

Development of new Walgreens underway in South Natomas

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Work has begun on a Walgreens store near the intersection of West El Camino Avenue and Truxel Road in South Natomas.

The first step, demolition of some existing retail buildings to make way, is already completed, said Tim Taylor, CEO of development company and property owner Potter-Taylor & Co.

“Barring any weather, the store should be open about 30 weeks after the start of work,” he said. With demolition beginning earlier this month, the 15,000-square-foot store should open by late spring 2017 under that timeline.

Taylor said the store will be a conventional Walgreens with a pharmacy. The project has been in the works since 2010, but didn’t move forward for several years because of the building moratorium in Natomas, lifted in 2014.

Walgreens will be toward the western end of the shopping center, at the southwest corner of West El Camino and Truxel. Taylor said the goal is to try to minimize the impacts on other businesses in the center, which includes a Pizza Guys, Mezcal Grill Mexican restaurant and neighborhood bar Cheers.

“Everything is going to be confined to the western side of the property,” Taylor said. Because the work will partially encompass a rear alley, existing businesses will get deliveries and other services through the front door or other ways during construction, he said.

Just west of the center, the city of Sacramento plans to build a new fire station on an existing city park, to replace an aging station elsewhere in Natomas. Taylor said he believed that project would also get underway soon.

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A rendering of the Walgreens under development in South Natomas.