

NEW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL COMING TO NEWPORT

ROOFING THE 88 BUILDING

In the original construction plan, our old roof was deemed fine “as is.” However, once experts removed the rubberized membrane and the insulation in the past few weeks, they discovered that much of the metal decking underneath was rusted irreparably. After considering all options, it was determined the best course of action was to remove the decking and start over, so crews are now in the process of replacing the metal deck. It’s not yet known how far out this unexpected project may push our timeline for completion.

INTERIOR WORK CONTINUES

As you can see, the 1988 building is now just a metal stud frame. Earlier this week, a structural engineer was on-site inspecting each stud to determine which ones need to be replaced. This was a planned aspect of the building process, and early estimates were that 40% of them would need to be replaced, mostly due to rust. Crews are currently at work replacing them as necessary.

Also inside, they are saw-cutting concrete to get underneath to install electrical and plumbing. In the upper ceiling areas, channels are now in where the walls will go, so it is now possible to visualize where rooms will be.



LARGER BRACES + STURDIER FOOTINGS FOR SEISMIC UPGRADE

The previous columns of our 1988 building were inserted into blocks of concrete footings, and with the addition of braces, they helped to stabilize the building in an earthquake. With the help of our seismic upgrade grant, the building is now being prepared to withstand “the big one,” so everything is sturdier and more substantial. The concrete footings will be anchored to the ground with giant augers, or screw-like devices, and the BRBs (buckling restrained braces) are substantially larger than the previous ones to better brace the building.

JULY OPENING STILL PLANNED FOR NEW LOT

While activity looks like it is happening slowly on the new parking lot at the southwest of the new addition, there are some things going on that we can't necessarily see, such as inspections required on different aspects like storm water run-off and soil compaction testing. Curbs and gutters are being installed now. Landscaping of shrubs and small trees will be added soon. We still have a projected opening of July, with 90 or so spaces to ease parking strains a bit until other lots can be completed.



MOVES PLANNING CONTINUES

Hospital staff are in the midst of planning to determine IS needs for the new workspaces, such as locations for computers and outlets, as well as logistical move strategies for the pharmacy and laboratory. Both departments will need to move without losing equipment functionality.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW HOSPITAL PROJECT?

Send them to Tricia Schug, Marketing, and she'll track down answers for you: tschug@samhealth.org.

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