

## GM To Move Forward With \$380M Expansion

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WENTZVILLE, Mo. (AP) -- General Motors can move forward on a proposed \$380 million expansion of its plant in the St. Louis-area town of Wentzville, now that a union has approved local work rules for the plant.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch (<http://bit.ly/obNHqz>) reports that members of United Auto Workers Local 2250 approved the four-year local work rules contract on Thursday.

GM has said the expansion will create up to 1,850 jobs for the region. GM plans to build a new mid-size pickup at Wentzville as part of the expansion. The company already makes GMC Savana and Chevrolet Express vans in Wentzville.

The St. Louis region once boasted three major auto plants. But Chrysler closed two plants in Wentzville in 2008 and 2009, and Ford shut down its Hazelwood plant in 2006.

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