

## Drive-through Taco Bell and coffee shop OK'd in Bethlehem.

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Bethlehem is in store for two new eateries with drive-throughs. The city's planning commission by votes of 3-0 Thursday evening granted land development approval for a Taco Bell at 1620 E. Fourth St. (Route 412) and a coffee shop at 2571-2651 Easton Ave.

The coffee shop operator was not identified during the meeting, but developer Posh Properties previously told lehighvalleylive.com a Starbucks was planned for the parking lot along Easton Avenue. The shopping center property is already home to Big Woody's Sports Bar & Restaurant, CVS, Advance Auto Parts, Potts' Doggie Shack, KFC and more. Plans call for a 2,500-square-foot coffee shop with drive-through and 19 dedicated parking spaces. A lane is planned to bypass the drive-through for access to Potts'.

The Lehigh Valley's newest Taco Bell is planned to span 2,700 square feet with a drive-through on Lehigh Valley Industrial Park Inc. land across from the industrial park developer's offices and a Candlewood Suites hotel, and just west of a proposed Sheetz. A new Wawa is being built just to the south along Route 412 in Bethlehem, as well.

Timelines for opening the new establishments were not disclosed during the meeting.

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