

Shopping center under construction at Saratoga and Weber

Project scheduled to be finished in four months

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Construction has begun on a 14,000-square-foot shopping center on Saratoga Boulevard between Weber and Kostoryz roads.

The center, tentatively dubbed ESBO Center, is looking for a mix of retail tenants including national names, said leasing agent **Lynann Pinkham with Cravey Real Estate Services Inc.** Negotiations are under way but no leases have been signed, she said.

The estimated construction cost of the center is \$1.05 million, said Terry K. Orf of ArchitecTKO, designer of the project. General contractor is Topcon Inc. of McAllen. Owners are Drs. Roberto and Yvonne Espada. The address at the 1.3-acre site is 3801 Saratoga Blvd.

Groundbreaking was Tuesday and the project is expected to be completed in four months.

A news release noted that the area near the project is growing, a residential and townhouse development is under construction nearby and that the income level is among the highest in the city, with an average of \$59,000 per household within two miles of the center.