

Edina slated to get its 10th Caribou Coffee location

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Edina is in line to get its 10th Caribou Coffee Co. Inc. location.

The store, which will be co-branded as Caribou Coffee-Einstein Bagels, is slated to replace an existing 5,000-square-foot building (a former Jiffy Lube) at 5000 Vernon Ave. The Caribou-Einstein shop would be a 2,700 square foot building with a drive-through window.

"Caribou's heritage started in Edina with our first store 44th & France," said Jenifer Hagness, Caribou's vice president of marketing and product innovation, in an email. "We are always looking for new locations – this new Edina site will offer a drive-thru and it's one block off of Highway 100."



SUBMITTED BY EDWARD FARR ARCHITECTS INC. A rendering of the Caribou-Einstein shop with a view from corner of Vernon Avenue.

The Caribou-Einstein location is slated to open in early 2019. Eden Prairie-based Edward Farr Architects Inc. is the project designer.

The project received preliminary approval from the Edina City Council Tuesday night, City Manager Scott Neal said. The Edina Planning Commission listed concerns with drive-through traffic and pedestrian walkability at the site, but a refined plan was submitted to the city with additional pedestrian connections and a larger outdoor patio space.

With 10 locations, Caribou is the coffee leader in Edina. Starbucks Corp. (NASDAQ: SBUX) lists eight Edina stores on its website, and Dunn Bros. Coffee has one on York Avenue.

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