Vineland expects its Emergency Medical Services Division to be able to move into its new headquarters off South State Street no later than early June. This view of the project is from the Howard Street side of the property. (Photo: Joseph P. Smith)

VINELAND – The Emergency Medical Services Division should be settling into its new headquarters on the former Newcomb Hospital campus no later than early June, according to Health Department Director Macleod Carre.

“It looks like that is going to be completed and ready for occupancy at the end of May, the first of June,” Carre told City Council members Tuesday night. “All the internal stuff is pretty much done.”

On Wednesday, a truckload of drywall was being put to use inside the building.
The bulk of the project involves renovating and expanding the former Newcomb Medical Center Building between the first blocks of South State Street and Howard Street, just above Chestnut Avenue. A garage addition is another component.

Last May, the City Council approved a negotiated agreement with Newcomb Medical Alliance Center LLC to do the construction. The corporation is the city-designated redeveloper of the hospital property.

Archetto Construction Inc. was chosen to do the work at a cost of a little more than $2.18 million. The city in August 2017 approved a bond ordinance to pay for the work.

On completion, the division will consolidate its office functions there and relocate its Station 1 to the site.

Carre said Station 1 logs the most calls in the division and he wants to look at assigning it a second team.

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