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Magnolia Street open at Fagan Road

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The Magnolia Street extension is a major component to the reorganization of Hammond Square, and its opening Wednesday morning marked the first major improvement to the shopping district.

Magnolia Street has experienced several improvements over past months in preparation to the mall's opening in March 2009.

The street has been widened to include a center turning lane and has been extended past Minnesota Park to intersect C.M. Fagan Road.

“This is a significant feeling of accomplishment,” Mayor Mayson Foster said at the site Wednesday.

Foster said he is thankful for Jimmy Maurin, chairman of Stirling Properties, for helping in the revitalization of Hammond Square.

The mayor also said their work together is special, displaying how the private sector and government can work together for the common good in a community.