Mercy Philadelphia Hospital held a groundbreaking on Feb. 22, 2018 on an expansion that will double the size of the facility. Photo Credit: Mercy Philadelphia Hospital

PHILADELPHIA — Mercy Philadelphia Hospital held a groundbreaking on Feb. 22, 2018, on an expansion that will double the size of the facility. The expansion will mark the largest investment in the hospital’s emergency department (ED) since its original construction in 1996.

The expansion will add 10,000 square feet to existing 13,000-square-foot emergency department and has a budget of $15 million. Trinity Health provided $14.5 million in funding for the project, and a $500,000 state grant from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program was secured by State Senator Anthony H. Williams and State Rep. James R. Roebuck, according to an article by the Philly Voice. The architect and designer on the project are CBRE|Heery out of its Philadelphia office, with the TN Ward Company based out of its Ardmore, Penn. office serving as general contractor.
The expansion will increase the number of patient beds in the ED from 14 to 30. The expanded ED will feature an updated entrance, waiting area, reception area and security facilities. In addition, renovations will include an enlarged triage area and a new separate ambulance entrance adjacent to high traffic areas of the ED, according to an article by the Philly Tribune.

Additionally, the expansion will add 30 new exam rooms, including two trauma rooms, two isolation rooms, and a secured holding room. Finally, the expansion will include two triage rooms, three fast-track rooms, and a secured holding room.

With Mercy Philadelphia Hospital having deep roots in the West Philadelphia community, it is the belief of hospital administrators that everyone should have access to safe, high-quality health care, and the hope is that the expansion serves to contribute this to its emergency patients, according to Susan Cusack, executive director at Mercy Philadelphia in a recent article with Philly.com.

The expansion project will bring 25 new jobs to West Philadelphia during its construction, and the expansion is expected to be complete and fully operational by sometime in 2019.

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