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Congress Street Underground Utility Work Begins March 30

Beginning March 30, Congress Street will be reduced to one lane of travel between Gilman and Weymouth streets from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, to accommodate underground utility work associated with Maine Medical Center’s construction project.

Flaggers will be onsite to assist with traffic flow. Within the first few days of construction, MMC will conduct a traffic study to determine whether any changes should be made to optimize traffic flow. The project is expected to take four weeks to complete. MMC and its contractors will work with the city to mitigate impacts to the area when possible.

Key details include:

- Two-way traffic will resume each day from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- During the day, four parking spaces along Congress Street between Forest and Gilman streets will be unavailable. The spaces will be available each evening, starting at 7 p.m.
- While MMC Visitor’s Garage will remain open, its Congress Street entrance/exit will be closed from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily. The garage’s Crescent Street entrance/exit will be open, and signs will direct motorists from Congress Street to Crescent Street.
- The patient/visitor garage serving the Medical Office Building at 887 Congress Street will remain open, and flaggers will assist motorists entering and exiting it.

This work is part of the construction of MMC’s new, six-story building that will reorient the hospital to Congress Street, expand private room offerings, and provide



state-of-the-art procedure rooms centered on cardiovascular care. This 265,000-square-foot addition is expected to be complete in 2023.