



A Letter from Mayor Graves

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Making Progress

We have several projects progressing in the City of Gallatin. Here's an update:

109 Gateway Bridge: If you haven't driven over the 109 Bridge lately, you need to. All four lanes are open now! The binder coat has been put down for the road. All of the lights are on at night. The concrete over the smaller bridge is almost cured. Cleanup of the surrounding areas is in process. The projected finish date for this project is the end of 2014. And, the right of way acquisition is currently underway for widening of SR 109 from the new bridge up to Airport Road and the bypass.

Our Town Creek Greenway: We held the ground-breaking for phase 3 this week. Phase 3 takes the greenway from Wilmore Street to North Water Avenue downtown. This phase will finish this part of the greenway. You will be able to walk from downtown to Triple Creek Park, a little more than two miles one way. A ramp is also being built at the intersection of Albert Gallatin Avenue and Hwy 31E/Broadway that will allow walkers or cyclists to cross Hwy 31E and travel along Albert Gallatin to our Civic Center. There will be a push-button crosswalk signal to change the light for ease of crossing.

Albert Gallatin/Hatten Track Extension: We have begun to purchase property for this road that will extend Albert Gallatin over to SR 109 North. Offers are being made, accepted, and closed. This road will be our northern bypass and offer a new corridor for economic development. This extension will bring revitalization to the northern part of our community.

Civic Center: New fitness equipment has been ordered and should be here soon. It includes eight new treadmills as well as machine weights. Design of the Civic Center expansion to incorporate a new outdoor pool, a warm water pool, and a children's splash area is nearing the draft phase. We are planning a public meeting at the end of the month to unveil the plan and get citizen input for fine-tuning. I think you will like what you see.

Parks: Thompson Park has new playground equipment and installation of new equipment at Clearview Park will happen soon. There is a newly paved walking track at Clearview Park. The soccer lights installation will be coming later this fall.

These are just a few of the many infrastructure projects underway in Gallatin right now. We're also working with TDOT on the widening of Airport Road, additional infrastructure in our industrial center, and improvements to the intersection at Hwy 31 and Hwy 25 (near the Krystal). You're welcome to call my office at 615-451-5961 anytime for updates on these projects or any other work going on in the Gallatin.

As you can see, there is a lot happening in the City of Gallatin. All of us are working hard to make Gallatin "the place to be in Tennessee".