

Mesa Riverview area lands corporate HQ, 600 jobs



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Tempe-based photo-radar provider American Traffic Solutions will move its corporate headquarters and 600 jobs to a new office building planned at Mesa's Riverview complex by fall 2015, the company announced Tuesday.

Two Valley-based developers, Harvard Investments and Lincoln Property Co., are building the 250,000-square-foot Waypoint office complex in northwest Mesa near Alma School Road and Bass Pro Drive and are expected to break ground in January 2015.

Mesa's sprawling Riverview mixed-use center is home to Bass Pro Shops, Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill, hotels, car dealerships and a movie theater. The city recently built a new spring-training complex for the Chicago Cubs and an elaborate public park directly west of Riverview.

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American Traffic Solutions plans to occupy the smaller of two buildings in the Waypoint complex, where it will be the sole tenant of about 108,000 square-feet. The company will move 600 employees from Tempe and Scottsdale into the space and plans to add as many as 170 more employees there by 2017.

The new facility will allow ATS to bring its fleet services and government solutions units under one roof, company CEO James Tuton said in a written statement.

ATS first implemented a speed-camera program in Paradise Valley in 1987 and rolled out red-light cameras a decade later. Its municipal customers include New York City, Chicago, Seattle and Washington, D.C.

The company also provides an automated electronic toll payment service for rental car companies and this year acquired Texas-based Rent A Toll, which provides a similar service.

"This is exactly the type of development we want in Mesa," Mayor John Giles said in a written statement. "High quality jobs, next to two freeways and lots of restaurants and shopping make Riverview an ideal location for employment centers like Waypoint. We hope to keep the momentum moving and see more well-planned developments like this throughout Mesa."

Waypoint's second building includes about 150,000 square-feet and is still available for a single tenant or multiple users.

In a interview with *The Republic* in June, [Harvard Investments President Craig Krumwiede cited the area's retail, dining and entertainment in describing its appeal for the office project.](http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/mesa/2014/06/17/mesa-riverview-get-new-office-park/10659091/) (/story/news/local/mesa/2014/06/17/mesa-riverview-get-new-office-park/10659091/) He also mentioned Riverview's proximity to some of the state's busiest transportation corridors, the loops 101 and 202.

Development partners Craig and David Krumwiede are also brothers, and Waypoint is their second joint project in the Valley and third nationally.

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