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Improvements planned for Lurleen Wallace Boulevard

TUSCALOOSA – The Alabama Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the City of Tuscaloosa, plans to resurface Lurleen Wallace Boulevard from near the Hugh Thomas Bridge to near to I-359 to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety starting Saturday, July 28 until December 15, 2019.

The project will add left and right turning lanes, for a total of five lanes, and move parallel parking spots to side streets to increase the effective capacity of the roadway. Sidewalk extensions to the Tuscaloosa Amphitheater, along with additional landscaping, will enhance pedestrian safety.

With more than 72,000 motorists using this corridor daily – an increase of approximately 12,000 since 2013 – it’s vital that Lurleen Wallace Boulevard receives an upgrade.

The contractor will begin work on the southbound portion from near the Hugh Thomas Bridge to 8th Street. The contractor must maintain a minimum of two lanes in each direction during daylight hours, but may reduce traffic to one lane from 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. At least one lane will be open at all times in each direction throughout the duration of the project. Two consecutive side streets will not be closed in either direction at the same time.

To better accommodate traffic, roadway closures will not be allowed from Thursday evening through Sunday evening when the University of Alabama has a home football game.

Motorists can expect possible delays and should use caution in the work zone. Motorists are encouraged to use US-82 (McFarland Boulevard) or other alternate routes during construction.

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