

Facilities Operations Update

June 12 to June 18, 2016



Facilities Management

Comments/Suggestions?

If you have any suggestions or comments about the weekly Facilities Operations update, please let us know. Email Michelle Gubin at mgubin@wustl.edu.

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New Shuttle Schedule

The [new shuttle schedule](#), which starts July 5, can be found on our website. As part of the new schedule, the north campus and SLCH-COH shuttles will no longer be able to stop on Forest Park. Both routes will no longer go north. Shuttles will all be using southern routes. The north campus and SLCH-COH shuttles will only be stopping at the SLCH front doors. This will be both the drop off and pick up points for the duration of the Forest Park Projects.

If you have any questions, please email the Shuttle Feedback Line at ShuttleFeedbackLine@bjc.org.

Temporarily Closed Sidewalks at Duncan and Taylor Avenues (updated)

During the demolition of the 4500 Parkview building, adjacent sidewalks must be closed to pedestrian traffic for safety reasons. Due to a mechanical issue on the machine, the sidewalk closure has been extended to Monday, June 27th. This includes the Duncan Avenue south sidewalk and Taylor Avenue east sidewalk.

During these times, pedestrian traffic will be diverted to the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street. These closures are indicated on [this map](#).

Kingshighway/Forest Park Parkway Intersection Reconstruction to Begin Summer 2016

Sent on Behalf of BJC:

A project to create a traditional intersection at Forest Park Parkway and Kingshighway is expected to begin in July or August, 2016. The current configuration, with Forest Park Parkway running under Kingshighway, presents challenges for drivers accessing the medical center, the Central West End and Forest Park. Eastbound Forest Park Parkway drivers cannot turn onto northbound Kingshighway. Drivers on Kingshighway cannot access westbound Forest Park Parkway from either direction.

“The configuration of Kingshighway and Forest Park Parkway does not lend itself to easy and safe navigation for patients and families seeking to access this part of the campus,” says June Fowler, BJC communications and marketing senior vice president. “This much-improved intersection is an integral component in the renewal of the medical campus and will provide a new front door to the Central West End and medical center from the west.”

Safety near the Euclid intersection is a concern that should see relief when the new intersection is completed. Today, faster eastbound traffic emerging from beneath Kingshighway mixes with slower eastbound vehicles. The volume of pedestrians crossing Forest Park Parkway adds to the already tenuous situation.

A related project a few hundred feet west of Kingshighway will reconstruct the Forest Park Parkway bridge over the MetroLink tracks. That construction will be overseen by the city.

The \$10 million project is funded with a \$2.5 million federal grant (for the MetroLink bridge portion), \$5 million from BJC and \$2.5 million from Washington University School of Medicine.

The benefits

In August 2017, the Barnes-Jewish north expansion will open, substantially increasing the volume of patient care on the north end of the campus. The new intersection will help to reduce confusion, improving access to the medical center as well as the Central West End neighborhood. Additional benefits include:

Improved pedestrian experience

Improved safety at the Forest Park Parkway/Euclid Avenue intersection

Improved access to Forest Park with turn lanes from Kingshighway to Forest Park Parkway

More visually appealing streetscape

Slowing of east/west traffic benefiting pedestrian safety

Reduced crisscrossing of vehicles on Forest Park Parkway near Euclid

Timeline and impact

Work is expected to begin in July or August, with Forest Park Parkway west of Kingshighway closing to through traffic for up to a year. Forest Park Parkway and the rest of Kingshighway will remain open. Local traffic west of the construction will be maintained. Detours will be marked. Contractors will keep Kingshighway open in both directions. The existing Kingshighway bridge over Forest Park Parkway will be left in place and filled underneath.

Work will be completed during overnight hours, 7 p.m.–5 a.m.

North-south lanes on Kingshighway will remain open during the day

Limited north/south Kingshighway lane closures will occur during overnight hours

East/west lanes on Forest Park Parkway between Kingshighway Boulevard and Euclid Avenue will be limited to one lane in each direction

The interchange project is expected to be completed July 1, 2017.

For more information, please view the [Q&A sheet](#) and the [map](#).