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Boundary Street lane shifts, closings start Saturday March 12 for construction

Starting Saturday March 12, concrete raised medians will be torn up and removed along the Boundary Street work zone, causing some lane shifts and closures.

The medians mostly are located at intersections in the area between Neil Road and Greenlawn Drive. While crews dig up and remove the medians, the inner lanes of both north and southbound Boundary Street may be closed or shifted.

Drivers are urged to use caution throughout the work zone. To help protect workers, the speed limit has been reduced to 35 miles per hour and traffic fines are higher.

“We will be removing the medians from the middle of Boundary Street to allow lane shifts once we start building the duct bank for the underground utilities and installing stormwater drainage and curbing,” said David Coleman, senior project manager for the City of Beaufort.

The duct bank is a key part of the project. It will allow utility companies to relocate their lines and cables from poles to the underground duct, creating a safer roadway that’s also more attractive, Coleman said.

To ensure smooth traffic flow during peak travel times, lane closures will be restricted as follows:

- Monday through Friday, lanes can be closed only between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Saturdays, lanes can be closed any time
- On Sundays, lanes can be closed between 1 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday
- During daytime work, lanes may be shifted but four lanes of traffic will remain open.

Construction along Boundary Street started in January. Major work is taking place at the Robert Smalls Parkway/SC 170 where a new intersection is being built. A new road, First Street, is also under construction beside Chick fil-A.

The Boundary Street Redevelopment Corridor project budget is funded through three sources:

- Federal Highway Administration TIGER grant of \$12.635 million
- The Beaufort County one cent sales tax of \$11.346 million
- And the City of Beaufort's TIF II estimated contribution of about \$8.223 million.

The project runs from Neil Road to Greenlawn Drive and will be completed in phases, starting at the realigned intersection at Robert Smalls Parkway. The work of moving utility lines underground into a duct bank will extend along Boundary from Neil Road to Ribaut Road.

When completed, Boundary Street will remain a four-lane roadway but will feature improved intersections with traffic signals; left-turn lanes; and landscaped middle median; and sidewalks and pathways for pedestrians.

This is part of the "complete streets" effort to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. The project is scheduled for completion in 2018.

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