

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

HOSPITAL CAMPUS FACILITIES

DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

Children’s strategic plan ensures that as rapid technological advances occur, future facilities will effectively adapt to the continuous changes in the healthcare delivery system. In so doing, the efficiency of the hospital will improve, helping to manage costs and improve service to patients and families.

The proposed design and configuration of the campus for future growth is intended to achieve the following development objectives:

- Meet the growing demand for specialized pediatric healthcare services for children within the Pacific Northwest
- Improve children’s healthcare services with state-of-the-art facilities
- Increase the efficiency of the hospital to manage costs and enhance healthcare delivery
- Integrate the campus with the public space system of the surrounding neighborhood
- Maintain and build partnerships with surrounding institutions, businesses, and neighborhoods and other medical care facilities
- Improve pedestrian safety and access
- Redevelop the campus with sustainable design principles, furthering the current commitment to a green hospital environment



Figure 9 Components of a New Pedestrian System. Interior public spaces, outdoor gathering places, and landscapes with integrated stormwater facilities are planned as a part of the hospital pedestrian network, connecting hospital facilities and surrounding community pathways.

BUILDING ON SHARED COMMUNITY AND HOSPITAL GOALS

As a major employer, Children’s shares goals with the community. Children’s is a regional leader among effective Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) and Transportation Management Plan (TMP) programs. The hospital is working with King County Metro, Sound Transit, the University of Washington, and other partners to increase transit service. Efforts continue to encourage pedestrian and bicycle use to the hospital and within the surrounding community. Also, Children’s is coordinating its transportation management plan with regional partners to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips in the area.

Children’s is soliciting the advice of the regional community, surrounding institutions, businesses, medical professionals, and neighbors during the design of its Master Plan. Conversations with the community are helping to plan visually appealing and safe physical connections that will link future campus site improvements with the neighborhood’s surrounding open space. Children’s will partner with the City and community groups to achieve these shared goals.

Children’s intends to enhance the campus by supplementing the rich open space system in the Laurelhurst-View Ridge area. As the campus is redeveloped, the placement and design of facilities will use sustainable design principles that continue to demonstrate good environmental stewardship of the campus.

STANDARDS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

The City of Seattle requires a concept plan that addresses boundaries, site plan, uses, parking, alternative proposals and neighborhood context. Accordingly, the standards in this concept plan are based on the following design principles:

- Consolidate the footprint of the hospital to maximize the amount of open space around the campus.
- Set back higher buildings to the center of the campus and away from campus edges.
- Build lower buildings at the perimeter which complement the architecture of and provide transition to the adjacent neighborhood.
- Connect the neighborhood pedestrian and open space system across Children’s campus.
- Disperse traffic to minimize motorized and non-motorized congestion at affected intersections.
- Enhance portions of the campus garden edge with desirable and usable places, benefiting both patient care, caregiver, and surrounding neighborhood.
- Minimize exhaust, light, and noise resulting from hospital operations.

The design standards will be considered during the Citizen’s Advisory Committee proceedings and reviewed as part of the Environmental Impact Statement.



DECENTRALIZATION

Part of Children’s decentralization strategy includes regional ambulatory care centers and consolidation of research functions away from the hospital campus. In addition to the newly purchased research facilities (space for 1.5 million gsf) in downtown Seattle, future outpatient care facilities are planned in Bellevue, South King County, and Everett. Clinics in Yakima, Wenatchee, Kennewick, and Missoula, Montana continue to demonstrate unmet needs in core areas like cardiology, cancer, endocrinology and neurology.

Adding new outpatient service locations to address unmet needs in the region results in increased demand for inpatient services at the hospital campus.

CONSOLIDATION OF INPATIENT HOSPITAL FACILITIES

Consolidated clinical facilities promote treatment of complex chronic disorders in children in an effective and efficient way. The treatment for these procedures requires a critical mass of multidisciplinary specialists and patients in one location to improve the efficacy and efficiency of care. The current hospital site provides the best option for this patient population, which requires 24-hour access to care.

