



City of Montgomery announces plans to develop pedestrian-friendly Market District along Dexter Avenue (photos)

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MONTGOMERY, Alabama -- The City of Montgomery and **Foshee Management Company** announced today plans to revitalize lower Dexter Avenue by developing it into a pedestrian-friendly Market District.

Overall, a total of 14 buildings will be redeveloped by Foshee Management Company to house restaurants, entertainment venues, loft apartments, office space and more, said Golson Foshee.

To make the Market District an environment more welcoming to pedestrians, Foshee said the area will be closed off to vehicle traffic from lower Dexter Avenue to Commerce Street, including the area around the fountain, on the weekends.

Foshee said the management company will kick off the project with work on the building located at 44 Dexter Avenue by creating lofts, office space and commercial space.

In following weeks, Foshee Management Company plans to redevelop what was formerly the Belk building. Foshee said removal of the canopy will begin next week and construction on the building will start in the early summer. The company plans for the building to be the home of 30 lofts and 30,000 square feet of commercial space.

"We envision having multiple restaurants and several family-friendly entertainment venues including an indoor rock climbing facility, trampoline park or boutique bowling alley," said Foshee. ""We think the Market District is a game changer for Montgomery, and we are proud to say we're open for business."

The buildings that are expected to be redeveloped are currently displaying large red banners with the Market District logo.

"It's a game changer in we will redefine lower Dexter, and in redefining lower Dexter, you then redefine the entire Dexter and the entire gateway into Montgomery," said Mayor Todd Strange. "The whole concept of this Market District, having street fairs, having people having fun, is really the vision."

