



## 4th motel planned for Walker Road in Chambersburg

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Chambersburg Borough Council is likely to approve plans for a fourth motel on Walker Road.

The borough's planning and zoning commission on Tuesday recommended that council approve a new 70-room motel at Gateway Center, a retail plaza anchored by Fuddruckers and Wolf Furniture.

Developer Gateway Ventures Inc. proposed the three-story building on about 2 acres next to Aki Steak House and Sushi Bar.

A driveway to the building would extend from an existing curb cut on Walker Road. Access will also be through the Gateway Center parking lot.

If approved by council, it would be the fourth motel off the short stretch of Walker Road, not including a Four Points by Sheraton that overlooks Walker Road.

A new 49-room La Quinta Inn and Suites is currently under construction at Walker Road and Limekiln Drive, across from an existing 50-room Best Western.

A 70-room Country Inn and Suites opened in 2007 on Beddington Boulevard.

Growth of the motels along Walker Road is fueled by traffic from Interstate 81. Janet Pollard, director of the Franklin County Visitors Bureau, said federal highway studies indicate I-81 carries 40,000 to 80,000 vehicles every day through Franklin County.

Vacant land at Exit 3 near Greencastle would also be an excellent location for hotel development, Pollard said.

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