

Lincoln Mall Update January 7, 2015

OFFICIALS PURSUING REDEVELOPMENT FOR NOW CLOSED MATTESON MALL

MATTESON, Illinois -- Village of Matteson officials announced today that the 41-year-old Lincoln Mall at Lincoln Highway (Route 30) and Cicero Avenue just east of Interstate I-57 will be shut down at the close of business today. However, the mall's flagship store Carson Pirie Scott will remain open for business.

“We regret that it was necessary to close Lincoln Mall, but this action was necessary because of persistent and long-standing building violations at the mall that have not been corrected,” said Village Administrator Brian Mitchell. “However, this sad day is just a stage in the process and we hope that in the years to come, it will be seen as a positive step towards the possible redevelopment and reuse of the Lincoln Mall property. Village officials are strongly committed to a replacement project at the Lincoln Mall site that is sustainable and brings long-term value to our community.”

The Village released a master economic development study and plan in April 2014 that found that despite competitive challenges, Matteson has a number of strengths that may help attract and retain retail development, including a stable and affluent population that has a median household income higher than the Chicago region, existing healthy retail centers with national chain tenants that are performing well with high occupancy and a broad mix of retail and restaurant businesses. The study found other possible industrial or multifamily options for the future of the village.

The number of stores and employment at the mall have gone way down the last few years but Mitchell said the village has worked with existing store owners to relocate them if possible. He said that effort will continue.