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**Lewis Retail Center No Longer a Dream**  
*Approved detour plan means construction can soon begin*

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ADELANTO— Two jet fuel lines underneath highway 395 have been a major hinderance to the development of the Adelanto Towne Center for several years. However, this is no longer the case. After years of successful negotiations between City, Caltrans and Kinder Morgan officials, the City of Adelanto will begin to see construction activity that will lead to a new shopping center.

Now that the final detour plan has been approved by the City of Victorville, travelers can expect delays within the next few weeks due to a five-month partial closure of Mojave Drive. The partial closure is being done so that rather than relocate petroleum pipelines that run parallel to the project—a more costly and time consuming endeavor—a concrete cap will be installed to protect the pipeline and allow for the widening of Highway 395 from Mojave Drive south to Victor Street. All street construction will occur during the partial closure.

“Once we’ve completed wideining our side of Highway 395, including the concrete cap, breaking ground can occur for the nine buildings in the 12.5-acre retail shopping center,” said Brian Wolfe, City Engineer for Adelanto. The project will ultimately include over 54,000 square feet of building area with a car wash, multi-tenant retail stores, fast food restaurant and a gas station.

Wolfe says that utilities such as water, gas and power are available to serve the tenants, plus curbing and sidewalk along the west side of the highway are in place.

The detour at the intersection of Highway 395 & Mojave Drive will maintain one northbound and one southbound traffic lane at all times. Some left turn movements at the intersection of Highway 395 and Mojave Drive will be restricted.

QUESTIONS:

1. HOW SOON AFTER THE SHELL IS COMPLETED WILL CONSTRUCTION BEGIN AT THE SITE (PARKING LOT PAVING, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION)? **Once all street widening is complete, which includes the concrete cap, construction on the site can begin without delay. This is provided that plans for the retail center are complete and approved by that time.**
2. HOW LONG IS IT ANTICIPATED BEFORE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WILL OCCUR AFTER THE SHELL HAS BEEN COMPLETED? **Up to 3 months of work on site will be needed before construction of the buildings can begin.**
3. WHAT IS THE PROJECTED OPENING DATE FOR THE FIRST TENANT? **Building construction will require approximately 7 months.**
4. HOW MUCH IN BUILDING & PERMIT FEES WILL COME TO THE CITY AS A RESULT OF THIS PROJECT? **Not available. However the city will collect fees for plan checking, development impacts, utility connections, and building permits.**
5. HOW MUCH TAX REVENUE IS PROJECTED TO BE GENERATED ANNUALLY FROM THE PROJECT? **Not available.**
6. WILL THE CENTER BE BUILT BY A LOCAL CONTRACTOR? **Not known at this time. Contractor for the retail center has not been selected yet and will be a different contractor from who is constructing the widening of the highway.**
7. IS THERE A REQUIREMENT THAT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF JOBS BE FILLED BY ADELANTO RESIDENTS AND/OR HIGH CONTRACTORS? **Not known.**

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