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South Tyler Street is ready to boom

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Business owners along the 200 block of South Tyler Street in Oak Cliff say they are ready to turn around their neighborhood, much like the Bishop Arts District has.

"I think the mall thing is over; the suburban thing is over. People are finding out that they are interested in being in the city," said Jesse Hornbuckle, who owns TriBecCa Studios photography and is one of the businessmen behind the renovation plan.

Across the street from Hornbuckle's business, work is progressing on the Bluebird Theater, built in 1917. It is being turned into a 218-seat theater and educational facility for TeCo Theatrical Productions.

"We're really excited about this new building home for us and about coming to this community," said TeCo executive director Teresa Coleman Walsh.

Walsh believes the area, with its diverse population, is a perfect place for plays, musicals and concerts. She said the final phase of the building renovation should be completed by October, and TeCo hopes to begin a new theatrical season in its South Tyler Street home by December or January.

David Spence, a historic-building preservation contractor and landlord in the Bishop Arts District, agrees that the Tyler Street area is a district to watch.

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