## **Progress Bank To Open Madison Office In Late Spring**

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama -- Huntsville-based Progress Bank and Trust plans to open its first Madison office, the bank's fifth location, in the late spring, officials said.

"We had every intention of being in Madison when we started the bank," said Lee R. Hoekenschnieder, the bank's executive vice president and Huntsville market president. "And this is the perfect location" - between Madison Hospital and the Shoppes of Madison, the Target-anchored shopping center under construction.

Beth Martin has been named the Madison market president.

The bank will occupy about 7,400 square feet of the 30,000-square-foot building at 8337 U.S. 72, Hoekenschnieder said.

The other tenants of the building, he said, will be Digestive Disease Center PC, Clinic for Women PA, North Alabama ENT Associates PC, Madison Hospital and Physicians Hearing Center PC.

Progress Bank, launched in 2008, has two Huntsville offices and one each in Decatur and Florence.

Martin, a resident of Madison, began her banking career in the local market in 2001.

Her banking experience includes leadership positions in private banking and branch retail sales, and, most recently, she was the regional head of retail for a local bank.

"We are pleased to have Beth leading the bank's expansion into Madison," said Progress President David Nast, in a release. "Her experience, leadership skills and community involvement are a perfect match for our bank. Beth will head up a team of bankers offering commercial, consumer, mortgage and investment services in this important market."

Martin now serves on boards for the Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Madison Chamber of Commerce, The Schools Foundation, Huntsville Hospital Foundation, Madison Hospital Advisory Board and the Madison Police Foundation.

She is a graduate of Leadership Connect, Leadership Alabama Initiative, Impact Leadership, Leadership Huntsville/Madison County and Leadership Alabama.