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Downtown growing pains soon will ease

THERE can be no denying the frustra-
tions experienced by business-
owners and downtown patrons during the construction of the Fourth Street entertainment district during the past two weeks.

Originally, engineers projected that the road resurfacing project would be over-
between Jackson and Franklin streets, following the completion of a pedestrian-friendly zone, would be completed by Nov. 7. The work is finally ending three weeks later.

The process has taken its toll on busi-
nesses. Workers have encountered downtown merchants have said the last three weeks have been frustrating.

While frustrations are understandable, so are the delays. Must have been someth-
other related or caused by unforeseen snags.

Certainly the merchants and their customers should be commended for their patience, but plaudits also should be extended to city officials and members of the construction staffs for their extraor-
dinary approach in keeping the public informed of the project’s status.

Those involved conducted weekly meet-
ing with business owners and residents to keep them up to the latest news and to hear concerns. Media coverage of the work, the road closures and community meetings throughout the process, all involved — in-
cluding construction workers on the job — went a long way to assist pedestrians trying to navigate the sometimes confusing
alternatives paths lined by yellow tape.

City officials were quick to deal with some of the last-minute, expedient responses so as not to further delay the project.

Admittedly, it has been difficult to look beyond the mess in the downtown area that has caused many to overlook a few
more positive aspects of the work, but this week observers have been able to gain an appreciation of what is
in the end, the project should be a
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