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FRANKLIN REACHES OUT TO RETAILERS

Franklin officials tallied a short list of stores that may succeed in the city's retail market, and has asked consultant Buxton Group to try to get their attention.

City officials want to attract more stores and restaurants, particularly to an area around West Loomis Road and West Rawson Avenue. Buxton over the past few months has studied Franklin's demographics and retail markets to see which stores could succeed there.

"We've already identified the 12 best retailers to fit the uses and options that we are looking at," said Craig Haskins, chairman of Franklin's Economic Development Committee.

That committee on March 30 ordered Buxton to contact those retailers and encourage them to consider sites in Franklin, Haskins said. A key area could be land around Loomis and Rawson.

The city is studying removal of on- and off-ramps leading from Loomis to Rawson and 76th Street. The ramps block direct access from Loomis to vacant land where stores could be built, Haskins said.
