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Riverfront Parkway Re-Opens

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It will be a little easier to get around downtown with the re-opening of Riverfront Parkway...

Jennifer Osborne "the people who travel regularly in the city had to learn a new pattern for a while, and, we tried to accommodate the tourist industry as much as possible..."

As a matter of fact, Jennifer Osborne says the re-opening of the parkway comes one month early...

Osborne says that while it's been a headache for many commuters, the move was necessary because of the Market Street Bridge construction.

Jennifer Osborne "they had to do demolition on that end, and there would have been falling concrete. You plan where you want it to go, but, sometimes, it doesn't exactly go where it's planned to go..."

Osborne won't confirm the buzz that the bridge, which was closed for renovation in September of 2005, could open sooner than projected, as well.

"If it happened a little earlier, we'd be very pleased, but, we're still shooting for September, and we'll be very, very happy."

Bruce Wise, Riverstreet Deli "well, I heard it's going to open earlier than anticipated, so, we're all excited about that..."

Northshore merchants like Bruce Wise at Riverstreet Deli, are hesitant to say the bridge construction has hurt their cash flow, but do look forward to a boost in business...

"easier access to the northshore. The perception of, and I say the perception of, you know, I can't get through, which is really not true. It's just a little bit harder to get around, but, it's maneuverable, but, it'll be a lot easier..."

Northshore merchant association president Karen Poole says the construction crews have worked hard to make sure customers have access to businesses on the other side of the bridge.

Karen Poole, President Northshore Merchants "and, we're planning a great big celebration when the bridge opens, so, yeah. We're really looking forward to that."

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