FMC / CCP Connector Construction update

This is the first of a series of construction related updates regarding the Connector with a focus on the decant of existing office and treatment space from the 2nd and 3rd level of the Main Building, required to enable the work on the Connector contact point to be completed.

Background

An important aspect of the construction related to the Calgary Cancer Project (CCP) is the Connector, a 400 plus metre physical pathway which will accommodate the flow and/or movement of people and materials between the new Calgary Cancer Centre (CCC) and other buildings at FMC. Most of these flows are bi-directional, and will allow for movement of patients and families, the public, physicians, staff, students, reserachers and materials across the site. The Connector will provide a direct link between the CCC, the Main Building and the Health Sciences Centre (HSC).

It will also provide a route for some infrastructure connections, for example a pneumatic tube system.

Connector Route
The Connector will be a single storey structure when it leaves the Main Building on Level 3 and will be slightly elevated along its length, similar to a plus 15 in Calgary’s downtown. The Connector will be supported above the Emergency Department roof and flows will enter or depart from the Main Building at a contact point in the west wing north elevation at Level 3.

At the HSC building, a new four-storey structure will facilitate the changes in levels and house infrastructure to support the Connector. This structure will also allow entry and exiting to and from the HSC into the Connector from the external ground level. On leaving the structure, the Connector continues on two levels, with public flows on the lower level and service flows on the upper level.

**Main Building Space Decanting**

A first decant of Allied Health Speech and Language Therapy office and treatment space on the 3rd floor of Main Building and Department of Emergency Medicine administrative space on the 2nd floor of Main Building will begin in the Spring of 2019.

All of this programming will be relocated to space on the West Wing of the 11th floor of the Main Building. The Speech and Language Therapy decant will be permanent (as the existing space in time will become part of the Connector itself). The Department of Emergency Medicine decant will be temporary and this programming will return to its original location when the contact point phase of work is completed later in 2019.

Other more substantive and permanent decanting of the Allied Health office and treatment space along the west wing of the Main Building 3rd floor is anticipated at a later stage in Connector construction. It is likely that the Rehab Gym on the south side of this wing will remain in its current location. More details will follow in subsequent updates.

The Design Builder, CCP project team, FMC site administration, the University of Calgary, and a range of AHS stakeholders have been collaborating on all aspects of the Connector design and construction, working closely with Allied Health and the Department of Medicine to plan these first moves.

**Renovation of the 11th Floor Main Building West Wing**

To prepare for the first decant, minor renovation of the 11th floor west wing will begin early in January, 2019. This work should not cause significant service or other interruptions to patients, families, or providers although the work will be carefully coordinated with stakeholders to ensure the impact of construction, for example any noise caused, is properly mitigated.

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