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# With bank on board, mixed-use development begins at train station



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Real estate developers formally broke ground Tuesday on their mixed-use development at a station for Greater Nashville's commuter train, in the fastest-growing county in Tennessee.

The Vintage Station North development, at the Music City Star station in Mt. Juliet, includes 192 apartments, 28 townhomes, retail space – and what the developers tout as two large co-working spaces. Pinnacle Bank (Nasdaq: PNFP) is financing construction of [the \\$44 million development](#), which is spearheaded by a joint venture of Murfreesboro-based TDK Cos. and Nashville-based Imagine1 Co. The project is set to open in summer 2020.

The development partly reflects Wilson County's status as the state's fastest-growing county, with 3% population growth from mid-2017 to mid-2018, the latest data available. The county ranked as the 57th fastest-growing in the nation during the same stretch.

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The project also seeks to piggyback off the Star's [increasingly crucial role](#) in a region with few viable transit options, traffic congestion that's worsening by the rush hour and coming off the defeat in Davidson County of a proposed \$5.4 billion transit expansion. The train's ridership is growing, and the Mt. Juliet station is the busiest stop on the east-west route linking Davidson and Wilson counties.

Transit boosters are touting the Vintage Station North project as an example of the potential of transit-oriented development, which seeks to concentrate housing, office space and retail near transit hubs. That kind of development is key to support mass transit, because it locates a number of potential riders along those transit lines.

"By integrating a new lifestyle option around mass transit, TDK and Imagine1 will demonstrate the attractiveness of transit-oriented development as a vital option in our region," said Steve Bland, CEO of WeGo Public Transit and the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee. Last year, RTA opened a seventh Music City Star station, in Lebanon at the Hamilton Springs development.

TDK, led by chairman and CEO [Tim Keach](#) and president [Kent Ayer](#), will oversee construction. Imagine1 is led by Matt Gardner and Brian Heuser. Nashville's Centric Architecture and Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. are also involved.