

Beach Area to Get Big Mental Hospital

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A 3,000-bed mental hospital will be built in the South Beach-Ocean Breeze area by the State Department of Mental Hygiene, according to a statement today by state officials at the second in a series of meetings with city and borough officials in Manhattan, who made it clear that only approval by the governor is needed to make the project official. Governor Harriman is expected to announce his decision to point to this effect within a month.

According to Borough President Mansueto, the state officials have tentatively selected a 200-acre site for the hospital, which would be made up of marshy wastes which would be reclaimed by hydraulic fill—sand pumped from the Lower Bay.

While the exact boundaries of the site have not yet been determined, the eastern boundary would front on the new Seaside boulevard, extending from ten to 15 blocks along that roadway, between Seaview avenue, Ocean Breeze, and Xenia street, South Beach. * * *

BOTH OF THESE streets would be opened to their adopted width and improved at the expense of the state administration to serve as principal approaches to the hospital from Hyman boulevard. There would be no local streets in the area. The widening, grading and paving of any of the peripheral streets of the site, all of which would be undertaken by the state.

The site would extend from Seaside boulevard to the intersection of Hyman boulevard on the west. The