



FUTURE - DENVER VA MEDICAL CENTER - AURORA, COLORADO

PROJECT EAGLE UPDATE

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Welcome to the first multi-page Project Eagle Update! As the Design and Development stages draw to a close, we can offer some final descriptions of the buildings included in the Denver VA Replacement Facility project.

The Concourse

The Concourse serves as the entry to all of the buildings. The Concourse, or center “spine” as it is sometimes referred to, includes a multipurpose room, dining area and support areas such as retail space and a coffee shop. Approximately 1,100 ft long, the width of the Concourse varies from 28 ft on the south and north sides to approximately 50 ft at the center. The roof of the Concourse is three stories above the floor level and is a curved shaped roof with a minimum height of 60 ft above the concourse level. Pedestrian bridges are located on the second and third floors to facilitate east-west wing access.

Inpatient Buildings North and South

The Inpatient Buildings North (IBN) and South (IBS) connect to the east side of the Concourse. These buildings are both three-story buildings and contain 148 inpatient beds. The breakdown is: 60 medical and/or surgical beds, 30 mental health beds, 28 intensive care unit beds, and 30 Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Unit beds. The first floor of the Inpatient Building North will host a new SCI Clinic. A pedestrian walkway is provided between IBS and IBN at levels two and three.

Diagnostic Treatment (D&T) Building

The D&T is also accessed from the concourse and is located on the east side. Just as the name suggests, this building houses most of the diagnostic services and the services that treat illnesses. This includes radiology, laboratory, cardiology, pulmonary, surgery, dental and gastrointestinal services. The emergency department (ED) is located on the first floor of this building adjacent to the Fitzsimons Parkway. The area of each story is approximately 70,000 sq ft. South of this building is an outdoor eating area and a playground area for children. This massive building will appear to be about 6 stories in height.

Research Building

The research building is located at the southeast portion of the South Parcel and connects to the south east side of the Concourse via a pedestrian walkway at the first floor. This building will provide laboratory spaces for our nationally recognized research department. Patients and families will not access this building as there are no patient care services provided here.

Clinic Building South

The existing University Physician Inc (UPI) building is now called the Clinic Building South (CBS). The CBS is an existing four story steel frame building located on the southwest portion of the site. This building will be partially renovated with work starting on this building in March 2011. Mental Health Clinics will be housed on first and second floor. Administrative space for the medical center will be on the third floor and the fourth floor includes space for the 460th Medical Division Group from Buckley AFB Clinic where they will provide care for their active duty staff.

Clinic Building North and Clinic Building Center

The North and Center Clinic Buildings are attached to the west side of the Concourse. These buildings will house all of the outpatient clinics. Most of the services will be in Clinic Building Center with only a handful of clinic spaces being in the north building. CBN will house the Director's Suite, Credit Union, Human Resources, the Health Administration Service (business office), and a variety of smaller programs.

Parking Garages

There will be two parking garages dedicated to patients and visitors. The South Visitor Parking Garage will be a 3 floor underground parking structure. The North Visitor Parking Garage is an above ground structure that will have five or six tiers. The concourse will be accessed by elevators from either of these garages. The Staff Parking Garage is north of 17th Place and is connected to concourse through an elevated walkway over 17th Place. The current VAMC has approximately 900 parking spaces; the new VAMC will have approximately 2,300. Special considerations will be included for oversized vans.

Energy Center

The Energy Center is a two story building. The Energy Center houses electrical equipment, generators, the fire pump, chillers, boilers, offices, shops and similar.

Information on the PTSD Building, the Community Living Center and the potential Fisher House will be disseminated when it is finalized. As always, feel free to direct any questions to me. Thanks!

Respectfully,

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