

Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics By Lauren Serrato

With the arrival of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company in the West Valley, other companies now have yet another reason to follow suit. Along the 303, manufacturing facilities have also sprouted up on what once were agriculture fields.

As cities throughout the West Valley continue to experience growth, companies are realizing the area is geographically desirable and their presence provides opportunity for high-wage jobs for residents.

TSMC is under construction on 1,129 acres of land that was purchased in December 2020, located near Interstate 17 and Loop 303. Construction is on schedule to be operational beginning in 2024, according to company representatives.

The West Valley is booming, now more so than ever as the TSMC project serves as the largest foreign direct investment in Arizona's history.

The West Valley is home to more than 646 businesses, over 31,200 employees, with expected growth as companies continue to open.

TSMC is reportedly training about 500 employees from Arizona, in Taiwan, where TSMC is headquartered. When fully operational, TSMC is expected to have over 2,000 employees working in the Arizona plant. This is likely to increase the current 34% of the manufacturing workforce in Maricopa County already living in the West Valley.

Since TSMC's announcement in 2020, cities throughout the West Valley have followed the trend by breaking ground on large, mixed-use projects, including Goodyear's Civic Square, Village at Prasada, an outdoor shopping center in Surprise, and VAI Resort in Glendale.

The various projects aid the continued success of the West Valley's economic development in order to create a destination people want to live, work and play. The West Valley community currently has 1.8 million residents and an expected population of 2.1 million by 2030.