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Hammond Square work in progress

Big hills of dirt, big culverts, big machinery and big debris have given travelers on C.M. Fagan Drive plenty to look at these past several months.

Developments at Hammond Square are growing more interesting by the day now. Let's not get so caught up in the views that we run off the side of the road or rear-end any fellow gawkers.

Traffic is likely to grow more congested with work beginning Monday to add lanes to the Interstate 12 exit ramp and to U.S. 51 Business in the Hammond Square vicinity. That project is expected to take about eight months.

The opening of the Magnolia Street intersection with Fagan Drive on Wednesday was one small stretch in the project but one giant leap for the city and the owners of Hammond Square, Stirling Properties. As Mayor Mayson Foster so eloquently stated, their work together is special, displaying how the private sector and government can work together for the common good in a community.