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### **Construction Update for Improvements to Broad Street**

Chattanooga, TN. (Oct 16, 2015):

During construction of the city's first protected bike lanes on Broad Street between Martin Luther King Boulevard and Aquarium Way, the following information provides updates on progress and status of remaining work:

A revised, final sequencing and access table is included here. Additional descriptions for maintenance and commissioning are also included below:

Installation of flexible delineators is ongoing through Oct 20. A walk-through inspection will be performed to make a list of missed or incorrectly placed items for the contractor to correct. This represents the final work performed by the contractor for clarification to all users on how to navigate the new street.

Project Commissioning – Over the coming weeks, the CDOT project team will be observing the behavior of all users, drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians, in the newly configured street. Based on this observation, the city will make changes as needed to improve function and safety. Included in those improvements are:

Chattanooga Parking Authority will be relocating a few of the parking meters to line up with the parallel parking spaces and adjusting other parking related indicators as needed.

Planter installation will happen through the remainder of the fall, with negligible interruption of traffic. Since these planters are moveable, they will be installed as needed to improve safety on the street.

To better understand details of the project such as how and where to park and how to navigate the street, more information is included in the diagrams and description included on the following page. To speak to someone about the project, please call the Chattanooga Department of Transportation at 423-643-5963.

For more information or to view a map of these closures, please see below or visit the CDOT [website](http://www.chattanooga.gov/transportation/traffic-engineering-a-operations/special-events-a-street-closures).  
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Timeline -				
Week	West Side of Street		East Side of Street	
	Construction Activity	Public Access	Construction Activity	Public Access
Oct 5-9	Striping - Nighttime	Limited Public Access	Striping - Nighttime	Limited Public Access
Oct 12-16	Project close-out	Full Access to Parking, except at night in some locations	Project close-out	Full Access to Parking, except at night in some locations
Oct 19-23	Substantial Completion	Full Access to Parking	Substantial Completion	Full Access to Parking
Future	Full access is available to all users - drivers, cyclist, pedestrians, transit users. Some work will be performed over the coming weeks for improvements to safety based on observations from the commissioning process; such work will have negligible impact on traffic.			

**Broad Street Protected Bike Lanes – The first project of this type in Chattanooga!!**

Protected bike lanes improve access and safety of our streets for all users and are being implemented in cities all over the country, in places as varied as Austin, Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Washington DC. They are shown to decrease crashes and injuries, encourage active transportation, and improve local economies by increasing retail-foot traffic for shop-front businesses.

A printable diagram of the project is included on our website, <http://www.chattanooga.gov/transportation/traffic-engineering-a-operations/special-events-a-street-closures>, Remember to call CDOT for more information, 643-5963.

**Please use caution while the general public becomes accustomed to navigating the street – Note the following changes:**

- **Parking:** the project scope retains parallel, on-street parking along the full length of the street. While some parking was limited during construction, it will be restored at substantial completion with some limited access as planters or delineators are installed.
- **Travel Lanes** – Broad Street retains two travel lanes in both directions. This configuration is well above the standard amount of space needed for the average traffic that exists on Broad Street. For users that experience difficulty with loading, emergency responders, accessibility, or other issues, we want to know and will work to resolve them – please contact CDOT if you identify issues that we can address.
- **Bike Lane** – The project includes a new separated and buffered bike lane in what was formerly the parking lane, between the sidewalk and on-street parking. This configuration is encouraged by national agencies as it encourages the safety of a physical buffer for both people on bikes and sidewalks. All users should exercise caution as local drivers and cyclists begin to get accustomed to the new configuration.
- **Sidewalks** - will not be altered but are expected to see increased pedestrian activity with the improvements to the street. Cyclists should always yield to pedestrians.