



Springfield Hampton Inn & Suites to feature 87 rooms on East Columbus Avenue site

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Construction on an 87 room Hampton Inn owned by Dennis Patel on East Columbus Ave. Monday. It is expected to be completed by early summer 2014. (*The Republican* / Michael S. Gordon)

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SPRINGFIELD - The 87-room **Hampton Inn and Suites** under construction at 851 East Columbus Ave. should be open by July or August, says developer Dinesh Patel.

The hotel is being built on the former site of Balise Hyundai on a 1.4 acre lot at a cost of \$4.4 million. It is near the area proposed as a site for the MGM Resorts International casino.

Patel said it is a perfect location for a hotel with great visibility from **Interstate 91**.

"Most of the hotel business in Springfield comes up from Connecticut; it's people traveling from the south," he said. "You come right off the ramp and we are right there."

The hotel will is being built by Allstate Installations, of Stafford Springs, Conn., and the subcontractors are all local firms, Patel said. He estimates there are about 35 steelworkers and other tradespeople employed at the worksite now.

Once open, Patel expects to have a staff of 24 employees at the hotel.

He said the **Hampton Inn & Suites** hotel brand will add something to the regional market as well. "This is a great project," Patel said.

Financing for the project in Springfield was obtained through **Country Bank and Savings**, and was aided by the U.S. Small Business Administration 504 loan program

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