

Capital Improvement Program

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University Health System

Bexar County Hospital District

An update on the construction projects at University Hospital and University Health Center - Downtown

Join us as we sink the first shovel!

First groundbreaking ceremony to be held March 20

The first major project of the University Health System Capital Improvement Program, the new parking garage at University Hospital, will officially get underway later this month.

"This is an important step forward for the project, as parking needs must be met before we can begin the new tower in front of the hospital," explains Mark Webb, University Health System vice president for Facilities Development and Project Development.

Everyone is welcome to join the University Health System Board of Managers and the Bexar County Commissioners Court in witnessing this historic occasion on Saturday, March 20 at 10 a.m. The ceremony will be held in a large tent on the "C" Parking lot, near the intersection of Merton Minter and Medical Drive.

The first section of the 3,300-space



Conceptual design of the new parking garage at University Hospital

garage will open by the end of the year and the entire project is expected to be completed by mid 2011.

There will be two more groundbreakings over the next 10 months. The new diagnostic and treatment building at University Health Center - Downtown will begin in December of this year, and the hospital tower will get underway in January 2011.

[CLICK HERE for more details on the groundbreaking event.](#)

A front row seat to watch progress

If you live in Bexar County, this is your health system and *your* Capital Improvement Program, so we want to do everything possible to keep you informed through every step of the process.

Obviously, for safety sake, once construction starts we can't allow people to walk around the work sites, but we can offer you a front row seat to see what's happening anytime you want to check in on either project. Video cameras are positioned to capture and stream images on our Target 2012 Capital Improvement webpage. The first camera, looking down on the site for the new parking garage, is already live. Log on today and bookmark it for future reference.

[CLICK HERE for live action video from the roof of University Hospital!](#)

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Safety is everyone's responsibility

"Send every person home safely, every day," that's the safety goal for the University Health System Capital Improvement Program. The project and construction management teams at both work sites have developed extensive safety and infection control plans, which include required safety education for every construction worker.

Safety is important at every job site, but it is even more important and complex when the work is going on at a hospital, where thousands of people come and go every day.

The goal is to separate the construction work from the ongoing hospital operations. Work zones will be marked with warning signs and physical barricades. It is vitally important for all staff and visitors to comply with signs and follow instructions given by the construction workers and Protective Services personnel.



Hundreds turn out for Contractor Kick-off



Bexar County Commissioner, Pct. 4 Tommy Adkisson provided opening remarks at an event to provide local business owners and contractors information on how to register as a vendor, and bid on portions of the Capital Improvement Program. Close to 400 people attended the session held at St. Philip's College.

“It couldn’t be happening at a better time.” That’s what Bexar County officials are saying about University Health System’s \$899.4 million Target 2012: Capital Improvement Program. Not only will the large construction project lead to much-needed expanded health services for the community well into the future, it also represents a welcome business opportunity for hundreds of local individuals and businesses involved in the construction industry.

University Health System and its construction managers Zachry Vaughn Layton (for the University Hospital project) and Bartlett Cocke General Contractors (for the University Health Center – Downtown project) hosted an informational meeting Saturday, February 27 to offer those interested in bidding on parts of the project an opportunity to hear firsthand about what types of trades will be needed and when requests for proposal (RFPs) will be offered for bid. At a news conference Thursday, February 25, Bexar County Commissioner for Precinct 2 Paul Elizondo said identifying these opportunities and helping local businesses, especially small, woman or minority-owned enterprises participate in this work is a top priority of the project. “About half the cost of this project is being paid for through tax dollars,” said Elizondo. “So, giving as much of it back to taxpayers as possible, by hiring local people is the right thing to do.”

More information on bid opportunities is available for the hospital project at www.zvluhs.info or by emailing christopher.webb@zachrycorp.com. To learn more about opportunities on the downtown project email UHSDIVERSITY@Bartlettcocke.com.

Have a question?

When will the "C" employee parking lot at the hospital close? Temporary parking arrangements at University Hospital will begin on March 17. All University Hospital employees who currently do not pay to park in the existing garage should have attended a meeting about the change and/or received information via email. Additionally, letters are being sent to these employees' homes. Most day shift employees will park in the new remote lot. Evening, night shift and weekend employees will continue to park on campus. Employees who have not been briefed on where they will be parking effective March 17 should email Uhs-cip@uhs-sa.com.

When will the shuttle buses operate?

Effective March 17, shuttle buses will run from the temporary remote parking lot between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. During peak hours, FIVE buses will be operating at the same time. The buses will drop staff off at the entrance located next to Human Resources in the outpatient surgery circle.

What about employees who come to the hospital for meetings?

Effective March 17, employees from other University Health System locations who come to the hospital periodically should park in the small area of the "C" lot that will remain open as the "floater" lot. This parking area is located along Medical Drive, across from Walgreens.

[Click here](#) to submit a question on the Target 2012 Program.