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TRAFFIC ALERT 8TH STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

This is the first in a series of traffic alerts that will be issued throughout the construction of a portion of Downtown Links - the 8th Street Drainage Improvement project. These alerts will announce construction, detour and street closure information as it affects traffic.

The first phase of construction for the 8th Street Drainage Improvements has begun and will necessitate multiple street closures and restrictions that will impact motorists in the area.

Work In Progress

7th Street, between 6th Avenue and 5th Avenue is closed to vehicular traffic while crews relocate underground utilities. This work is in preparation of installing a new 10' X 24' drainage system beneath the roadway. A portion of 7th Street, between 6th Avenue and Arizona Avenue, will re-open by mid November, 2011.

During the Week of October 10, 2011

7th Street, between 6th Avenue and 4th Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic. There will be intermittent closures of the 7th Street/5th Avenue intersection while crews work through the area. This temporary street closure will allow the contractor to begin work on upgrading/relocating waterline and sewer connections in the area. This phase of work is scheduled for completion by the middle of November, 2011

Business and pedestrian access will be maintained.

The traveling public can expect delays when driving, bicycling or walking in this work area. Business access will be maintained. For your safety, please observe all traffic control signage, message boards, and obey reduced speed limits. Watch for construction personnel and equipment in the work zone.

The voter-approved, \$2.1 billion RTA plan will be implemented through 2026. Details about the full plan are available at www.RTAmobility.com. The RTA has a nine-member board with representatives from local, state and tribal governments. While funded through the RTA, the above projects will be managed by TDOT.

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