

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

January 17, 2023

To: Local Media Representatives

From: KUB Communications & External Relations

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

(Downtown) E Summit Hill Drive Lane/Sidewalk Closures [through January 31, 2023] – KUB crews will close the westbound curbside lane of traffic on a short section of E Summit Hill Drive between Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Lula Powell Drive daily between 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., through Tuesday, January 31 as work is performed on the electric system. Additionally, the sidewalk will be closed on the north side of E Summit Hill Drive in this area. The inside westbound lane, the eastbound left turn lane, and both eastbound lanes of traffic will remain open during this period. The sidewalk on the south side of E Summit Hill Drive will remain open. Flaggers will be present to assist with maintaining traffic flow.

(Downtown) Fire Street Alley & Union Avenue Parking Closures [January 18, 2023] – KUB crews will close Fire Street Alley to through traffic between Union Avenue and W. Summit Hill Drive from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 18, as work is performed on the natural gas and water systems in the area. Additionally, curbside parking spaces will be closed adjacent to address 204 Union Avenue for staging utility equipment, vehicles, and materials associated with this work.

(Fort Sanders/UT Campus area) Cumberland Avenue Lane Closure [January 18, 2023] – KUB crews will close the westbound curbside lane of traffic on the section of Cumberland Avenue between 19th Street and 20th Street from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 18, as work is performed on the water distribution system. Westbound traffic flow will be maintained with flaggers on site to assist with vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

(West Knoxville) Kingston Pike Lane Closure [January 18, 2023] – KUB crews will close the eastbound curbside lane of traffic on a short section of Kingston Pike between Winston Road and N Winston Road from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, as work is performed on the natural gas distribution system in this area. The inside eastbound lane, center turn lane, and both westbound lanes will remain open. Flaggers will be present to assist with maintaining traffic flow. Access to driveways and connecting side streets will be maintained. Appropriate signage will be placed on site to assist with traffic control.

Some 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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