

Town Center at Longbow planned for north Mesa

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- A major shopping center is planned for north Mesa.

The Town Center at Longbow, an approximately 500,000 square-foot retail center just northeast of Falcon Field Municipal Airport, is in the works by the **Opus** Corp., a developer attending the 2007 International Council of Shopping Centers Convention in Las Vegas.

Aerial maps produced by the company show a 12-screen movie complex and a 104,000 square-foot anchor center with 25 other pads.

Officials with the company would not discuss details on the development, saying it was in the early phases of planning.

"We'd just rather not talk about it," said Greg Mc-Cullough, senior marketing director.

The Town Center at Longbow would be located between 56th Street and Recker Road. It's unclear what the anchor store would be.

Harold Decker, a senior economic specialist for Mesa, said he'd heard about the development.

"We're definitely interested," he said. "It's exciting."

The company also is planning a seven-pad retail center called Mill Crossing at Gilbert and Germann Roads in Chandler.

Plans for the complex show a 104,000-square foot JC Penney store as the anchor.

The company said it its also speaking to potential retail tenants for the Tempe Gateway, a planned 38,000-square-foot retail and office development adjacent to Monti's and US Airway's headquarters at Mill Avenue and Third Street. Options on the table include an 8,000 square-foot restaurant, said Craig Esslinger, senior director of retail development for **Opus** in Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah. Esslinger said the company is excited about the property but didn't know when the company would have tenant announcements. "It's a great location," he said.

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