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Big swath of land near Loop 202 at South Mountain planned for industrial, tech uses



A site plan shows the southern portion of the planned Dobbins Industrial and Tech Park in southwest Phoenix.

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A 240-acre site on the west side of the Loop 202 South Mountain freeway extension is being primed for a large-scale industrial
development,
which the
development
team said will
further the city
of Phoenix's
goals to have a
technology
corridor along
the region's
newest freeway.

"The introduction of the 202 has really changed the area," said Adam Baugh, partner at Withey Morris and zoning attorney for the project, called the Dobbins Industrial and Tech Park. "This is bringing employment and nonresidential development to that area."

Baugh's client, Indiana-based Scannell Properties LLC, is seeking to have a mix of uses on the property, which is located west of Loop 202 and is bisected by Dobbins Road. Uses planned for the area include light industrial, office, technology, manufacturing, and other employment uses, according to city of Phoenix

Scannell
Properties has
been involved in
other Phoenix
developments
in the past, and
the company is
the developer

documents.

for the Five
Below
distribution
center in
Buckeye, which
was announced
in 2020.

"We want to build industrial employment centers in the area," Baugh said, adding that the city of Phoenix has called the area a "technology corridor" but so far there has not been much technologyrelated development along the freeway extension, so a project like this could jumpstart the vision.

The project is very early in the process for approvals from the city, Baugh said, and the development group has held some meetings with neighbors in the area.

As far as the development plans go, Baugh said the first couple of buildings on the site will be built speculatively, but the development team would love to have a user in place for a build-to-suit opportunity.

"If you build it out all the way, you miss the opportunity to create something specific," he said. "We hope by doing the

Dobbins
Industrial Tech
Park we can
start to set the
tone for the
area."

The Loop 202 South Mountain freeway extension opened in 2019 and was expected to be a catalyst for commercial development in the southwest area of Phoenix, much like what happened when the first piece of Loop 202 opened in the East Valley.

In February,
Trammell Crow
Co. started
construction on
a 59-acre
industrial
project near the
Loop 202 South

Mountain
Freeway and
40th Street in
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Indian
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