

# Groundbreaking for San Mateo County's First Navigation Center for the Homeless



*Courtesy: County of San Mateo*

MILPITAS, Calif., April 21, 2022 – Groundbreaking ceremonies for San Mateo County, California’s first “navigation center,” designed to provide temporary living units and intensive on-site support services for individuals and couples experiencing homelessness, were held in mid-April.

XL Construction will lead the construction of the 240-bed facility which will be operated for the county by LifeMoves. XL Construction Senior Vice President Craig Ellis and his project team joined San Mateo officials and civic leaders, along with LifeMoves CEO Aubrey Merriman, for the groundbreaking ceremony.

For optimal time and cost efficiency, all the 102 sleeping modules, 27 support modules, bathroom units and two modular elevators will be prefabricated. Onsite construction is expected to take approximately eight months, with the entire project team’s goal to have clients off the street and enjoying their new space before the end of the year. The project was designed by The Office of Charles F. Bloszies with Rosendin Electric, EcoFire Sprinklers, Maniglia Landscape and D-Line Constructors making contributions and reductions in costs to support development and meet the target budget.

Pictured here, from left to right, are Redwood City Mayor Giselle Hale; Board of Supervisors President Don Horsley; San Mateo County Director, Project Development Unit Adam Ely; XL Construction Senior Vice President Craig Ellis; County Supervisors David Canepa, Dave Pine and Carole Groom; County Executive Officer Mike Calalgy; John Sobrato; County Attorney John Nibbelin; and LifeMoves CEO Aubrey Merriman.

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