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## Albertson's considering third store

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Albertson's Inc. is considering a third Fort Collins store, just three blocks south of the Colorado State University campus.

An Albertson's official declined Friday to comment on the plans. However, representatives for the grocery chain scheduled to meet with planning officials March 28 to discuss plans for a 50,000-square-foot store.

The site under consideration

### Growth

is at the southwest corner of Prospect Road and Shields Street.

"I'd really rather not comment at this point," said Chris Carley, a real estate development executive at the Albertson's regional office in Denver. "It's a little preliminary."

A 50,000-square-foot store is a standard size for Albertson's, said Kurt Prinslow, a Denver

engineer who is working on the site plan for Albertson's.

The Boise, Idaho-based company has 39 stores in Colorado, including two in Fort Collins, at 3660 S. Mason St. and 731 S. Lemay Ave.

The proposed store has been the subject of talk recently in the west-side neighborhood.

"We had heard the rumor, but we hadn't known for certain," said Emily Smith, an officer for the Prospect-Shields Neighborhood Association.

Smith said neighbors would

be concerned about traffic and visual obstruction at the intersection.

"That's the only remaining view from an intersection in the inner city that's straight to the mountains," Smith said. "That's been a concern of ours."

Albertson's is the nation's sixth-largest food retailer. In 1991, the company announced a five-year, \$2.7 billion modernization and expansion plan, during which it hopes to build 250 new stores.

### Plenty of interest

Albertson's proposal for a new grocery store at Prospect Road and Shields Street is one of three markets on the drawing board in Fort Collins. King Soopers is considering a new store on East Harmony Road between Wheaton Drive and McMurray Avenue, and Toddy's is planning for a store at North College Avenue and Willox Lane.