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Upcoming Developments Near Berkley Riverfront Park Leave Northeast Neighbors with Concerns

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In the past year since the KC Current (CPKC) Women's Soccer stadium opened in March 2024 at 1460 E. Front St., near Berkley Riverfront Park, Kansas City has experienced an upswing in traffic flow toward this area and developers have taken notice.

On March 26, the Kansas City Current — in conjunction with Palmer Square Real Estate Management, a financial services company, and Marquee Development, a real estate developer which specializes in entertainment districts — broke ground on what will be a \$200 million, mixed-use district at Berkley Riverfront.

Within this new district development, these companies have plans for 429 multi-family homes, 48,000 square feet of retail and over two acres of community space with a town square and paved,

public walking space, according to a release from CPKC Stadium, which is projected to see completion throughout the 2026 fiscal year.

In addition to this construction, RideKC's Streetcar has created an extension to its existing Main Street route, which will connect at Third Street and Grand Boulevard — offering free, public transportation down to the Riverfront from Downtown.

Coining the name "KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension," the track for this new streetcar route is anticipated for completion in early 2026 and its track is currently 100% complete; However, next steps include installation of overhead wires to connect to poles and route shelters, KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension Project Spokesperson Taylor Ngo shared in an interview.



KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension project, which is expected for completion in early 2026. | Photo by Julia Williams

On Tuesday, April 22, the Riverfront Extension Project hosted a 3 p.m. press conference, which was open to the public, to allow for viewing of the completed streetcar track as well as inviting media and the community to ask questions on this extension and the future mixed-use district, which will be under construction nearby.

"It's wonderful, it gives another way to [access the riverfront]," Ngo said in an interview. "We're hoping it will

lead to future [streetcar] connections.

However, with these current and upcoming changes, the Northeast community has voiced mixed opinions on this development, which has occurred and will continue within many neighbors' backyards ...

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A display, which was inside Chùa Quan Âm Temple (216 Park Ave.) on Saturday, April 26 as part of the Temple's celebration of the 2569th birthday of the Buddha or Siddhartha Gautama — who founded Buddhism between the fifth and sixth centuries, BCE in Northern India. Celebrations throughout the weekend included a parade, dinner and "Mulan" or a live show with a lion dance (See more info on page 11).

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