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Dear Resident/Business Owner/ Owner,

Noise Issues with Construction:

The City of Madison Board of Public Works will hold a public hearing on the issue of allowing construction activities, with associated noise impacts, outside the period of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM for certain work items on the following streets: West Gorham Street from State Street to University Avenue, University Avenue from West Gorham Street to Campus Drive, University Avenue from Farley Street to Hill Street, North Broom Street from West Johnson Street to State Street, West Gilman Street from University Avenue to Henry Street and Campus Drive. The Public Hearing will be on Wednesday January 7, 2009 at 6:30 PM at the City County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 108.

Madison General Ordinance section 24.08(3) provides the Common Council the ability to allow construction activities outside of the hours of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. with the passage of a resolution and a hearing before the Board of Public Works. The construction of West Gorham Street, North Broom Street, University Avenue, West Gilman Street and Campus Drive cannot be built between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM because:

1. The amount of construction needed to complete the project exceeds the amount of production that a Contractor can reasonably be expected to achieve, even with the extra crews.
2. Sawcutting of concrete pavements after the pouring of the pavement must be done about 12 hours after the installation. The concrete must be hard enough to hold the machinery. The sawcutting must be done soon enough so that the sawcutting occurs before the pavement cracks.
3. Certain activities will disrupt live traffic lanes causing severe disruption and delay.

The proposed activities beyond the hours of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM are as follows:

1. The sawing of concrete pavement. The timing of this activity is dependent on the rate at which the concrete cures. Sawing will be allowed at any time however the Contractor should avoid the hours of 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM when possible.
2. General construction activities between the hours of 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM. This extends the workday to 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. The intent is to provide the Contractor with the ability to work extended hours. The design team is very concerned about the ability of the

Contractor to complete the work prior to the end of the construction season, which is on, or about December 1. In addition to the General Contractor and subcontractors, this provision shall apply to utilities and their Contractors doing coordinated work during the project construction.

3. Water main, storm sewer, private utility and sanitary sewer construction near or under live travel lanes or at intersections. This is for the construction of mains, laterals and utility crossings. The Contractor shall make every effort to limit this construction to the hours of 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM but shall be allowed to work beyond those hours if determined necessary by the Project Engineer with concurrence of the City Engineer or designee.
4. Concrete paving between the hours of 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM. This extends the workday for the concrete paving crews to 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. The intent is to provide the Contractor with the ability to work extended hours. The concrete paving operations are lengthy operations and dependent on the weather.
5. Concrete paving at intersections or driveways where a hardship exists for businesses or pedestrians. Concrete paving can create a significant traffic disruption. The Contractor shall make every effort to limit this construction to the hours of 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM but shall be allowed to work beyond those hours if determined necessary by the Project Engineer with concurrence of the City Engineer or designee.
6. Water services laterals, sanitary sewer laterals, and private utility services to businesses where a hardship exists for the business. Construction of service laterals to businesses can create a significant hardship for businesses especially restaurants that must have a constant flow of water. The Contractor shall make every effort to limit this construction to the hours of 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM but shall be allowed to work beyond those hours if determined necessary by the Project Engineer with concurrence of the City Engineer or designee.

If you have any questions in regards to the construction activities, please call Steve Sonntag, of City Engineering at 267-1997.

Sincerely,



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