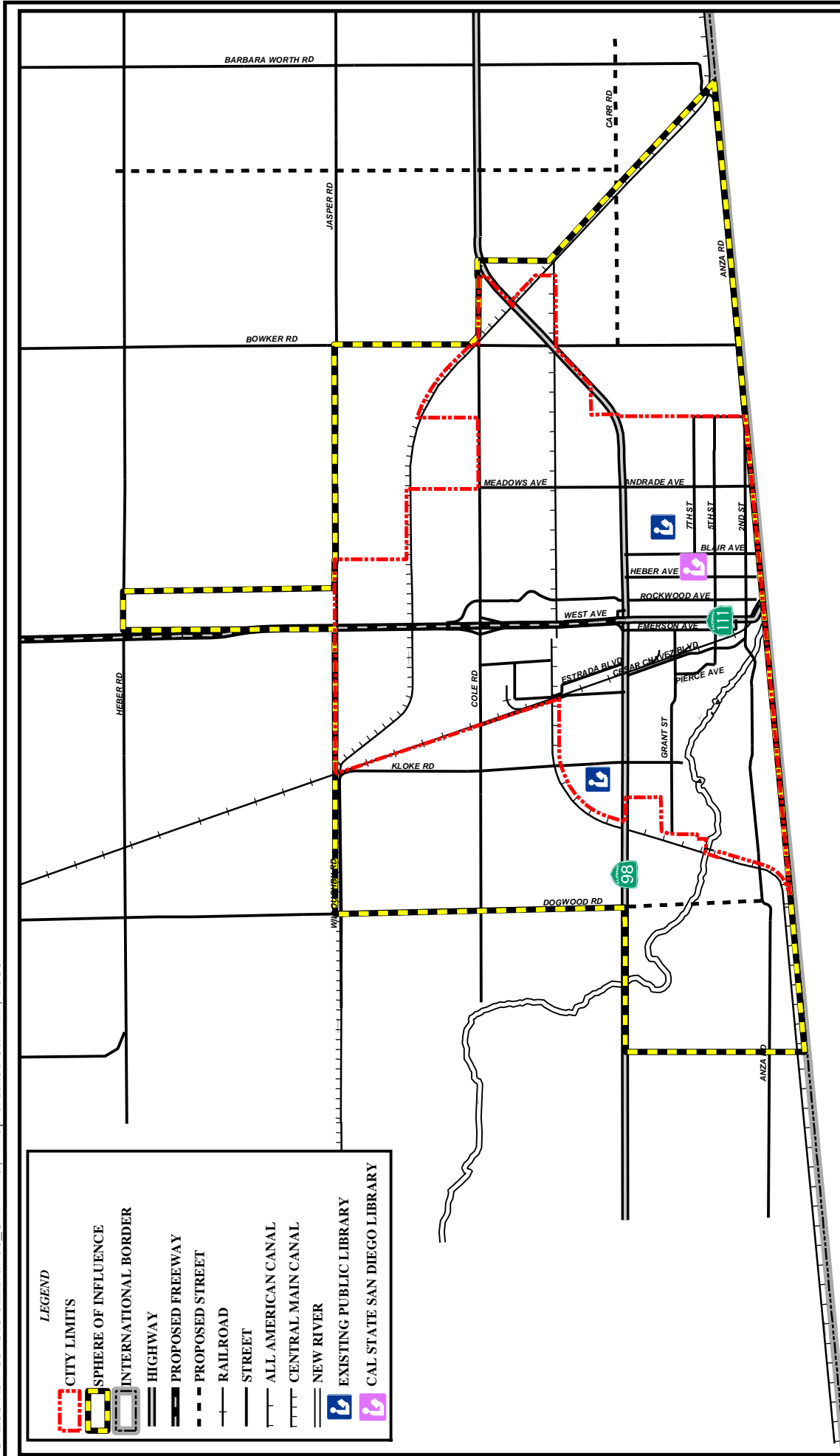
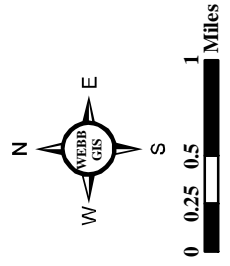


Figure 10

Existing Libraries

City of Calixico Service Area Plan

Source: City of Calixico General Plan, 2006



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