



## Communications Department

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### **Parker Road extension ribbon cutting held Thursday**

A ribbon cutting for the new extension of Parker Road that will connect the U.S. 63 service road from Strawfloor Drive to the Washington Avenue interchange will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday.

The road will not open until signage and striping crews finish work that could go into next week.

“Our engineers and other city employees have been working with the state highway department for a long time to obtain this important connector,” Mayor Harold Perrin said. “This is one more important improvement in traffic flow around Jonesboro.”

A traffic study indicated this new connector will give relief to the Southwest Drive at Parker Road intersection, and for traffic cutting through Dupwe Drive between downtown and southwest Jonesboro. It also gives motorists in the Woodsprings Road area another route to downtown.

The 0.7-mile extension was done by Dumey Construction of Missouri at a cost of \$2.23 million. The federal portion was \$1.27 million, while the City contributed \$961,000 to the project.

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