



Sam's Club to rise along Loop 303

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Construction is expected to begin this summer on the first of three big-box retail projects going up along the Loop 303.

A Sam's Club will anchor the Surprise Village Marketplace on the southeastern corner of Loop 303 and Bell Road.

Developments relating to that store may have stalled Costco's plans to locate in Surprise. Commercial real estate brokers report that Costco had "been heavily looking" at the same intersection. However, company representatives say they do not plan on building a Surprise outlet anytime in the near future, adding that their focus over the next few years will be rolling out a string of stores in Colorado.

Surprise Councilwoman Martha Bails mentioned Costco's Surprise land hunt during a Sept. 28, 2006, council meeting. However, the company's Southwestern regional representative, Ron Vachris, said nothing materialized.

The Surprise Sam's Club is expected to open in late 2007 or early 2008.

Currently, the Surprise Village Marketplace has about 80 percent of its commercial space leased, said Howard Grace, president of W.M. Grace Cos.

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