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Mercy Hospital Announces Plans for New MRI Suite

In response to a growing demand for advanced imaging services, Mercy Hospital has announced plans to create a new MRI suite in a proposed 8,100 square-foot addition on the southeast corner of the hospital campus near Choate Avenue.

The estimated \$5.1 million project will involve the demolition of a one-story building that connected the hospital to a former mobile MRI trailer and the construction of a new two-story addition that will house the MRI suite along with additional office space and conference rooms.

The New York State Department of Health has approved a Certificate of Need application for the building project, which is expected to take about a year to complete. Pending approval by the City of Buffalo Planning Board, construction could get underway in November.

In recent years, Mercy Hospital has expanded its tertiary care role in Catholic Health and the Western New York region. The hospital is home to the Catholic Health Heart Center, offering a full range of cardiac care services, including heart surgery and minimally invasive cardiac interventional procedures. It also serves as the area's only Joint Commission-accredited Comprehensive Stroke Center with capabilities to treat the most complex stroke cases.

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