

Ray Lewis Helps Unveil New 'Gateway South Project'

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BALTIMORE (WJZ) — The drive along Baltimore City's Russell Street on the way to 295 and I-95 will soon be getting some scenic additions.

As **Peggy Lee** reports, City Hall has revealed its new vision for the southwest area of downtown Baltimore known as the "Gateway South Project."

"This Gateway South will bring hundreds of thousands of square feet of modern office and retail space that will attract people and businesses to the city," said Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon.

"It's going to add life, and energy and activity to what today is a quite deary and tired entranceway," said Samuel Polakoff from Cormony Development. "And it will give everyone coming in from points south, D.C., Annapolis, [and] the airport, a totally different image of Baltimore."

Teaming up on the project in the area known as Carroll Camden is one of Baltimore's best known faces--Baltimore Ravens' All-Pro linebacker Ray Lewis.

Lewis' "Ray of Hope Center," will be an educational and mentoring center that will be part of the development project.

Lewis says he sees the center as an opportunity "for the kids to really come in there after school and really do the after school programs where we're really struggling right now."

In addition, plans call for a 600,000 square foot office building, a 35,000 square foot Greyhound and Inter-modal transportation terminal, 100,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space and a 100,000 square foot sports and recreation center.

The "Ray of Hope Center" will be housed in the sports and recreation center where rooftop space will be used for additional playing fields.

City officials are also excited because green technology will be heavily relied on to make the development more environment friendly.

Dixon summed up the project saying it will create, "a greener, cleaner, healthier city. This Gateway Project really touches on every component."

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Baltimore Raven Ray Lewis & Mayor Sheila Dixon unveiled a new development called the Gateway South Project, which includes nearly 1 million square feet of new space downtown. (WJZ)
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