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## low velocity

# Publix Doubling Warehouse in West Lakeland

**City board votes today on plans to expand on County Line Road.**

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LAKELAND | Publix Super Markets Inc. wants to double the size of a 550,000-square-foot warehouse in West Lakeland.

The city planning and zoning board will vote on the expansion of the distribution center at 9 a.m. today.

Shannon Patten, company spokeswoman, said the company plans to add storage for dry goods for "Publix's projected growth in Florida."

Publix has 736 Florida stores and 1,033 in the Southeast.

Patten said construction is expected to begin later this year and should be completed after July 2012.

Expansion plans also include a 50,000-square-foot recycling center, additional semi-trailer parking and loading areas, employee parking, a storm water pond and secondary access roads.

City officials have worked with Publix to come up with a second entrance at either a



south connection at the Gateway Boulevard extension or a possible connection to property extending from the northern portion of the area.

The warehouse at 2600 County Line Road was in the news in January when Gov. Rick Scott toured the facility.

Known as a "low velocity warehouse," the building is currently a distribution center for slower moving products on grocery shelves, such as shampoos and soaps.

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