

'Market District' coming to downtown

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Golson Foshee, of Foshee Management Company, announces the start of the Montgomery Market District construction on Dexter Avenue in Montgomery, Ala. on Friday February 21, 2014. (Mickey Welsh, Montgomery Advertiser) / Mickey Welsh/Advertiser

Foshee Management Company announced Friday the creation of a Market District to come to downtown Montgomery.

“We are excited to announce that the area around lower Dexter Avenue is being reborn as the ‘Market District’ and will once again be the place to eat, shop, play and live in Montgomery,” Foshee President Golson Foshee said.

The Market District will contain more than 100 modern loft apartments, Foshee said, and space for more than 20 retail stores or restaurants. Construction will begin next week with the removal of the canopy in front of the former Belk building.

Soon after, the Foshee company will begin renovations on four more buildings along the south side of Dexter Avenue, converting the upper floors of these buildings into loft apartments and leaving the first floor and basement available for new commercial tenants, according to information provided. In total, Foshee plans to develop 14 buildings in the district.

The area referred to as lower Dexter Avenue, stretching from Perry Street to Commerce Street and including Court Square, will be closed to vehicles on weekends once renovations are complete. The closed area will provide opportunities for events such as street festivals, farmers’ markets and concerts.

Officials estimated the area could be ready for weekend activity as early as spring 2015.