SOUTH COLUMBIA WIDENING PROJECT WEEKLY UPDATE FOR: 03 – 12 MAY

The Town of Chapel Hill has sent to DOT the signal timings and other intersection data in order to adjust and retime the traffic

Signals along Columbia, Manning, and 15-501 in order to reduce traffic back-ups as much as possible when the one way

traffic is activated along Columbia next week (13 May).

The Town and University are preparing to send out public notices regarding the blocking of all southbound traffic on Columbia

next week. Electronic notices, flyers, and other means will be used to get the word out.

Highway signs and electronic message board signs will be erected starting this week notifying the public of the closing of

southbound Traffic on Columbia beginning on 13 May.

Continued dirt hauling will continue this week and paving/road striping in front of Merritt Store.

Purefoy Rd may be closed for a short period due to a foundation problem discovered this week. The closure will likely take

place on 07 May and may not last a day.

DOT expressed concern that the Streetscaping project north of Manning is so far behind schedule and that only one lane of

traffic will be open after 13 May when all southbound traffic is detoured.

Water line pressure tests will commence this weekend for the newly installed lines and valves.

Underground rock has delayed the continued boring for additional water lines. Forecasted rain next week is expected to cause

additional delays in the progress of the project.

A special meeting has been set to discuss the relocation of Street light and traffic signal poles.

Contractors were reminded that UNC Commencement is to take place next weekend 11 and 12 May and that roads should be

cleared as much as possible of all construction activity for the weekend.

Overall reduced traffic may be noticed as exams end next Tuesday and the students start to leave the campus for the Summer.

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