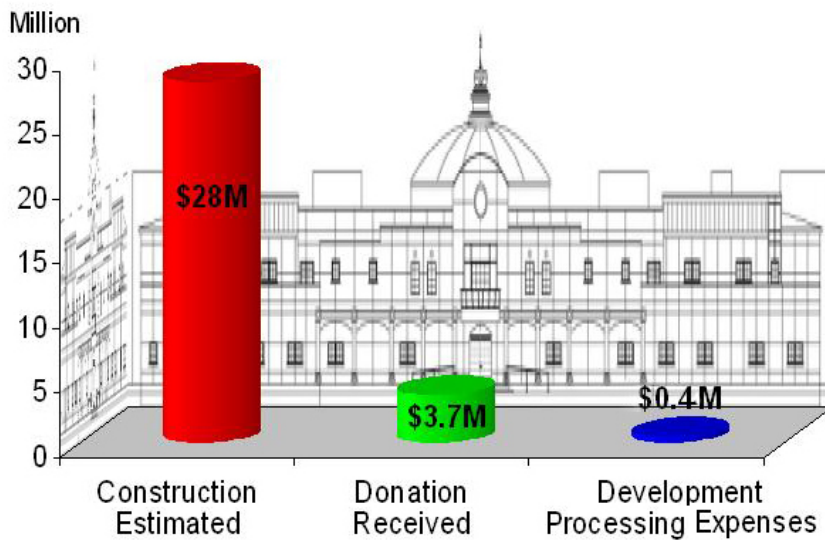




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NEW/UPDATE

We, Purple Lotus Temple (PLT), thank you for your generous donation(s) and support of the new temple development in Fremont, California, U.S.A. over the years. Your gift has made it financially feasible to maintain the preparation and planning of the new temple project.



As you know, developing a new temple and school of more than 95,000 square feet on an approximately five and a half acre land in a high cost of living city such as Fremont California, is quite a challenging project. The project will require an estimated amount of \$28M (2006 estimated) to complete.

The **SITE** is located next to a park in Fremont and borders the land of Union City, thus resulting in the requirement of approvals from various committees from cities, state Regional Park and public transportation (Bart- Bay Area Rapid Transit).



The **LAND** has never been developed and requires working with the public utility agencies such as water, sanitary, storm sewer, electrical and gas. In addition, both cities' political issues and the intra-city's multiple change of planners, building code have caused a delay in the project approval process.

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BUILDING PERMIT PROGRESS



- ★ 5/2/1999: Grand Master Lu performed Red Jambhala Homa to pray for giving direction of future Purple Lotus Temple site.
- 7/16/1999: Purchased 5 acre lot adjacent Quarry Lake Regional Park in Fremont then proceed with planning.
- 10/15/2000-9/4/2001: Master Samantha, Lama Lian Yang, Andrew Chou, monks, and disciples discussed the overall design concepts (functions, requirements, appearance...). Completed developed the preliminary layout of the temple.
- ★ 5/31/2002: City of Fremont Preliminary Review Process Approved of Purple Lotus Temple preliminary design.
- 7/10/2002: Obtained True Buddha Foundation fundraising approval for future Purple Lotus Temple project.
- 8/1/2003: City of Fremont informed the following required studies: 1. Traffic impact study 2. Noise impact study 3. Environmental Impact study. 4. Endangered Species Study with support from BART, City of Union City and Alameda Regional Park.
- 12/20/2004: Completed Traffic impact, Noise impact & Environmental Impact Studies.
- 9/7/2005: City of Union City requested one million US dollar for traffic improvement fee.
- 4/25/2006: Signed an agreement with City of Union City for a conditional support of Purple Lotus Temple project and waived the traffic improvement fee.
- 5/18/2006: After four years of discussion and negotiation with the city of Fremont, PLT finally had successfully achieved the mutual agreement of the design requirements. At last, Design Development Started.
- ★ 6/8/2006: Planning Commission of City of Fremont Approval for the Architecture Design Development.
- ★ 6/29/2006: City Council of Fremont Approval for the Reversion of Acreage.
- 9/15/2006: Formed the Construction Documentation Team for Architecture, Civil, Electrical, Landscape, Mechanical, Plumbing, Soil and Structure Completed.
- 11/13/2006: Comprehensive Overview Conducted with Purple Lotus Temple Management Team, Members and Consultants Completed.
- 11/20/2006: Construction Documentation Started.
- ★ 11/16/2007: 1st Construction Document Submission to City of Fremont.
- 11/29/2007: Added TRAFFIC Engineer to the Construction Documentation Team.
- 12/27/2007: 1st Review Comment Response from City of Fremont.
- 4/2/2008: Clarification Design Concerns with Planning Department of City of Fremont Completed.
- 4/3/2008: Revised Design Started.
- 5/16/2008: Revised the Construction Documentation based on the revised design and according to the 1st Review Comment Started.
- 6/3/2008: Completed obtaining an estimate cost and timeline from the Construction Documentation Team based on the revised Design.
- 8/14/2008: Added Building Code Research Specialist to the Construction Documentation Team.
- ★ 9/4/2008: Enhancing the Construction Document to comply with new California Building Code (2001 vs. 2007).
- 2/5/2009: Re-Submitted the revised Construction Document with response to First Review Comment.

May all devoted to support locations propagate Padmakumara teachings in the samsara realm (such as new Purple Lotus Temple) be blessed with prosperities and enlightened wisdom, be bestowed with peace and fortune in life, and be empowered with the strength to achieve Buddhahood! May all devotees be blessed with greatest auspicious at all time!