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### **San Marcos Welcomes Development**

San Marcos, Texas – It is evident by the amount of new construction here in San Marcos that we are a pro-business community. We are poised to have the second largest year for building permits issued and will celebrate several grand openings before the end of the year. San Marcos is showing no bias on development projects. They are welcoming commercial, retail, industrial and residential developments with open arms.

San Marcos' new Sears retail store is on track for a December opening. The 12,000 square foot facility will offer an array of products including appliances, lawn equipment, electronics, patio furniture, exercise equipment and much more. Sears will also offer catalog shopping from an in-store kiosk where you can order direct items that you desire not found in the store. CVS Pharmacy will also open their new location on Highway 80 before the end of the year.

Several new retail stores have opened in the Wonder World Retail Center. Marshall's, Mattress Firm, Petsmart, and Bed, Bath and Beyond have all opened for business in the last month and will be followed shortly by Ross Dress for Less and other retail stores. Creekside Square, a 113 acre, 900,000 square foot retail development, is slated to begin construction at the northwest corner of Interstate Highway 35 and McCarty Lane. This development will be larger than Southpark Meadows in south Austin (259,991 square feet) and just shy of The Forum in north San Antonio (1,022,150 square feet). Sam's Club has also begun construction of its San Marcos location.

The shell for the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant is now visible along Interstate Highway 35 just south of where the new Red Robin Restaurant celebrated their grand opening this month. Sean Patrick's Pub and Grub opened for business in their newly renovated downtown building. Seattle's Best has just broken ground at their new location on the corner of Guadalupe and Interstate Highway 35.

Along with all of the new construction, San Marcos industries are experiencing growth. C-FAN, an aerospace manufacturer, is currently adding 100,000 square feet to their facility and adding 300 new jobs. HADCO, a sister company of San Marcos' Wide-Lite Corporation, announced a move to a larger facility in San Marcos to increase their facility size by 10,000 square feet and add several new jobs. Several other expansion announcements are expected in 2007.

Several new residential developments are coming to San Marcos. Blanco River Village, a Pulte development, began construction this year. Blanco Vista, a residential development of California-based Carma, will bring 2,180 homes to San Marcos by 2011.



San Marcos has experienced a prosperous development year and has nothing but high hopes in regards to future growth in this vibrant community.

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