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Construction begins on long-awaited 105-room Hampton Inn in Worcester



Construction is underway at the 105-room Hampton Inn in Washington Square Friday. | Photo Eric Casey

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Construction is underway at the 105-room Hampton Inn in Washington Square across from Union Station.

Real estate development and investment company Washington Circle Realty LLC submitted a permit to begin foundation work at the site on parcels 0, 20 and 36 Washington Square on Sept. 2, and the city issued it Oct. 13, according to city records.

The project was first proposed in 2019 and has changed branding and room count over the years.

Hampton Inn was set to break ground this year in Washington Square to help meet demand for hotel rooms during large-scale events in the city.



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Fall River-based First Bristol Corp. opened a Homewood Suites by Hilton Worcester at 1 Washington Square in 2017 and, with the construction permit, has begun construction across the street on the long-awaited 105-room, five-story, 59,655-square-foot Hampton Inn with an estimated $28.7 million capital investment. Plans include 76 new parking spaces on-site to supplement existing parking.

Driving demand for hotels is Worcester's central location, which brings in travelers to the city's downtown area for business, the city's numerous colleges, and events like weddings and other family gatherings, along with the demand for accommodations in the city by the Worcester Regional Airport, and events and conferences at the DCU Center.



Rendering of the 105-room Hampton Inn under construction in Washington Square. I Courtesy of the Worcester Planning Board