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## New medical offices going up along East Paris corridor

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Bengtson Center for Aesthetics and Plastic Surgery will anchor the New Vista development at 2155 East Paris Avenue SE.(Courtesy | First Companies)

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GRAND RAPIDS, MI - A new two-story medical office will go up on nearly 4 acres along East Paris Avenue, south of Burton Street.

The 41,000-square foot development, at 2155 East Paris Avenue SE, is expected to be completed at the end of 2018.

Bengtson Center for Aesthetics and Plastic Surgery will anchor the New Vista development with a nearly 15,000 square feet office. The office will have two private operating suites; private injection, skincare, and laser suites for both men and women; and ample patient parking.

"It's time to expand our office for our patients' comfort and convenience as we bring all surgical procedures into one location," said Dr. Brad Bengtson, a plastic surgeon, in a statement. "We are grateful for our continued growth and the opportunity we have with the new office to provide the most advanced technologies and services to our clients."

For the last 9 years, the Grand Rapids practice has been housed at 555 MidTowne St.

First Companies will construct the building shell, manage custom build-outs for the tenants, and serve as the leasing agent for available space. The real estate and development company hired Grand Rapidsbased AMDG Architects to design the building and Kathryn Chaplow to do the interior design.

The building will feature a spacious common area, covered drop-off entrance and snowmelt sidewalks.

"After completing numerous projects along East Paris, we're excited to kick-off the New Vista development," said Craig Baker, president of First Companies, in a statement.

The 50-year-old firm is pitching its suburban properties as an alternative to downtown's "Medical Mile."

For the project, First Companies brought together an investment group, including Bengtson Center, to purchase the land and fund construction. The cost of the project and list of investors was not released.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the development is planned for 4 p.m. Oct. 27.