

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Dear Members of the Salem State University Community --

These periodic construction updates will keep you posted on work taking place on campus and let you know of activity that might directly impact your work and routines, from electrical outages to changes in parking and traffic on campus. They will be posted on the Campus Planning & Development Web page (<http://www.salemstate.edu/facilities/4257.php>). I hope you find this information useful. Let me know if you have suggestions for improving the updates. Thanks.

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Here is the update on construction activity at the university as of June 9, 2011.

LIBRARY/LEARNING COMMONS

LIBRARY DEMOLITION ENTERS NEXT PHASE

During the week of June 13, the contractor anticipates beginning structural demolition of the west portion of the existing library building. This work involves removal of concrete posts, beams and floor slabs. Concrete will be chipped away from the ends of posts and beams to expose steel reinforcement, which will then be cut, freeing the individual members. These will then be lowered using a crane. The process, requiring the use of large equipment, will generate some noise and is projected to last through most of the summer. There should be no impact on traffic or parking on campus.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

The construction site for this project is a restricted area. Access inside the fenced perimeter, including the closed portion of College Drive and former tennis courts, is limited to authorized project personnel. As construction activity gains momentum, it will become increasingly critical that faculty, staff and students stay out of the site.

Update –

Work anticipated for the coming week:

- Complete removal of exterior brick panels from the west portion of the old library building.
- Strip roofing from west portion of the building.
- Receive equipment needed for structural demolition. This will involve early morning deliveries and some minimal traffic disruption on Lafayette Street. Police assistance will be provided as needed.
- Begin structural demolition of the west portion of the building. This process is projected to continue for 10-12 weeks.

Background -

The university is demolishing its former library building to make way for construction of a new library/learning commons. The project, funded as part of a capital bonding bill signed by the governor in 2008, has a budget of \$73.5 million to cover both demolition and new construction. Completion is planned for spring 2013. Demolition of the old building will be accomplished in phases, starting at the west end of the building to clear the site where it overlaps the footprint of the new building and then working its way toward Lafayette Street. No date has been set for completion of demolition.

The university and DCAM held an informational meeting on Monday, July 26, 2010, regarding the demolition of the old library building. Materials presented at the meeting and several other documents relating to the project can be reviewed at the Campus Planning and Development Web page (http://www.salemstate.edu/facilities_docs/DCAM_SSC_Campus_Meeting_7-26-2010.pdf).

Design efforts for the new library/learning commons building are complete. A campus update was provided on November 8, 2010. Materials presented at that meeting are available for review at (<http://www.salemstate.edu/facilities/4257.php>). Since that time, the architects have refined the details necessary to guide construction, but no significant changes have been made to the plans.

THEATRE INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES

Update –

- The contractor will begin demolition of two small instructional spaces and two large bathrooms in the basement of the building.

Background –

As part of the university's accreditation effort for the theatre program, a performance classroom must be developed, the existing performance classroom being much too small to function adequately. Large men's and women's restrooms in the basement do not meet ADA standards and are located such that they are rarely used. The restrooms, performance classroom and an existing technical design classroom will be demolished and reconfigured to provide appropriately designed instructional spaces and new restrooms along the main basement corridor that will be ADA-compliant and located to serve occupants of the building and audience members attending events in the Callan Studio Theatre. The project is expected to be complete for the 2011 fall term.

SMS ATHLETIC TRAINING LABORATORY

Update –

- Demolition of existing finishes and walls in the lower level of the O'Keefe Center has begun to prepare the way for development of a new laboratory.

Background –

The Athletic Training program is a vital, growing program within the SMS department. A lab of adequate size and configuration is required to support this program if it is to retain its accreditation, which is essential for graduates of the program to be licensed. Existing space in the building, formerly

used for a small lab and for locker rooms, will be reconfigured into a larger lab. The new lab is projected to be ready for the 2011 fall term.

STANLEY BUILDING RENOVATION

Update –

- Renovation of the Stanley Building is now complete
- Preparations for relocation of the campus data center, currently in the Central Campus classroom building, are nearly complete. Relocation is scheduled for the weekend of June 17. Look for bulletins from ITS for further information about when systems will not be available.

Background –

The renovated Stanley Building will house the ITS department, the university's data center and the Facilities department's offices and shops. The university's shipping/receiving department and mailroom were already in the building, as were significant new academic facilities for the Music department.

HORACE MANN SCHOOL LIGHTING REPLACEMENT

Update –

- Installation of new lighting fixtures throughout the building resumed during the week of April 18. Installation will continue at non-school hours until the project is complete.

Background –

Work began late in the summer on a project to replace lighting throughout the Horace Mann School. This project is possible due to federal stimulus dollars allocated to the university for energy conservation projects. It will result in a significant reduction in energy consumption and improved lighting in the building. Because the university pays for all utilities for the building, the project will provide direct savings to the university. Delivery of new light fixtures had been delayed because of a world-wide shortage of ballasts.

COLLEGE DRIVE

Update - No Change in Status

College Drive will remain closed at Lafayette Street. Traffic is directed to the temporary road through Lot A so that demolition work can proceed in the old library building. This routing will continue indefinitely as demolition and construction proceed.

NOTE: THERE IS NO VEHICULAR EXIT FROM LOT A TO LAFAYETTE STREET. IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY, ALL TRAFFIC MUST PROCEED THROUGH CAMPUS ON COLLEGE DRIVE AND EXIT ONTO LORING AVENUE.

Background –

Early construction activity relating to the library/learning commons project requires that the upper portion of College Drive near the entrance from Lafayette Street be closed. A new entrance from Lafayette into Lot A has been developed, and a temporary road has been established from that entrance to a point near Peabody Hall, where traffic rejoins the lower section of College Drive. From that point, traffic flow is normal.

PARKING

Update – No Change in Status

- Portions of the Faculty/Staff lot by the old library building (Lot A) have been taken out of service because of demolition activity. Lost capacity has been accommodated in the Peabody Lot. This change will remain until demolition is complete and the closed portion of Lot A is returned to service.
- Handicapped parking spaces have been added on Lafayette Street directly in front of Meier Hall to replace those lost when the tennis court lot closed. This will be a permanent change.
- Meier Drive between Meier Hall and the Mainstage Theater is now permanently restricted to emergency, service and construction traffic only.

Background -

Portions of the upper section of the faculty/staff parking lot by the old library (Lot A) are closed until further notice due to construction activity. A portion of the Peabody Lot has been reserved for faculty until Lot A is fully back in service. The total number of faculty/staff parking spaces remains equivalent to the number available in the past.

All parking along Meier Drive, between Meier Hall and the Mainstage/Dining Commons building, has been permanently eliminated in the interest of safety. Handicap parking previously on Meier Drive has been relocated to the lot behind the Ellison Campus Center and to Lafayette Street. There has been no reduction in the number of handicap spaces available.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we make facilities improvements at the university. Please look for periodic updates on our progress.