



Division of Facilities Management

Press Release

For Immediate Release

WHEELER RECONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC IMPACTS

As part of the METRO construction, **the intersection of Wheeler Avenue and Calhoun Road will be partially closed (see attached exhibit) starting Saturday, July 30th. The intersection will be completely closed for southbound Calhoun Road and westbound Wheeler Avenue. Eastbound traffic on Wheeler Avenue will be forced to right south onto M.L. King Boulevard. Northbound traffic on M.L. King will be forced to turn left onto Wheeler Avenue.** This condition will last until the week before school starts.

While inconvenient, the closure is needed to allow the work in the intersection to be completed and full use of Wheeler Avenue restored before classes begin. Please plan your trips accordingly.

Also at this time, any traffic turning onto "Old" Wheeler Avenue from Entrance 4, Moody Towers, and Entrance 5 will be diverted to the new pavement at Entrance 6. From there vehicles can continue traveling westward to Cullen Boulevard or turn east toward M.L. King Boulevard. Any vehicles needing to access parking lots 7A or 7B will be allowed to use the existing Wheeler to do so. This condition will last for approximately a week.

Wheeler Avenue will continue to be westbound traffic only from Cullen Boulevard to Entrance 6, so please plan your trips accordingly. "Old" Wheeler Avenue, which will soon become part of a UH circulatory loop road, will continue to be westbound traffic only Entrance 4 to Entrance 6. In approximately a week's time, eastbound traffic will be restored on Wheeler Road.

The University of Houston is working with METRO 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.

WHEELER ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION STARTING JULY 30, 2011

