

WASHINGTON PRIME GROUP INC.
Form 8-K
September 20, 2017

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): September 20, 2017

WASHINGTON PRIME GROUP INC.

WASHINGTON PRIME GROUP, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana	001-36252	046-4323686
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio
(Address of principal executive
offices)

43215
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(614) 621-9000**

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (See General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On September 20, 2017, affiliated entities of Washington Prime GroupTM Inc., an Indiana corporation (the “**Company**”), and Washington Prime Group, L.P., an Indiana limited partnership (“**WPGLP**” and together with the Company, the “**Registrant**”), executed a purchase and sale agreement with an affiliate of Four Corners Property Trust, Inc. to convey forty-one (41) restaurant outparcels located on twenty-two (22) of the Company’s enclosed and open-air properties for a purchase price of approximately \$67.2 million. The Registrant expects the transaction to close in two tranches beginning in the fourth quarter of 2017 with the second tranche expected to be completed in the first half of 2018, subject to due diligence and customary closing conditions. Additional details about the transaction are disclosed in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Forward Looking Statements

This Form 8-K and the exhibit attached hereto contain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended, which represent the current expectations and beliefs of management of WPGLP and the Company concerning the business and operations of the Company and WPGLP as well as other future events and their potential effects on WPGLP and the Company, including, but not limited to, statements relating to anticipated financial and operating results, WPGLP and the Company’s plans, objectives, expectations and intentions, cost savings and other statements, including words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “plan,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “will,” “should,” “may,” and other similar expressions. Such statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of WPGLP and the Company’s management, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance, or achievements of WPGLP or the Company to be materially different from future results, estimated non-cash impairment charges, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, without limitation: the ability to satisfy the conditions to pending transactions on the proposed terms and timeframe; the possibility that the transactions do not close when expected or at all; the ability to finance transactions; the effect of the announcement of the transactions on WPGLP and the Company’s relationships with certain of its tenants, lenders or other business parties or on their operating results and businesses generally; changes in asset quality and credit risk; ability to sustain revenue and earnings growth; changes in political, economic or market conditions generally and the real estate and capital markets specifically; the impact of increased competition; the availability of capital and financing; tenant or other joint venture partner(s) bankruptcies; the failure to increase mall store occupancy and same-mall operating income; risks associated with the acquisition, development, expansion, leasing and management of properties; changes in market rental rates; trends in the retail industry; relationships with anchor tenants; risks relating to joint venture properties; costs of common area maintenance; competitive market forces; the level and volatility of interest rates; the rate of revenue increases as compared to expense increases; the financial stability of tenants within the retail industry; the restrictions in current financing arrangements or the failure to comply with such arrangements; the liquidity of real estate investments; the impact of changes to tax legislation and WPGLP and the Company’s tax positions; failure of the Company to qualify as a real estate investment trust; the failure to refinance debt at favorable terms and conditions; loss of key personnel; material changes in the dividend rates on securities or the ability to pay dividends on common shares or other securities; possible restrictions on the ability to operate or dispose of any partially-owned properties; the failure to achieve earnings/funds from operations targets or estimates; the failure to achieve projected returns or yields on development and investment properties; changes in generally accepted

accounting principles or interpretations thereof; terrorist activities and international hostilities; the unfavorable resolution of legal proceedings; the impact of future transactions, including any future acquisitions or divestitures; significant costs related to environmental issues; and other risks and uncertainties, including those detailed from time to time in WPGLP's and the Company's statements and periodic reports filed with the SEC. The forward-looking statements in this report are qualified by the risk factors provided in the aforementioned reports and statements. Each statement speaks only as of the date of this communication (or any earlier date indicated in this communication) and WPGLP and the Company undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances. Actual results may differ materially from current projections, expectations and plans, if any. Investors, potential investors and others should give careful consideration to these risks and uncertainties. Such statements are based on assumptions and expectations that may not be realized and are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, many of which cannot be predicted with accuracy.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1	<u>Press</u> <u>Release,</u> <u>dated</u> <u>September</u> <u>20, 2017.</u>
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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**WASHINGTON PRIME GROUP
INC.**
(Registrant)

Date September 20, 2017

By: /s/ Robert P. Demchak
Name: Robert P. Demchak
Title: Executive Vice President, General
Counsel
and Corporate Secretary

**WASHINGTON PRIME GROUP,
L.P.**
(Registrant)

By Washington Prime Group Inc., its sole
general partner

Date September 20, 2017

By: /s/ Robert S. Demchak
Name: Robert P. Demchak
Title: Executive Vice President, General
Counsel
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