

Webcam offers real-time look at Wings arena project

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Detroit — [A webcam went live](#) Wednesday offering viewers worldwide a real-time look at the construction progress of the new Detroit Red Wings arena project.

The Ilitch organization's Olympia Development of Michigan says it launched the stream to offer a continuous view of the 12-acre District Detroit and Detroit Events Center construction site. The webcam is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at [DistrictDetroit.com/live-web-cam](#).

The \$450 million development will feature the new arena and a 45-block entertainment district with office and retail buildings and a public piazza. The center is slated to open in 2017.

"Now hometown fans and supporters across the globe can see the incredible progress of this transformational development taking place right here in the heart of Detroit," said Steve Marquardt, vice president of Olympia Development of Michigan, in a statement released Wednesday. "With mass excavation complete and concrete being poured on site right now, we are on track to open the new Detroit arena for the 2017 NHL season."

"As we continue our aggressive schedule on the arena and accompanying developments, more than \$115 million in contracts have been awarded to Detroit-based businesses. The District Detroit is bringing real and positive change to our community."

Other features of the camera include time-lapse and daily archives of images dating back to the start of excavation.

Officials say construction of the arena and surrounding district is expected to generate at least \$1.8 billion in economic impact, 8,300 construction and construction-related jobs and 1,100 permanent jobs.

More than \$100 million in income from the Events Center project alone is expected for Detroit residents, with significant additional income to be created through future private development.

