

SOUTH COLUMBIA WIDENING PROJECT

Weekly Update for 10 to 16 February 2013

- The previous notice to close Purefoy Road was retracted due to problems with an existing underground utility line. This closure will be postponed until the problems are resolved. A new notice will be posted and disseminated when the contractors are ready.
- Contractors are working with a gas line that must be relocated before additional work can be done. The Gas Company has been contacted and the site is being assessed regarding the relocation design steps and work time that need to be taken.
- Some Road widening grading will be done starting on the west side of Columbia across from the Merritt Store. Some lane closures between 9 AM and 4 PM can be expected during this process.
- The Traffic Control Plan is being rewritten and redesigned to accommodate the new 3 month plan rather than the 6 month plan previously approved. Weekend closures of two way traffic on Columbia are also being planned on weekends beginning in March (7 AM on Saturday to 5 PM on Sunday) when there are no special events planned for campus. There will be no weekend closures for events such as home basketball games, Commencement, or the Spring football game. Additional Traffic Control signs have been ordered to fit the new Traffic Control Plan for the weekend closures.
- Communication and meetings have been held with the Spanish for Fun Nursery School and the ACC regarding access and directional signage. Additional public meetings will be scheduled and held before the southbound traffic is closed.
- Adjustments for the existing Traffic Signals are being discussed between the Town Traffic Engineers and the contractors to maximize traffic flow during certain phases of construction at select intersections.
- Thus far, no major problems have been reported for either the transit routes or for pedestrian access.