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TriHealth approves \$140M plan to 'transform' Good Samaritan Hospital

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Two weeks after TriHealth officially broke ground on an \$85 million project at Bethesda North in Montgomery, the health system revealed plans for \$140 million in upgrades at its flagship hospital in Clifton.

TriHealth president and CEO [Mark Clement](#), in his weekly blog to employees, said TriHealth's board on Tuesday unanimously approved a \$140 million, five-year master facility and modernization plan at Good Samaritan Hospital.

The project, which calls for demolition of older, less functional buildings, along with the addition of newer, larger operating rooms, and the eventual relocation of the hospital's emergency department, "will transform the Good Sam campus," while representing a major milestone in the health system's overall plans, he said.

Good Sam ranks as the region's fifth-largest hospital, per *Courier* research. It also ranks as the oldest health care facility in Greater Cincinnati. The hospital moved to its current location in 1915.



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TriHealth approved a \$140 million, five-year master facility and modernization plan that will include the construction of a new five-story building at Good Samaritan Hospital in Clifton.

“We are making exciting progress on our journey to get health care right by offering the most comprehensive, integrated network of hospitals, ambulatory campuses, physician practices and post-acute services,” Clement wrote. “This major milestone represents another giant leap forward in our plans to bring every patient convenient access to our full continuum of care close to home in the most modern and state-of-the-art facilities.”

The master plan, as a whole, addresses the need for newer and larger operating rooms, with enhanced support functions, such as patient prep and recovery, family waiting and wayfinding. The facilities, he said, will better support Good Sam’s service lines, including neurosciences, cancer, women’s health and advanced surgery.

Over time, the master plan will guide demolition of older, less functional buildings on the campus, as well as construction of new, state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly buildings. The plan will also continue to reorient the main entrance and primary access to the Good Sam campus from Clifton Avenue to Dixmyth/Martin Luther King, with convenient access to Interstate 75.

Phase one of the project will start this spring, Clement said, with demolition of the Hebrew Union Dormitory, acquired by TriHealth “some time ago” in anticipation of this project. The tear-down will make room for a new team member parking garage.

Phase two includes construction of a new five-story building to house perioperative functions, as well as several floors of “shell” or unfinished space for the eventual relocation of the emergency department and other outpatient services.

The plan is part of a slew of new TriHealth capital investments. On Feb. 25, TriHealth broke ground on an \$85 million project to build a dedicated Heart Hospital on its campus at Bethesda North. Overall, the project will add 40,000 square feet of new space and renovate an additional 80,000 square feet to pave the way for the “largest, fastest-growing and best-performing heart program in the region,” Clement told me last month.

The expansion comes roughly three years after TriHealth initially made plans to consolidate its cardiac surgery programs, previously

also offered at Good Sam, solely to Bethesda North. Clement said outcomes tend to improve when something so resource-intensive is provided under one roof. In total, that project will take three years to complete. Phase one, which includes the expansion of the cardiac cath lab and renovation of the cardiovascular intensive care unit, is poised for a grand opening around summer 2022.

TriHealth operates six hospitals, 14 major ambulatory campuses and more than 140 sites of care in Greater Cincinnati, and is one of the region's largest employers with nearly 14,000 team members.

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