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CON Board Approves Trinity's 280 Move

Trinity Medical Center moves forward with unanimous support by the State CON Board

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Trinity Medical Center received Certificate of Need approval Wednesday from the state's review board for its move to the digital hospital on U.S. Highway 280.

The relocation efforts were several years in the making.

Trinity officials have said completed construction of the digital hospital, a parking deck and office space could take up to 24 months and cost \$280 million.

Brookwood Medical Center remained an opponent to the move after receiving CON approval to construct its own stand-alone emergency room on U.S. 280 earlier this year. Brookwood officials had argued that Trinity's move would cause financial harm to Brookwood.

Trinity on 280 is the cornerstone of the 103-acre Cahaba Center at Grandview, an economic development project that will also include hotels, restaurants, medical office buildings and retail businesses, a Trinity release said. The project is expected to provide thousands of construction-related jobs and stimulate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic impact.

The top floor of the hospital on 280 has glowed with red lights for the last two weeks as a symbol of the community's need for a full service hospital in the area. With today's approval, the lights will turn green.

"This is a truly historic day for health care in our state and we are grateful for the Review Board's vision in making it possible," said Trinity Medical Center CEO Keith Granger.

"We move forward now with the support of the state of Alabama, the city of Birmingham, the regional medical community, the regional business community, and most importantly, the individuals and families across the area who know and trust Trinity Medical Center and expect us to deliver the very best."