

University of Alabama expects to complete Bryce road work in summer 2016

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The University of Alabama expects to complete work on a new academic building and road, both currently under construction on the historic Bryce Hospital campus, by next summer.

The \$31.4 million academic building on the west side of the Bryce Lawn is scheduled to be completed and ready to open by August 2016, Assistant Vice President for Construction Tim Leopard said. Crews now are putting up the structural steel for the building.

The building sits near the future intersection of Peter Bryce Boulevard and Hackberry Lane. The new boulevard, named after the hospital's first superintendent, and North Campus Way are part of a \$24 million road project on the Bryce campus that would connect Fifth Avenue, Hackberry Lane and Jack Warner Parkway. Peter Bryce Boulevard is scheduled to be completed next summer, Leopard said.

Crews are in the process of demolishing buildings on the Bryce campus that are in the path of the roads. The AM Kidd 32 East and greenhouse have already been torn down. Crews are currently pulling down the old power plant/piggery building. The buildings are part of the second phase of the demolitions on the Bryce campus. The other outlying structures slated for demolition include the North 1 building, the dairy barn, fuel tank building, auto shop, adolescent unit, laundry, warehouse, lawn shop, stables, pavilions, engineer's office and morgue.

The main Bryce building is being renovated for use as a welcome and cultural center, museum, and facility for UA's department of theatre and dance.

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