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**CAPITOLA** — The heavy machinery is out behind Capitola Mall as the long-awaited \$35-million expansion gets under way.

The expansion will nearly double the size of the county's only covered shopping center. J.C. Penney and Leask's will be added as anchor stores.

Grading of the site began last week. About 80,000 cubic yards of dirt — some 14,500 truck loads — will

have to be hauled off the site, according to Capitola Public Works Director Larry Perlin.

Grading is expected to take three months. The total project is not expected to be completed until November, 1988.

Traffic delays and additional congestion should be expected. Construction crews will be utilizing Clares Street to get much of the heavy equipment in and out of the mall-expansion site.

The Clares Street entrance to the Lucky Convenience Center and to the

adjacent mall (opposite 40th Avenue) will be closed during daylight working hours for at least the next three months, added Perlin. Motorists entering or leaving the mall are encouraged to use the main mall entrance on 41st Avenue or Capitola Road driveways instead.

Besides grading, one of the first jobs will include the construction of the concrete soundwall along the rear border of the mall property where it backs up to Sommerfeld and Lotman Drive residences.