

Insider

Late-breaking **news** around town

An eye toward the center

FARMERS BRANCH — Dallas-based **Harwood International** will oversee development of the first phase of a town center in Farmers Branch. The mixed-use complex will surround a future **Dallas Area Rapid Transit** light rail station near Interstate 35E near Valley View Road, which is scheduled for completion in 2011.

The project will include retail, office, medical, restaurant and residential components, as well as a city hall and other civic buildings. Construction should kick off in early 2005.

The first phase involves 7 acres of what will ultimately be an 81-acre project. A **Dr Pepper StarCenter**



ARTIST'S RENDERING

COMING SOON: Harwood International will help Farmers Branch develop a new Town Center near a planned Dallas Area Rapid Transit light rail station.

is being built on another 14 acres. The complex, scheduled to be completed in November, should draw more than 700,000 visitors each year.

Others involved in the town center development include Dallas-based **Centex Construction Group** and **Humphreys & Partners Architects**, which specializes in multifamily and high-rise residential development.

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