Important: State Street Construction Notice

Date: March 1, 2023 – Fall 2023
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The DDA/City’s South State Street Reconstruction Project will resume within the vicinity of your business in early Spring; the contractor has communicated a start date of Wednesday, March 1. This work is the second year of construction of a two-year construction project for the corridor. The project includes utility, road, and streetscape improvements.

We understand the importance of providing local access to your business and therefore we are writing to notify you of the construction closures and what to expect.

As businesses, here is what you need to know:

Timeline & location: This construction season (March 1 to Fall 2023), work will occur on State Street from just north of North University to Huron Street (see attached construction phase map). In order to construct the work in this area, State Street between North University and Huron Street (including the intersections of Liberty and Washington) will be closed to vehicle traffic. William Street and North University will mainly remain open. A traffic control notice will be distributed via press release approximately one-week prior to the closure and will include traffic control details and a detour map.

We anticipate this traffic control plan will remain in place until Art Fair. For the week of Art fair, all construction work will be shut down and the street will be accessible for pedestrians.

The traffic control will create dead ends at the construction barricades. Parking will be maintained (to the extent it is currently allowed), except some meters at the dead ends will be bagged to accommodate vehicle turnaround.

Access: Pedestrian access to local businesses will remain open and accessible to the extent possible (via existing or temporary walkways). We will be coordinating directly with businesses while replacing sidewalks at their location.

Any temporary sidewalk furnishings present within the closure area must be removed by 7:00 AM on Wednesday, March 1st.

Deliveries: Deliveries to businesses along State Street will continue to be allowed via the State Street corridor throughout construction. We request that scheduled deliveries be coordinated with the Contractor and the Project Engineer (see contacts above) so that the appropriate measures can be taken to allow for safe travel through the work area. If your businesses typical loading zone is unavailable during the time of your delivery, a temporary loading zone will be coordinated for use.
DTE WORK
Please be aware that DTE began relocating a gas main between Liberty and Washington Streets starting January 30th, 2023. They estimate this work will take about four weeks to complete. The project is being managed directly by DTE and must be complete before the City’s contractor can begin work in that block.

If you have questions or concerns about the gas main work, we encourage you to reach out directly to DTE.

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We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this matter and apologize for the inconvenience this closure may cause.

We encourage you to join the construction Facebook page and DDA email list:

- DDA Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/687846365619256
- DDA email list: email mthomson@a2dda.org to be added

More information about the project design can be found here: (https://www.a2dda.org/people-friendly-streets/projects/state-street-project/).

For more detailed construction information, please see the construction meeting video, presentation, and summary toward the bottom of the project page.

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BUSINESS ACCESS & COORDINATION

WATERMAIN WORK
• Scheduled watermain shutdowns will occur, including early morning. We will schedule and inform you of these in advance.

SIDEWALKS & ACCESS
• Business entrance access will be maintained at all times, except when we are working directly at the building entrances. We will schedule with you in advance.