TRAFFIC ADVISORY

March 13, 2020

To: Local Media Representatives

From: KUB Communications

Re: Traffic Advisory – Lane/Road Closures for Utility Work [All closures and work are weather permitting]

(UT Campus) Pat Head Summit Street Road Closure [Overnight, March 15-16] – KUB crews will close a short section of Pat Head Summit Street between Volunteer Boulevard and Andy Holt Avenue to traffic overnight from 10 p.m., Sunday, March 15, through 6 a.m., Monday, March 16, as work is performed on the electric distribution system in the area. Alternate routes include Volunteer Boulevard, UT Drive, and Andy Holt Avenue.

(UT Area) Cumberland Avenue Lane Closure [Overnight, March 16-17] – KUB crews will close a short section of the curbside, westbound lane of Cumberland Avenue between Twenty-second Street and Metron Center Way overnight from 9 p.m., Monday, March 16, through 2 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, as work is performed on the electric distribution system in the area. One westbound lane and all eastbound lanes will remain open during this time. The rain date will be the following night, March 17-18, if needed.

(Downtown) State Street Road Closure [March 15] – KUB crews will close State Street in both directions between Commerce Avenue and Union Avenue to through traffic from 6 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sunday, March 15, as work is performed on the water distribution system in the area. Alternate routes include W. Summit Hill Drive, S. Gay Street, Union Avenue, Commerce Avenue, and S. Central Street. Parking access to Promenade Garage and Marble Alley Lofts will be maintained via Union Avenue to State Street. Flaggers will be on site to assist with traffic control.

(Powell) Norris Freeway Intermittent Lane Closures [March 16-20] – KUB contract crews will implement lane closures as needed of Norris Freeway between Old Racoon Valley Drive and Florence Gardens Road from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, March 16-20, for equipment unloading and work site preparation ahead of natural gas work in the area. The entire length of the project will not be impacted at one time, and traffic flow will be maintained around the work zone via flaggers.

Sequoyah Hills Area Traffic Impacts [March 16-20] – KUB contract crews will implement the below indicated traffic control measures during work hours, 7 a.m.- 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, March 16-20, as work continues on the wastewater collection system project in the area:

  Intermittent road closures as needed during work hours:
  • Tallluna Avenue between South Garden Road and Lakeland Drive
  • South Garden Drive between Navaho Road and Cherokee Boulevard
  • Navaho Road between Scenic Drive and Chicasaw Road

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• Woodside Street between Woodland Drive and Iskagna Drive
• Sequoyah Avenue between Southgate Road and Agawela Avenue
• Scenic Drive between Navaho Road and Cherokee Boulevard
Intermittent lane closures as needed during work hours:
• Cherokee Boulevard between Tugaloo Drive and Kenesaw Avenue (Detour will be Tugaloo Drive to Taliluna Avenue to Kenesaw Avenue)
• Cherokee Boulevard between Agawela Avenue and Southgate Road (Detour will be Agawela Avenue to Taliluna Avenue to Southgate Road)
These work zones will be set up one at a time, and will move from one area to the next when work is completed

Some listed closures may extend beyond the scheduled times depending on the conditions encountered during excavation and construction. Appropriate traffic control measures will be in place at each location to assist motorists traveling in these areas. Due to the ongoing presence of workers and equipment, motorists are advised to use caution and expect temporary delays in these areas. More information on this and other KUB construction projects can be found at www.kub.org.

Tennessee’s Move Over Law requires motorists approaching a utility vehicle with flashing lights to move over if safe to do so, creating an empty lane buffer. When changing lanes is not possible, motorists must reduce speed.

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