

Salem Hospital construction update

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Energy Plant update

In progress: Equipment testing is going well. Concrete will soon be poured for the sidewalks and driveways.

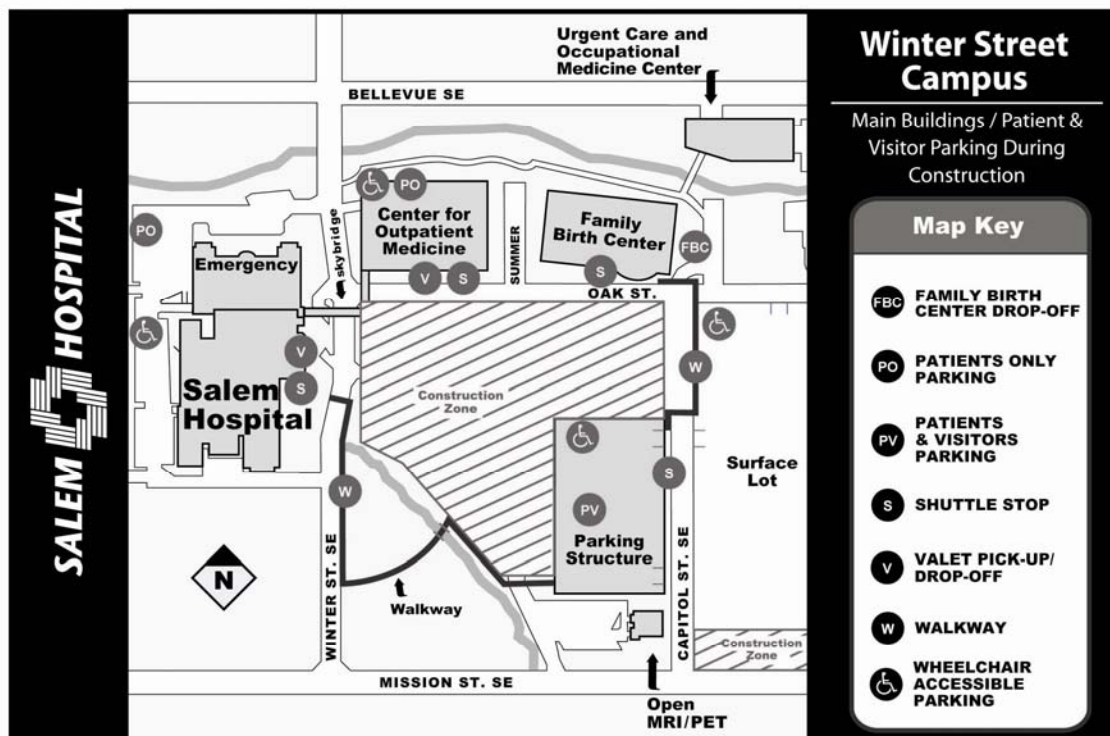
Traffic signal and turn lane coming

In progress: A traffic signal is being installed at the intersection of Capitol and Mission Streets SE, and a right-turn lane is being added at Capitol Street SE. The sidewalk on the north side of Mission Street is closed between 12th and Capitol Streets during this project. When completed in November, these improvements will help traffic flow more smoothly.

Tower crane to be installed this week

In progress: The yellow metal structure in the middle of the construction site is the base for the crane that will build the patient tower.

Coming soon: The crane used to build the tower is large, so it has to be built on site. First, a small crane will be used to construct a medium crane, called an erection crane. The erection crane will build the tower crane. Most of this work should happen on Saturday, Sept. 30. The equipment will enter the site from Mission Street, so traffic through the hospital campus should not be impacted. The tower crane will be 242 feet from its base to the highest point of the mast, with a 274-foot long jib and 90-foot long counter-jib. And, it's electric powered, which means it should be fairly quiet.



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