

TOMBALL WELCOMES New Macy's Fulfillment Center TO TOWN

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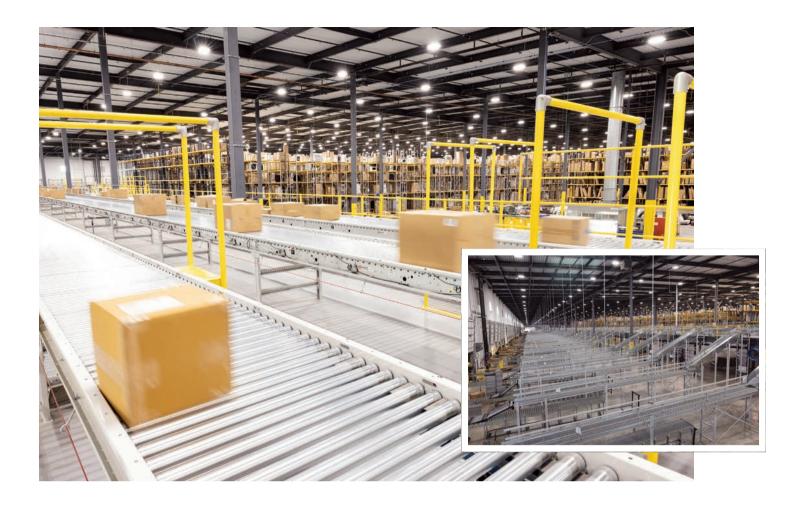
The City of Tomball and the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed Macy's to town during a September 20th ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly constructed Tomball Fulfillment Center.

Operations for Macy's new 900,000-square-foot facility began in June 2023 after the Tomball City Council unanimously approved the project on February 7, 2022, and groundbreaking took place a month later.

"Tomball is excited to welcome Macy's to the community," stated Bruce Hillegeist, President of the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce. "We appreciate the economic impact that Macy's brings to the area, and we truly value their desire to immerse themselves and give back to the Tomball community."

The Tomball Fulfillment Center is located at the southwest corner of Grand Parkway and State Highway 249 and is part of the Interchange 249 project, a 240-acre business park being developed by Lovett Industrial and Clarion Partners. It replaces Macy's Houston distribution facility and will service 45 stores throughout Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Alabama, including Macy's and Bloomingdale's Outlet, said Stacy Bobbitt, Macy's Tomball Fulfillment Center Director.







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"As part of Macy's, Inc.'s plan to further modernize our supply chain and technology infrastructure, the company regularly reviews supply chain locations for opportunities to leverage its network and improve cost efficiencies," Bobbitt said. "The relocation to the new facility provides substantial opportunities for growth in future years, while maintaining our presence in the Houston area."

The transition from Houston to Tomball occurred in three phases, totaling approximately 90 days. For Bobbitt, who has been involved in three distribution center transitions during his career – this being his first since joining Macy's in June 2017 – the key challenges of moving from Houston to Tomball involved "project planning and execution, training, testing and troubleshooting."

Macy's is hoping to maximize efficiencies and optimize workflow by leveraging the new facility's contemporary design and singlefloor layout. Macy's Houston distribution center located near the University of Houston operated on three floors that totaled 1 million square feet.

"The new facility also integrates advanced automation technology to enhance capacity and productivity," Bobbitt said.

The Tomball Fulfillment Center employees approximately 100 people, including new hires and transfers from the Houston facility.

"This facility is not just about processes and machinery, it is about the people who power it," Bobbitt said. "Macy's, Inc. is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and fulfilling workplace for every colleague."



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