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Mike Curie/NASA Commentator: Space shuttle Atlantis has now departed Exploration Park

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and turned onto Space Commerce Way.

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It's expected to take about an hour to an hour and 15 minutes before it reaches the intersection of

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Space Commerce Way and State Road 405. State Road 405 is the road on which the

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Kennedy Visitor Complex resides. And then by about 6 p.m. Eastern time,

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Atlantis is expected to pull in front of her new home,

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the 100-million-dollar complex that is under construction and due to open July of 2013.

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Here you can see the group of astronauts walking in front of space shuttle

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Atlantis as it approaches the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex.

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And we see space shuttle Atlantis just outside the entrance to Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex,

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with a group of astronauts who have ushered Atlantis to this point waving to the crowds

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and posing for pictures. You can see the right wing of Atlantis above them.

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A throng of visitors at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex,

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looking across the water and waving at the astronauts and welcoming space shuttle Atlantis.

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Atlantis is the only one of four shuttles that NASA retains ownership to,

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and in a signing ceremony at 10 o'clock today, NASA Administrator Charles Bolden signed the title of

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Atlantis over to Kennedy Space Center Director Bob Cabana, and that made official the transfer

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and retirement of Atlantis, and set the stage for its arrival at the visitor complex today to go on

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permanent display.

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The 76-wheeled Orbiter Transportation System is guiding Atlantis along on the final leg of its journey

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to the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, where it will be parked before its new home.

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And we can see here that space shuttle Atlantis has virtually arrived in front of its new home