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Construction planned, underway

After announcements of business closures and cut backs in hours in 2009, Gothenburg was on the move again in 2010.

Comfort Suites Hotel, with 74 rooms, opened its doors in July and Dayton Phoenix Group began gearing up after obtaining a railroad contract from Union Pacific Railroad to repair rotating locomotive equipment.

Local hospital officials announced plans to construct a \$3.1 doctor's clinic that will accommodate eight practitioners and construction began on Jefferson Square—a housing project with five duplexes and a triplex.

All Points Cooperative finished reconstruction of an elevator and grain-handling equipment damaged in an explosion and finally completed a \$6 million construction project started before the blast.

Businesses spruced up their structures with a \$250,000 revitalization grant and ENRON Properties began dirtwork on a tire warehouse to be built in the city's industrial park.

Long-time shock absorber Tenneco, which announced plans in 2009 to close at the end of 2010, is still open in Cozad but has terminated employment contracts.

Of the 500 employees employed at the time of the closure announcement, 50 were from Gothenburg.

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