

Common Ground Newsletter

Spring 2005

Florida Hospital Construction Update

Alden Garage Construction:

The first phase of the Alden garage extension is nearing completion. One more bay will be added to the north end of the garage in the coming five weeks. This expansion adds 480 additional spaces to the garage. It will open later this summer.

Rollins Street Realignment Construction:

The Rollins Street construction is going well, and is currently ahead of schedule. The team is placing sewer lines this week and will begin installing the storm drainage and electrical lines next week. As planned, the Bedford/Rollins intersection will reopen on June 15th.

Energy Building Construction:

The energy office building, located just off of King Street, is moving along as scheduled and should be completed in November of this year.

Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences

Construction at the college continues on schedule. The administration building at the college will 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.

Traffic

In January of this year Florida Hospital commissioned a Neighborhood Traffic Study with the DRMP engineering group to assess cut-through traffic to our parking garages. The study area included Nottingham Street, Chichester Street, Wilkinson Street, Merritt Park Drive, Lakeside Drive and Lake Shore Drive. Through a license plate analysis and traffic counts the evaluation *"did not identify that Florida Hospital has an impact on traffic circulation within the local neighborhood streets. It is apparent that the majority of traffic is utilizing the primary street system."*

While we are satisfied with these findings, we will continue to remind our employees to avoid cutting through the neighborhoods. We will also continue to partner with the City and residents on the issue.

In addition, we completed the opening of our Maitland building which has resulted in approximately 500 less employees on the Orlando campus.

Additional Information

For continued construction updates and to view the Traffic Study in its entirety, please visit the News for Neighbors link on the Florida Hospital web site at

<http://www.floridahospital.org/govpubaffairs/index.htm>