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## Major chain grocer coming to new shopping center

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**Artist's rendering of the St. Mary's Marketplace courtesy of Klein Enterprises.**

**California, MD** -- Ground will broken in the next 30 days for a new St. Mary's County shopping center that will include the national grocery store chain Harris Teeter. The center is at the intersection of Routes 235 and 4 in California. It sits in one of the four quadrants of a planned major intersection redesign in conjunction with the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge project.

Daniel Klein, president of the developer Klein Enterprises of Baltimore, said the grocery store would comprise 60,000 square feet of the total 100,000-square-foot shopping center.

St. Mary's County Commissioner Todd Morgan [R - 4th District] reported the new store in the St. Mary's Marketplace shopping center on his Facebook page. He said, "We anticipate breaking ground in the not too distant future. This is something that many of you have been asking for and was a key part of my vision for the county when I ran for commissioner."

Klein said it is anticipated the Harris Teeter would be open in the summer of 2017.

The shopping center has been in the works for quite some time. Recently there have been delays over the siting of the FDR Boulevard through the property and also location of the extension of the Three Notch Trail. Klein told The BayNet that the exact location of the trail is still under discussion. "It is up to the county. We are happy to put it where they want it," he said.

The plan for St. Mary's Marketplace includes the demolition of the existing Bay Center that includes a Subway and liquor store. Klein said the tenants of that shopping center would be offered space in the new center.

St. Mary's Marketplace will occupy space that formerly included a trailer park whose occupants were relocated several years ago.

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