

To: The University Community

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### Planned Construction Projects for the Storrs Campus

There are several important street and underground infrastructure construction projects scheduled to begin during May and June this year. Certain projects, as noted below, may pose periodic disruption and possible inconvenience to students, faculty and staff during the summer months. During pre construction planning the design, engineering and AES project management team paid special attention to possible vehicle and pedestrian conflicts effort to mitigate the impact of the projects.

**Underground steam line replacement –Fairfield Way:** As the current semester ends a significant portion of Fairfield Way between Hall and the proposed new classroom building site (between Hawley and Babbidge) will be partially closed off for the removal and replacement of existing underground steam lines. This work will take most of the summer and is being scheduled in anticipation of starting the new classroom building (**SSHB East**) this fall. The construction area will be fenced off and signage will direct everyone to alternate pathways and vehicle routes.

**Realignment of the intersection of Mansfield Road and Rte. 195 (Storrs Road):** The intersection of Mansfield Road, Rte 195 and Bishop Circle will be reconstructed this summer. The intersection, turning lanes and signalization will be realigned and improved in accordance with the requirements of our State Traffic Commission master permit. The intersection will be closed during the period of construction. We have required that the project design and engineering firm develop and implement a traffic management and detour plan including adequate and clear signage.

**Steam and condensate line replacement in the area of the Central Utilities Plant (CUP) and Infirmary:** A large section of a failing underground steam line must be replaced this summer. The project includes complex excavation around and under existing utilities and special protection for the site and trees. There will be a street opening and crossing in the area of the Infirmary. The route of the new steam and condensate lines will run from the CUP to the rear of Storrs Hall.

**New 16” water main project and related electrical conduit from North Eagleville Road to Towers:** There is a critically important need to replace and improve the water main connections from the Towers Dorm area down past Lakeside and on to North Eagleville. The new main will increase system pressure and capacity. This project is especially important regarding fire protection, water supply for the two utility plants as well as future underground redundant high voltage electrical feeds. The project will require a certain amount of work in North Eagleville Road resulting in periodic lane closures however the road will remain open.

**New exterior stairs at the north side of the Student Union:** The construction of new stairs and related landscaping is about to begin at the north end of the Student Union. The stairs will replace the well trampled path down the slope to the sidewalk along the existing Glen Brook Road sidewalk.

**Student Union Terrace:** The long range plan to improve the Student Union Quad area includes construction of a new terrace and steps at the rear of the building. The project, scheduled to start during the late summer, will also include removal of the large retaining walls and steps near and across from Castleman and new sidewalk and landscape from the new terrace out to Glen Brook Road.

**New water main work in Bolton Road:** A new water main project in Bolton Road adjacent to the School of Fine Arts is scheduled to begin after completion of the Mansfield Road intersection. The work will only impact a portion of the roadway and will not result in road closures. The new water main will increase system capacity and redundancy.

**Small landscape projects:** The University has embarked on a long range plan to improve the appearance of the Storrs Campus. Several landscape and streetscape pilot projects in the areas of Hillside Road, Glen Brook Road and along the Rte. 195 corridor will begin during the late summer and fall planting season.

Please feel free to contact Brian Gore or George Kraus at AES with questions or comments.