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E. St. John Street Traffic Control Plan Begins Dec. 3

SPARTANBURG, SC (November 25, 2008) A temporary traffic control plan will reduce westbound traffic on E. St. John Street as construction begins on the George Dean Johnson, Jr. College of Business and Economics of USC Upstate and the adjacent City public parking garage. The two-phase plan begins Wednesday, December 3, 2008 and is anticipated to be completed by May 2010.

Phase I involves reducing the current five lanes of traffic to three lanes on the section of E. St. John Street from mid-way in front of Barnet Park to just past Trade Street from Dec. 3 to mid-January. Two westbound lanes will be blocked to allow installation of a 60" storm pipe. During this period there will be two eastbound lanes and one westbound. In addition, no left-hand turns will be possible from westbound E. St. John Street to Liberty St. or Woodrow St. Nor, will any left-hand turns be possible from the eastbound lanes of E. St. John Street to Liberty St.

Phase II extends from mid-January 2009 to May 2010 and only blocks one westbound lane—that which is closest to the curb. This blockage is necessary to allow for the extra space needed for university and garage construction.

Traffic control includes digital message boards and water-filled barricades, traffic drums and regular signage. Because St. John Street is a state road, all planning has been reviewed and approved by the South Carolina Department of Transportation. B.C. Cannon Co. was chosen by the university to provide all the traffic control.

States City Engineer Les Mitchell, "We are doing everything possible to provide safe traffic flow during this construction project. We are very appreciative of CPF Properties II, LLC working with the City by waiting till after Dickens of a Christmas on Dec. 2 to put the traffic controls in place."

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