

Salem Hospital Construction Update

Nov. 13, 2006

Tower construction

In Progress: The first wall of the new patient-care tower was poured last week. It's on the north side of the underground parking level. Three more supports are being poured today, using what's called a continuous monolithic pour; which means that the entire job gets poured at one time. This job will require 1,100 cubic yards of concrete. For a comparison, cement trucks each hold 9 yards of concrete.

The ramp from the street-level parking down to the underground parking area has been completed. Soon portions of the street-level parking area will be completed and turned over to the valet company for use.

Changes in traffic patterns and pedestrian paths

New: The crosswalk and stop sign at the entrance to Salem Hospital on Winter Street have been moved further south because the construction site needed to expand into the previous crosswalk.

Safety tip: When you are driving on Winter Street, please pay attention to the traffic sign change.

In progress: The traffic light and turn lane at the intersection of Mission and Capitol Street SE are scheduled to be operational sometime this week. Finishing touches are weather dependant.

Coming soon: Oak Street will close between Winter and Summer Streets SE the first part of December, so construction of the supports for the new sky bridge and other utility work can begin.

People who don't have difficulty walking are encouraged to enter campus from the intersection of Mission and Capitol Streets SE, park in the garage, then take the free shuttle to the hospital, Center for Outpatient Medicine, or Family Birth Center.

Anyone with mobility problems is encouraged to use the valet-parking service.

Coming soon: On Nov. 20, valet service to the Center for Outpatient Medicine will move from the front of the COM to the parking area below the building. The entrance to this area is off Winter Street. All cars that pull in to the COM parking area will be valet parked.

Coming soon. Large medical-transport vans and the hospital's shuttle buses will use a designated area in front of the COM to drop off and pick up riders.

Safety reminder

Keep yourself safe by using the designated pathways. Please do not cut across streets or cut corners. It's dangerous to do that. If you see trip hazards, please report them to (503) 561-5368.

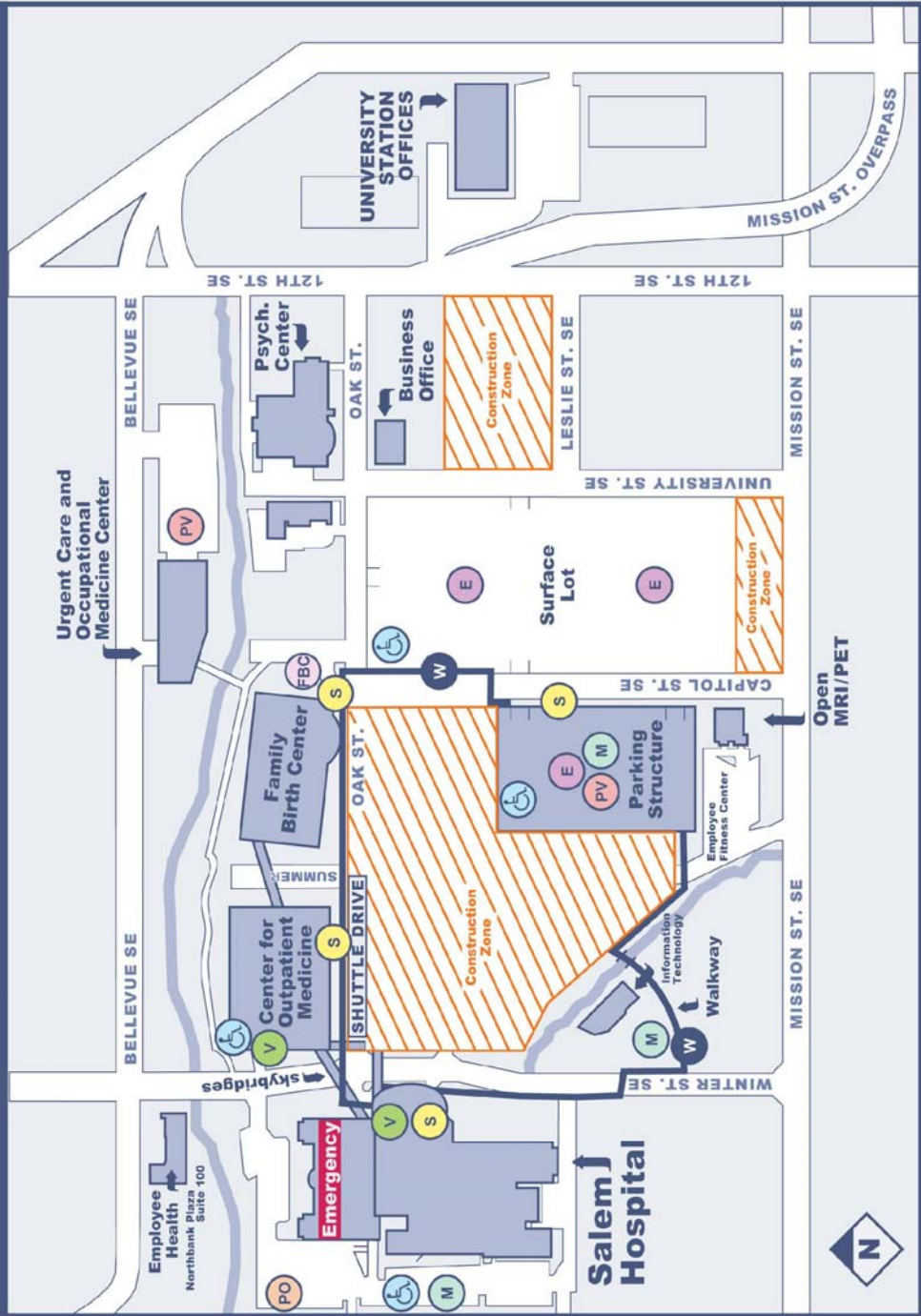
New ramp

Coming soon: A new pedestrian ramp will soon be built from Winter Street to the entrance of the Center for Outpatient Medicine. As street and pedestrian paths change during the construction project, this ramp will provide a safe route from Winter Street into the COM.

NOTE: A new map is on page 2 of this update.

Winter Street Campus

Main Buildings / Patient & Visitor Parking During Construction



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