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## DriveTime dealership to expand to Antioch



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A national used car dealership is planning to open a location in Antioch.

DriveTime, a Phoenix based company with 85 locations nationwide, is considering rehabbing a former truck dealership at 520 Collins Park Drive.

The company already has one area location on Gallatin Pike in Madison.

A request was heard last week before the Metro Planning Commission to rezone the property to permit auto sales and service within an existing 5,288-square-foot-facility.

Pending approval from Metro, the company hopes to start construction this month and have the dealership open by May 13.

“We review the demographics of every city and Nashville can support two stores,” said Dan Packowski, director of real estate for DriveTime.

“Geographically this location makes sense, it has freeway frontage and we think there’s a large portion of Nashville we are not capturing.”

The dealership will open east of Bell Road, near the former Cracker Barrel, just off Interstate 24. The company is planning to improve the lot aesthetically by adding new lighting, trees, scrubs and a new sign.

“This area needs some help getting redeveloped,” said Councilman Sam Coleman. “At one time it was really nice, but for some reason people just have not wanted to develop back there.

“I’m eager to get something going and think this project is going to be good.” Company officials say there may be growth potential in the Murfreesboro area in the future.

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