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## NEWS RELEASE



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### **CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN FOR NEW BRIDGE HOUSING FACILITY**

The County of Santa Cruz will begin construction activities, including demolition work, in early April for a new 32-bed center located at 2202 Soquel Avenue. This facility is part of the County's Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Program, designed to provide temporary housing and supportive services for individuals experiencing homelessness and behavioral health challenges. The facility is expected to open in early 2026.

Funded through a \$10.2 million grant from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), along with additional funding from Whole Person Care Housing Pilot funds and Measure K, the project will provide on-site services and transition support for individuals seeking permanent housing.

The new facility will feature LifeArk modular units, offering private living spaces, communal areas for gathering and dining, and access to health and behavioral services. Housing Matters has been contracted to manage and operate the facility, ensuring comprehensive care and support for its residents. No walk-up services will be available at this facility.

The facility is one of three new centers planned by the County and partners to help transition unhoused community members into long-term housing. Construction of the facility experienced minor delays due to site preparation and geotechnical studies but is now on track to complete the project by fall.

"This facility will serve as a critical resource for some of the most vulnerable members of our community, offering stability, care, and a path to permanent housing," said Mónica Morales, Director of Health Services. "We are committed to fast-tracking these services to make a meaningful difference."

For more information on the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program, please visit [www.santacruzhealth.org/bridgehousing](http://www.santacruzhealth.org/bridgehousing).