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Methodist Health planning Mansfield hospital

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Methodist Health System of Dallas is considering venturing into Mansfield with plans to build a \$100 million general acute-care hospital.

Hospital officials said the measure is expected to be approved at an April 27 board meeting.

The new hospital would include 80 private rooms, emergency room services and surgical accommodations. Methodist Health, a nonprofit system that runs Methodist Dallas Medical Center and Methodist Charlton Medical Center, is expected to begin construction in the next six months, and the hospital could become operational within 28 to 36 months.

The facility would be built on more than 1 million square feet of land at the corner of Matlock Road and East :Broad Street.

City officials said road construction will begin immediately to accommodate the hospital. Mansfield Economic Development Commission will fund construction of a street that will connect Broad and Matlock around the perimeter of the site, officials said.

Getting a hospital "has been the top priority of several city councils and economic development commissions for many years," said Mayor David Harry. "Mansfield and this region of the Metroplex have grown to the point that we need and can support a hospital of this caliber."

Howard Chase, president and CEO of Methodist Health, agreed.

"There is a demonstrated need for a health care facility in Mansfield and the surrounding communities of Grand Prairie, South Arlington, Venus, Kennedale and Midlothian," he said in a statement. "This new facility will complement Methodist's planned imaging center and physician offices in Midlothian and expand our existing service to Midlothian and Grand Prairie."

More details from Methodist are expected later this month. The land is expected to be donated by Mansfield residents Stephen C.H. and Sally Lockwood.

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