

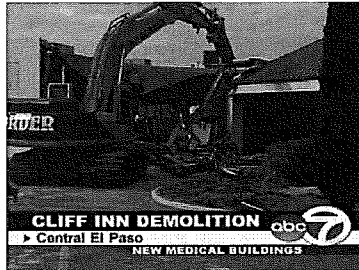
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Hotel demolition makes way for new medical buildings

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EL PASO -- A familiar site in Central El Paso will soon be gone -- in its place will sit two brand-new medical buildings.

Demolition began Wednesday on the Cliff Inn Hotel right across from Sierra Medical Center. The baby blue building will be completely gone within 90 days. After that, TVO North America will begin constructing two 80,000 square-foot buildings.

Each will house doctor's offices and will likely be "green" or eco-friendly. A wellness center is also a possibility. The project will take anywhere from 18 to 36 months to finish.

"When you look around and see the buildings here, they're just so outdated. It's not good for El Paso. El Paso needs a better place," said Edward Assi. He plans to work in the new building. He added the buildings will provide a one-stop-shop for El Paso's medical needs.

Maria Jurado and her husband live in this historic neighborhood and say they don't mind the change. "It doesn't bother me that much that they're gonna have to demolish what's there because it's old. If it's gonna be something new, why not?" Jurado told ABC-7.

She only hopes the buildings aren't too tall so they don't block out her view.

The entire project is slated to cost anywhere from 65 to 75 million dollars.



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