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Fifth Street Completed, Central Library Set to Reopen



DOWNTOWN UPGRADE: In August, the Fifth Street extension opened between Denver and Elwood avenues. Construction began in October of last year. The renovation of Central Library is near completion, with a planned Oct. 1 grand opening.

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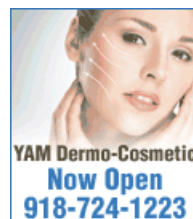
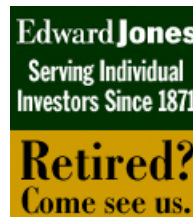
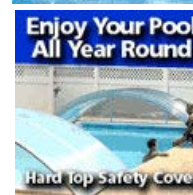
Construction at the corner of Fifth Street and Denver Avenue is soon to be fully completed.

In August, the project to extend Fifth Street from Denver Avenue to Elwood Avenue was completed. Construction began in October of last year.

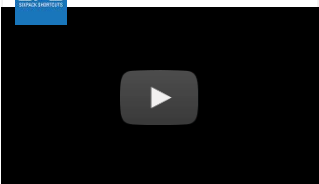
The extension is a two-way, two-lane concrete street with a roundabout at Elwood Avenue. A new traffic signal was also installed at Fifth Street and Denver Avenue to accommodate the new traffic patterns.

The street was built on the Civic Center plaza level over the existing parking garage to provide improved access to the Tulsa County Courthouse, Tulsa Central Library and the Aloft Tulsa Downtown. Five-minute parking drop-off areas have been added in front of the courthouse and library. Driveways off the road will lead to the parking garage for the soon-to-be-completed Tulsa Central Library and to the Aloft Tulsa Downtown.

The plaza and supporting columns beneath it have been strengthened to support vehicle traffic including fire trucks. Concrete has been repaired and new handrails and lights have been added to the two stairways leading to the street



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level and basement parking areas.

Construction on the renovated Central Library is near completion with plans to reopen Central Library at 11 a.m. on Oct. 1. A grand-opening ceremony is scheduled on the same day at 10 a.m.

In preparation for the reopening, the Librarium will close Sept. 2 at 5 p.m. Starting Aug. 29 and until Central Library reopens, materials on hold can be picked up at the Brookside Library, 1207 E. 45th Pl.

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