

Construction Milestones

Peter Paulsen Pavilion

- Early 2021: PeaceHealth began planning an expansion with an amendment to our Institutional Master Plan.
- September 2023: Bellingham City Council approved IMP amendment.
- June 2024: New parking garage opened to the public.
- Summer 2024: First phase of Squalicum Parkway improvements completed.
- January 2025: Bellingham City Council approved the Planned Development Permit for the future Paulsen Pavilion.
- March 2025: Certificate of need issued by Washington State.
- April 2025: Preliminary construction on the Paulsen Pavilion begins.
- July 2025: West Entrance and roundabout close. East Tower becomes main entrance for duration of project.
- September 2025:
 - Work begins on the Central Utility Plant near the hospital loading dock.
 - Phase 1 of Emergency Department parking lot integration begins.
- November 2025: Final Squalicum Parkway improvements completed.
- December 2025: Statue of St. Joseph and Baby Jesus moved and placed in storage for safekeeping until project is complete.
- February 2026: Staging for demolition begins in former North Tower main lobby.
- May 2026: West side of Emergency Department parking lot is closed for installation of stormwater infrastructure. This will have a significant impact on the availability of public parking through the remaining duration of the project.
- July 2026: Front end demolition gets underway.
- August 2026: New cooling tower installed on roof.
- September 2026:
 - Demolition of front entrance completed.
 - Coverings installed on most west-facing windows in North and South towers
 - Installation of pilings —vertical foundation elements drilled into the ground—Begins.
- October 2026: Piling installation completed.

