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Beaufort-Jasper utility to shut off water to parts of Boundary Street late Monday night ✓ **Also: Sidewalks closed on south side of Boundary Street**

Some Boundary Street-area businesses will be without water from late Monday night until the pre-dawn hours of Tuesday while crews work on water lines beneath Boundary Street near Chick fil-A.

Although the Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority crew will be working Sunday afternoon on the project, the actual water shutdown will be Monday from approximately 10 p.m. until Tuesday around 5 a.m.

The water utility already informed the affected businesses and property owners of the temporary water shutoff. The shutoff is needed to let construction crews dig up and replace water lines as part of the Boundary Street improvement project.

“This project is really starting to move, and we appreciate people being aware of the work and being extra cautious when driving through the Boundary Street work zone,” said David Coleman, senior project manager for the City of Beaufort.

In recent weeks, crews dug up and removed the raised concrete center medians in the work zone to allow traffic to be shifted into the center lane. Thursday, traffic headed into downtown Beaufort shifted to the inner lanes to allow room for construction crews to begin work on an underground duct bank for utilities, and also for new curbing and sidewalks.

During construction on the southern side of Boundary Street, the sidewalk is closed. Pedestrians are advised to move to the sidewalk on the opposite side until further notice.

Message boards alert drivers to new traffic patterns and police are monitoring the work zone for speeders.

Throughout the project, four lanes of traffic will remain open by utilizing the unused center lane. At times, left turns will be limited to main intersections from Neil Road to Greenlawn Drive. 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.

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.

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