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RiverLoop aims to draw more to Front Street area



Cuyahoga Falls Mayor Don Walters says beautiful views will be highlighted in the RiverLoop project.
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How do you make a good thing even better?

Cuyahoga Falls thinks it has the answer, and the city is moving along with its \$7.1 million RiverLoop project, designed to highlight the bustling downtown area along Front Street.

In a recent tour of the loop’s course along Front Street, Mayor Don Walters showed off some of the work being done on what he hopes will widen the draw to

the shops and entertainment area.

“There’s an opportunity to make this a whole new attraction,” he said during the June 24 walkthrough.

Here are some of the highlights he pointed out along the way.

Under the Broad Boulevard bridge

One of the highlights under construction is a walkway connecting Front Street north of Broad Boulevard to the growing south Front Street corridor.

“You’ll be going underneath Broad Boulevard and come out at the Shera-

ton,” Walters said. “It will shoot under the bridge and it will all be lit up bright underneath.”

The walkway is located near the Downtown Amphitheater, where stages and performances take place during festivals and events. It’s currently under construction.

Another stage, down by the river

The project includes the addition of a stage at a popular point where con-

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Jaguars are one species that environmental advocates say will be impacted by border wall construction.
MARK HENLE/THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Lawsuit: Border wall would imperil jaguar

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Environmental groups in Arizona are suing the Trump administration over plans to construct a border wall in the San Rafael Valley, one of the last stretches of untouched borderlands.

The Center for Biological Diversity and Conservation CATalyst, two conservation nonprofit groups, filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Tuscon on July 9. The suit alleges the Department of Homeland Security unconstitutionally waived dozens of environmental laws, including the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, to expedite the construction of the wall.

On June 5, Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem issued a waiver to exempt the border wall construction from environmental regulations under the authority of the amended Illegal

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Calling all slowpokes in the left lane! You might be breaking Ohio law

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USA TODAY NETWORK

We’ve all been there: late to work, foot on the gas, and up ahead, a left-lane lingerer coasting five under the speed limit like they’re on a scenic tour of Interstate 270.

Nothing brings drivers together quite like shared rage at some slowpoke who just won’t leave the left lane. For Ohioans, not only are they infuriating, but

they could also be breaking the law.

What are the left lane driving laws in Ohio?

Much to the chagrin of those Ohioan loiterers, the left lane on multi-lane roads like the I-270 outerbelt can — for the most part — only be used for passing, according to Ohio Revised Code § 4511.25

Exceptions apply if you’re avoiding an obstruction, preparing to turn left, or if you need to be in the left lane to follow

your planned route.

Ohio also has a “slow speed” law, per Ohio Revised Code § 4511.22, which prohibits driving at “an unreasonably slow speed” that affects normal traffic flow, unless it is necessary for safety or compliance with the law.

What happens if I break an Ohio left-lane driving law?

A first-time violation of either law is a minor misdemeanor. Repeat offend-

ers are susceptible to steeper penalties, like fourth- or third-degree misdemeanors.

Can I exceed the speed limit in the left lane in Ohio?

No, you are not legally allowed to exceed the posted speed limit, even in the left lane passing a slower vehicle.

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