

## New Samaritan hospital coming to Lincoln City

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### Digging down before building up!

What used to be our main parking lot is beginning to look much more like a building site. Concrete sidewalks, curbing, paving, tree stumps and other landscaping debris are being removed at an astonishing pace. With a clear view from her office window in the North Lincoln Hospital Foundation building, Leslie James counted 20 dump trucks an hour passing by when the activity was at its busiest! That pace has slowed down quite a bit in recent days.

Repeating some of what Chris Lemar, our Plant Engineering director, reported to staff a few days ago: a rock access road is now being built between the helipad and 28th Street; the footprint of the new hospital's foundation is being excavated to a level of approximately four feet below the finished floor level; and geotech fabric and rock are being put in place. After the rock is spread out, it is being compacted by a heavy-duty rolling/vibrating machine to ensure a solid surface for construction.

The geotechnical consultant who was onsite during the early part of this excavation process reported that there are no surprises to earlier predictions of soil conditions. In non-technical terms: it's soft but good! Excavation and backfill will continue for the next couple of weeks.

Also sometime in the next couple of weeks, a water line that crosses through the job site will be relocated. The plan is to do this in the middle of the night to minimize impact to employees and patient care. Chris Lemar will keep staff informed as we get closer to the time.

Meanwhile, much other work continues to happen behind the scenes, keeping staff from HGA, Skanska and Samaritan extremely busy. This includes such things as building permit package submissions, finalizing surgical boom locations, completing narratives and drawings for construction documents, figuring out how to reduce overall steel tonnage, awaiting final state approval on HPEC remodeling plans, etc.



*Looking north from 28th Street, you can see the rock access road being built up while the foundation footprint is being dug down. For a time-lapse view of the construction zone, visit [samhealth.org/NewHospitalLincolnCity](http://samhealth.org/NewHospitalLincolnCity)*

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS UPDATE OR THE NEW HOSPITAL PROJECT?**

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