



NEWS RELEASE

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Preliminary water line work to close one lane of Boundary Street Sunday afternoon and evening

Where: A portion of northbound Boundary Street near Chick-fil-A

Portions of the northbound lane of Boundary Street will be closed to traffic Sunday afternoon and possibly until 6 a.m. Monday as crews prepare for upcoming water line work.

Traffic will be shifted to accommodate the lane closure and drivers are asked to use extra caution. The closure also comes in the first week of a speed limit reduction to 35 mph and speeding penalties are increased in the work zone.

The lane shift is the first of the Boundary Street Improvement Project, which is designed to improve safety and to beautify this primary entrance to historic Beaufort.

Contractors with Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority will mobilize for lane closure after 1 p.m. Sunday for exploratory excavation and site prep. Drivers are urged to use extra caution throughout the construction zone.

When completed in 2018, US 21/Boundary Street will consist of two lanes in each direction separated by a raised and landscaped median with a sidewalk on the north shoulder and 10-foot multi-use path on the south shoulder. The intersection of SC 170/ US 21 will be relocated and realigned following the recent demolition of the former Butler used car building.

First Street improvements will include two 11-foot travel lanes and eight-foot on-street parking on both sides of the road beginning at the newly aligned SC 170 intersection to Hogarth Road.

To protect the safety of construction workers, the speed limit on the affected area of Boundary Street was reduced to 35 miles per hour Friday, Feb. 19. The work zone includes about 1.2 miles of Boundary Street from Ribaut Road to Neil Road.

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