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South Wichita Retail and Entertainment Project

Local government and private partners are working together to bring a premier retail and entertainment center to South Wichita, near the 47th Street South and I-135 interchange.

The project will be discussed at Wichita City Council Member Jim Skelton's quarterly brunch 11 a.m., Saturday, June 16 at Furr's, 1606 S. Georgetown. Media are encouraged to attend.

Developer Jay Maxwell, Southfork Investment, LLC., is scheduled to speak at the meeting.

The success of the retail center is contingent on the redesign and construction of the interchange. Council Member Skelton, along with Sedgwick County Commissioner Tim Norton, State Representatives Geraldine Flaharty, Terry McLachlan and Jim Ward as well as State Senator Mike Petersen have met during the past year with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the Kansas Turnpike Authority, to make the redevelopment a reality. Several of state elected officials are scheduled to attend the Saturday brunch and meet with District 3 residents.

Last week, KDOT announced the 47th Street interchange is one of eight priority projects selected statewide, whittled down from a list of 400. After the final concept is identified, the project will go to the Secretary of KDOT for approval and design work will begin.

About \$20 million is needed for re-construction, according to Council Member Skelton. Some Capital Improvement funding has been designated, but not enough to fund the entire project.

"I hope everyone will attend the brunch on Saturday and get involved, Council Member Skelton said. "This promises to be the biggest thing that has happened for South Wichita in years."

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