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Florida Hospital Construction Update

Florida Hospital Bed Expansion

Construction planning and implementation move forward at the Florida Hospital Orlando campus. At this time, the design teams have finalized the floor plans for the bed tower. The team is now working on the design details including lighting, outlets and furniture. During this time, the main entrance to the hospital will be temporarily moved to a new location, next to the cafeteria. As the design phase continues, additional updates will be available on the Florida Hospital web site at www.floridahospital.org.

Energy Facility

In addition, construction has begun on the new energy facility. The energy facility will house the energy backbone for the new expansion. It will be located just off of King Street, south of the Psychiatry building, next to the railroad tracks.

Florida Hospital worked with the City of Orlando during the planning phase of this project and has been very deliberate in directing any sounds towards the railroad track and away from the residential areas. All building codes have been met.

Construction of the energy facility should be completed by the middle of next year.

Rollins Street

The Rollins Street realignment will begin on December 10. The realignment will move Rollins Street one block south between Camden and Alden Roads. The plans include adding a curve in the road that will blend in with Loch Haven Park. As mentioned in the May edition of the *Common Ground*, the Rollins Street re-alignment will improve traffic flow, increase pedestrian safety as well as improve hospital efficiency and safety. Additionally, once the road is complete, new storm water treatment systems will improve the quality of the storm water entering Lake Estelle from Rollins Street and other nearby streets. The water treatment systems will include a proposed retention pond to be located at the southeast corner of Camden Road and Rollins Street as well as the addition of an ADS Water Quality Unit.

The re-aligning of Rollins Street will be completed in phases. During the first phase, the road will be closed for five to eight weeks from east of Bedford Road to the Loch Haven Garden Club. Once this initial phase is complete, traffic will resume on the old section of Rollins Street. The entire re-alignment will be completed by August 2005.

Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences

The administration building at the college will soon be replaced with a new structure. This new building will house the administration offices as well as classrooms. As part of this new construction, students are now required to park off campus at Calvary Assembly and are shuttled to classes, which has reduced the amount of traffic in the area.

Parking / Traffic

The construction on the addition to the parking garage on Alden Road will begin on December 6. With an estimated completion date of July 2005, the extension of the existing parking garage will add approximately 500 spaces.

In addition, Florida Hospital has implemented a car-pooling program where employees can use the Florida Hospital internal web site to be 'matched' with other employees in the area. Over 200 employees have signed up for the service, which has reduced the amount of traffic in the area.

Additional Information

Please continue to visit our web site at www.floridahospital.org for construction updates and comment section.