Completed in the 1980’s, the Lake City Way improvements included new decorative sidewalks, street channelization, lights, planted medians, and public art. Initially, the improvements helped stabilize the business community and anchor the neighborhood. The message was clear; the community saw this segment of highway as their center and would not simply turn it over to the automobile. Little by little, new businesses arrived. Then, as the real estate market picked up, larger mixed use buildings began to develop.

Today the district is noteworthy as a mixed-use neighborhood, and the street improvements constructed about 30 years ago still help to make the area an attractive place to live, work, and shop.