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Subject: [SASYNA-Discussions] Fair Oaks/Atwood/Maple intersection closure

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Below are my notes from the recent meeting with the City and AWABA. I took the notes and wrote them to communicate to the businesses in the neighborhood but wanted to share the details I took from the meeting. Thanks!

REPORT OF AWABA MEETING

Construction Fair Oaks/Atwood/Maple

3/29/12

Thank you to Bunky's Café for the use of their space and the amazing hummus & pita.

For questions on this project contact: Christy Bachmann C-Engineering Principal Engineer is in charge. cbachmann@cityofmadison.com

- There will be a 100% closure of the Fair Oaks/Atwood/Maple intersection starting June 18-Aug 1, 2012. On Atwood the construction will go to Lowell School on the East end and to Marquette St. on the West end. Fair Oaks it will go past Dixon/ Buena Vista (right about the houses). Maple will be closed along the school.
- Detour: Westbound (inbound) Walter St. - Milwaukee St. - East Wash - 1st St. - Winnebago St. (especially encouraged for commuters).
- Coming from HWY 30 Milwaukee St. - Waubesa St. to come in to the businesses.
- Neighbors are concerned about increased traffic cutting through the neighborhood during the constriction time. This is something to be aware of and to encourage our customers to be respectful of the neighbors.
- Encourage customers coming in from the beltline to take John Nolan Dr and come in that way vs. Monona Dr.
- Starting approx May 17th they will be running a test creating Maple Ave a one way out along the school (except to local traffic I believe). If the test is successful it will continue after the construction.

- Huston Construction has the contract. They did the first part of Monona Dr and Willy St. They will also be doing the second phase of Monona Dr. (from Cottage Grove Rd to Winnequa, near Rubins) and East Wash out by the mall.
- Huston Construction is required to hold a meeting with businesses two weeks prior to the start of construction. Letters should be sent out to the businesses in the neighborhood (early June).
- The city will create a web page devoted to the construction. The conditions will not change but it will be very useful for us to have the link for our facebook pages and websites. It will have a map of the construction area, the detour and have a paragraph about the length of time it will last. There should also be a reminder that the bike path will be open the entire time and a great alternative for getting around. Add link and click on "road works".
- They will maintain access to businesses, at least one side of the sidewalk and intersection accessible to emergency vehicles. There will be signage for pedestrians to let them know what side is open and a crosswalk area will be maintained.
- When construction is complete the cross walk section by Anaala Salon will be wider and longer making the amount of street to cross shorter. This will improve pedestrian safety especially for children crossing to school.
- The reason for the construction is to work on 100 year old sewage and water lines. All lead lines have already been removed. Water may be shut off to business in the construction area for up to four hours unless there is an emergency need or an accident. Notice will be given to the businesses so they can make arrangements. Sewage should not be out since they should be able to reroute it during the construction time.
- Construction hours will be M-F from 7a-7p. It may take place on Sat. or later hours if they are running behind schedule. Usually it will be M-F 7a-3p ish.
- Equipment can only be kept in the construction area mentioned above. Care will be taken with where construction vehicles are parked when not in use. This is something to ask Huston during the business meeting in early June.
- They will be upgrading signals with LED lights for better efficiency. Walk signals will have a countdown so peds know how much time they have to cross. The crosswalks will be improved with bright color (most likely red) with texture. They will also be installing a MPH sign near Garisson St. coming Westbound (inbound) on Atwood to alert drivers of their speed coming into a school zone.
- The corner of Atwood and Fair Oaks by the Video Game Exchange will remain the same.

- Businesses would like the city to install more bike parking in front of or near businesses.
- There will be electronic message boards at critical intersections leading into construction area and near detour area.
- Businesses can have signage made (at their cost) and posted along the detour route. Check www.cityofmadison.com/roadworks for the dimensions. Temporary sign permits will be given to businesses during construction time. You will need to apply, use website above.
- An idea of showing a movie or other “party” like ideas for the area during the evening hours and construction time were visited.
- It was asked that more red flag and signage flags be put on crosswalk areas on Milwaukee St. and Walters and Atwood during the construction to assist pedestrians in crossing during increased volume of traffic.
- Businesses are encouraged to send out info/create flyers and put info on website regarding construction ASAP.
- The city will send out a media blast and post info on their website.
- The City will ask the Parks Department to post flyers at the Olbrich Boat Launch and on their website regarding the detour and construction for the boaters this summer.
- Meghan @ Absolutely Art has copies of the Road Construction Survival Guide if you are interested. Please stop by the gallery to pick one up.
- Other construction projects: Atwood and Winnebago St. are looking at 2015, 16 &17.
- One of the best things we can do is spread the word and keep a positive attitude!

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