

# Cooper

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cooperative effort of the university, the city and the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

"I think this project is a major achievement for the city and the school," said Doug King, the project supervisor for Eby Construction Co. "It's something everyone can really be proud of."

King said working on campus was a positive experience.

"They (the students) were unbelievably good," he said. "Especially when the crosswalks went up — usually people are so critical — but we heard nothing but good."

History junior Frances Collins said the opening should eliminate some congestion. "The bridges really add to the aesthetics of the campus, and it's much safer than it was before."

# Band, parade mark Cooper's opening

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The long-awaited opening of Cooper Street occurs Thursday, complete with a parade, speakers and cannons.

At 10:30 a.m. the jazz band will begin the festivities, followed by speakers, including Arlington Mayor Richard Greene, university President Wendell Nedderman and Student Congress president Brian Chase.

The speakers will then cruise the redesigned section of Cooper Street in five vintage cars.

"We tried to get a different car to represent every time UTA has changed names," said Dawn Conley, Student Foundation director. "They'll be the first ones to drive down the new section of Cooper before it opens."

After the historical car parade, the Carlisle Cannons, part of the military science department, will be fired, signaling the official opening of the street.

The first cars to file down the completed street will represent different student organizations on campus. The cars will be decorated in any fashion the organization desires.

At 10 a.m., in the north end of the South 40 parking lot, a judging of the decorated vehicles will take place, with a \$50 cash award for first place. Cars will be judged on originality, appearance and display of the UTA theme and the Cooper Street theme, "A New Grade for Cooper."

The half-mile section of road has been widened and lowered over the past year and a half as part of a  
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