

Westcor stays committed to building Estrella Falls mall in Goodyear

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Westcor plans to break ground on Estrella Falls mall next spring, but the likelihood of meeting that timeline is unclear.

In the past two years, the Phoenix-based developer twice announced yearlong delays in February.

Both times, company officials cited the poor economy as a key factor in delaying construction on the Southwest Valley's first regional mall. The 107-acre site is north of McDowell Road between PebbleCreek Parkway and Bullard Avenue in Goodyear.

Garrett Newland, Westcor's vice president of development, last week said the company still plans to start building in early 2010 and reinforced its commitment to Goodyear.

"We always build and open when the market is ready, when our anchor tenants are ready. And that's certainly the case here," he said.

Is the economy showing at least some signs of improving?

"I'd say yes," Newland said.

Last week, Westcor said Arriba Mexican Grill is coming to Market at Estrella Falls, the company's power center.

Evergreen Development also has announced that Home Spaces, a furniture store, will replace Circuit City's old location at Goodyear Centerpointe.

Meanwhile, Goodyear netted 71 new businesses this year. The city says 198 new businesses registered through August after 127 closed during in 2008.

New retailers include:

- Red Robin, southeast of Bullard Avenue and McDowell Road. The restaurant opens Monday.
- Shoe Carnival, at Market at Estrella Falls, northeast of PebbleCreek Parkway and McDowell Road.
- Cost Plus World Market, at Canyon Trails Towne Center, northeast of Cotton Lane and Yuma Road.
- Mega Furniture, at Goodyear Centerpointe, southeast of PebbleCreek Parkway and McDowell Road.

Goodyear's only Bashas' is among the latest to close. The 50,000-square-foot store shut its doors Saturday after just 10 months at Market at Estrella Falls.