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**To: Business Owners, Property Owners and Residents near North Carroll Street & West Johnson Street and North Hancock Street & East Johnson Street.**

**Re: Allowing Limited Night-Time Work Activities for the Blount – East Campus Transmission Line Replacement Project**

American Transmission Co. (ATC) contracting with W.A. Chester LLC (Contractor) is planning to replace a 69-kv high voltage underground transmission line that in part runs under Johnson Street between North Blount Street and North Henry Street. Due to the high volumes of traffic on Johnson Street, city engineering proposes to allow the Contractor to perform limited work items at manhole locations near North Carroll St. & West Johnson Street and North Hancock Street & East Johnson St. between the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

**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 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for work on the Blount – East Campus Transmission Line Replacement Project. The Public Hearing will be held on June 17th, 2020 at 4:45 p.m. The City of Madison is holding the Board of Public Works meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic. You can register at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/MeetingRegistration>. When you register to speak, you will be sent an email with the information you will need to join the virtual meeting.**

Madison General Ordinance Section 24.08(3) provides the Common Council the ability to allow construction activities outside of the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the passage of a resolution and a hearing before the Board of Public Works.

American Transmission Co. contracting with W.A. Chester LLC (Contractor) has proposed a project to replace an underground transmission line that runs from the Blount Substation on South Blount Street to the East Campus Substation located near East Campus Mall. The proposed project includes the replacement of existing cable (completed in June 2020) and installation of new cable through existing underground conduit. Allowing the Contractor to work outside the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. will limit the impact and delay to the traveling public, assist in maintaining the safety of the general public and the Contractor and improve the efficiency of the Contractor. Work between the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. will be allowed only on a limited basis and must be preapproved by the City Engineer.

**The work associated with the project cannot be fully constructed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. because:**

1. Large equipment is required to pull the new transmission cable through existing underground conduit. An approximately thirty-seven-foot-long PDI Puller (and associated support equipment) and a semi-trailer containing three large aluminum reels and a bull wheel tensioner will pull cable from one manhole to the next. This equipment will be in service near the manholes located near North Carroll Street & West Johnson Street and near North Hancock Street & East Johnson Street. Combined dimensions of construction equipment and clearance requirements will require limiting East Johnson Street to one travel lane near these two manhole locations during construction. City Engineering has requested that construction activities that disrupt live traffic lanes to take place during off-peak traffic hours in order to minimize the disruption and delay to the traveling public. The duration of work time required to replace the underground transmission line will require the Contractor to utilize off-peak work hours beyond the normal work hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**The proposed activities beyond the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. are as follows:**

1. Construction activities involving the replacement of underground transmission cable via the manholes located North Carroll Street & West Johnson Street and near North Hancock Street and East Johnson Street. Contractors will be allowed to perform this work between the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. if the proposed work is preapproved by the City Engineer. It is expected that this night-time work associated with cable placement will require roughly one week at each manhole location. Splicing is a 24hour/day activity with an approximate duration of three days during the week-long work. Work will be limited to the parking lane on Johnson Street during splicing.

All work that takes place beyond the normal work hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. must be preapproved by the City Engineer. Excessively loud construction operations, such as pile driving, sheeting driving, pneumatic hammering or concrete breaking are not anticipated for this project and will not be allowed during the hours between 9:00 p.m to 7:00 a.m.

If you have any questions regarding to the construction activities please contact Michael White, of ATC at (608) 877-3680 or at [mwhite@atcllc.com](mailto:mwhite@atcllc.com).

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