

# New Deck to Reduce Long Lines



Atlanta VA Medical Center

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## **New Atlanta VAMC parking deck approaching completion**

**With much anticipation and despite a series of setbacks on construction due to weather and safety concerns, the new Atlanta VA Medical Center parking deck expansion has arrived. “It’s long overdue,” one Veteran commented. “It’s going to be for the good and the demand is definitely there,” another said.**

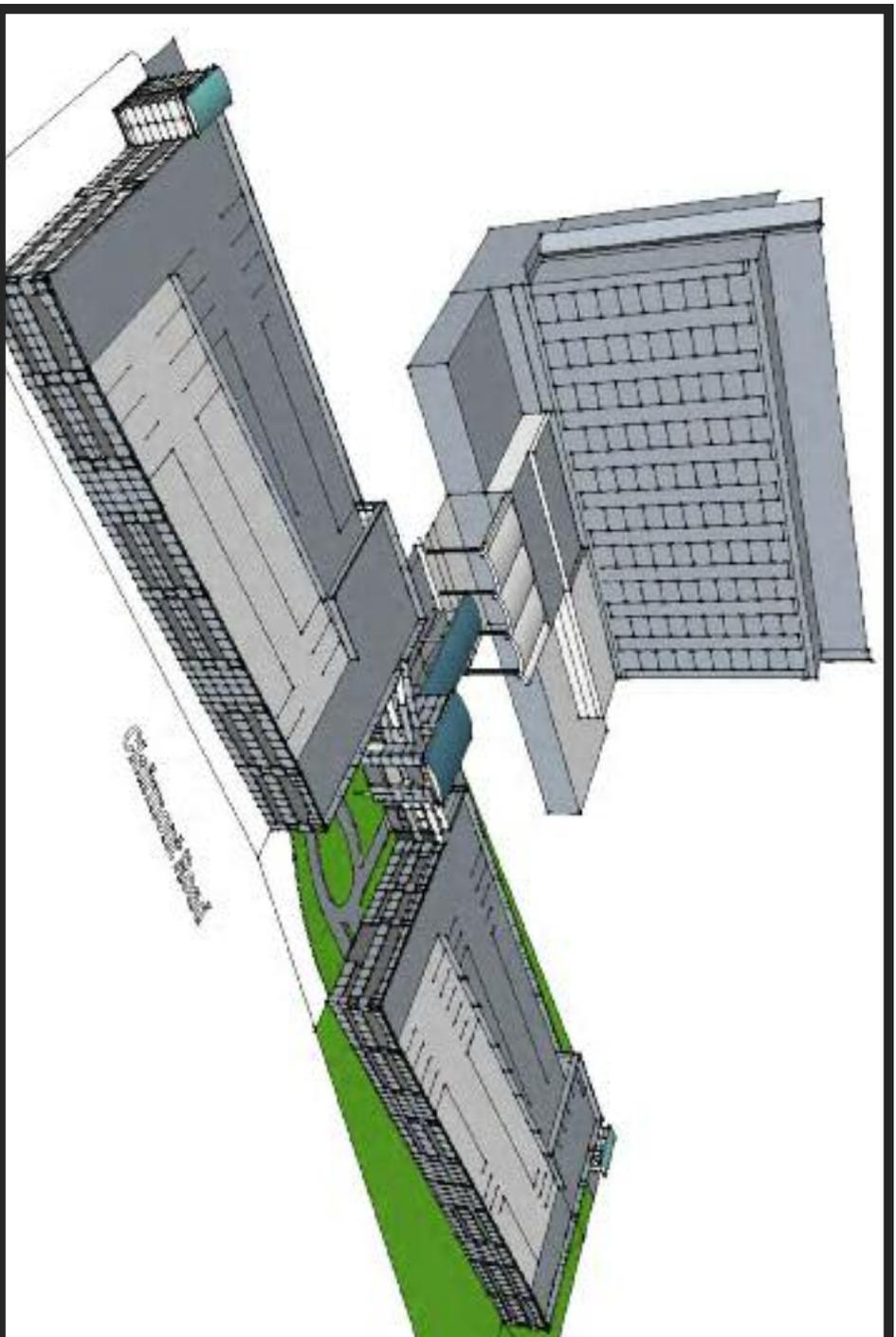
**By summer’s end, 450 new parking spaces will be added to the more than 1,500 existing spaces at the Atlanta VA Medical Center. “It’s a welcome addition to our facility and will provide both Veterans and staff alike the convenience we’ve long awaited,” Atlanta VA Medical Center Director James Clark said. “I’m happy to have reached this point.”**

**The \$6.2 million prefabricated-parking deck is being hauled in piece by piece. To expedite construction, the southern entrance will close at 8 am Fridays and remain closed until 6 am Mondays. The entrance will reopen Mondays at 6 am to allow access for employee parking; however, it will close again at 8 am to throughway traffic.**

**During construction, Veterans are encouraged to use off-site parking and take advantage of the complimentary shuttle service to and from the Medical Center. The van, marked Briarcliff/VAMC, departs from 3065 Briarcliff Road starting 6 am Monday through Friday in route to VAMC’s South Entrance/Community Living Center. The shuttle runs in 15-minute increments until 6 pm.**

**“It’s been a long process,” said a medical center staff member. “The new deck will certainly help reduce a lot of the frustration with parking.”**

# Coming in 2011



Plans are in place to design a new parking deck in front of the medical center in 2011, which will also soothe the growing pains of being one of the fastest growing hospitals in the Veterans Integrated Service Network.