METRO work along Wheeler Avenue is in full swing and progressing on schedule. METRO anticipates the current work will be complete and the new roadway opened by early August. In order to accomplish this, several temporary road closures and detours will need to be implemented.

Phase 1 – Construction of new Wheeler Avenue pavement between Rockwood Drive and M. L. King Boulevard on south side of existing roadway. This phase will include pavement associated with University Oaks Boulevard. There will be no disruption to traffic on Wheeler Avenue during this phase. The entrance to Parking Lot 9C from Wheeler Avenue will be closed during this phase. Parking Lot 9C can be accessed from Cullen Boulevard.

Phase 2 – Construction of connections of new roadway to existing roadway at near Parking Lot 9C. This phase will occur during mid-to-late June. To accomplish this, Wheeler Avenue will be limited to westbound traffic only between Cullen Boulevard and M. L. King Boulevard. In order to travel east from the intersection of Cullen Boulevard and Wheeler Avenue, traffic will need to either travel north along Cullen Boulevard to Elgin Avenue, or south along Cullen Boulevard to N MacGregor Way. This phase is expected to last for 2 weeks. The entrance to Parking Lot 9C from Wheeler Avenue will be closed during this phase. Parking Lot 9C can be accessed from Cullen Boulevard.

Phase 3 – Construction of southbound M.L. King Boulevard south of Wheeler Avenue. Traffic control in the area will remain as it currently is, with the exception being access to Calhoun Road by Parking Lot 4A. A future notice will be released regarding this intersection when plans are finalized.

Phase 4 – Construction of northbound M.L. King Boulevard south of Wheeler Avenue. During a portion of this phase, traffic will be unable to use the dedicated turning lane from M.L. King Boulevard northbound to Wheeler Avenue eastbound. Traffic will be able to access Spur 5 by traveling north along Calhoun Road to University Drive.
Phase 5 – Construction of Calhoun Road at Wheeler Avenue. **Calhoun Road will be closed on the north side of this intersection to both southbound and northbound traffic.** Traffic will be able to detour around this blockage using Entrance 4, University Drive, and Spur 5.

This notification will serve as the notice for phase 1. Separate notices will be sent out for each phase thereafter. As with most construction project, schedules change. The University will strive to provide notifications for any such changes.

The University of Houston is working to minimize the impact of the construction. For questions about the closure and detour, please contact the Keith Ivy with University of Houston Plant Operations – Facilities Management at (713) 743-9262 or kmivy2@uh.edu.