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CITYVIEW RIVERWALK / BLOUNT AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

If you haven't had the chance to visit the Cityview Riverwalk, the photos to the left show that the project is substantially complete, with completion of handrails and landscape installation expected by the end of this week. The Blount Avenue reconstruction project is also substantially complete, with the roadway being reopened for traffic a week ago. For those of you who tolerated the closing of Blount Avenue and the disruptions caused by traffic detours, your patience is gratefully and sincerely appreciated.

These two projects successfully incorporated several aspects of the 2006 Vision Plan supported by the community and adopted by City Council. The Riverwalk is the first segment of the 3-mile open space intended to provide public access to the water. Traffic calming has been designed as part of the Blount Avenue improvements through narrow travel lanes and the reconfigured RR underpass. For the first time, pedestrians and bicyclists can travel safely under the RR underpass. Street and pedestrian level lighting uses LED technology, which will save dramatically on energy consumption when compared to traditional high pressure sodium or metal halide lights. Street tree plantings pits are actually bio-engineered swales intended to absorb and filter stormwater before it gets to the river. The swales also trap water for the trees and eliminate the need for an irrigation system.

The Cityview condominiums were available for occupancy last month, and several new residents have already moved in. The units are impressive and afford some of the best views of the UT campus and the downtown.

We plan to hold a grand opening sometime in November after all of the final installations are complete. Next month's newsletter will provide more details.

