Construction Safety: Summer 2017

The University of Massachusetts Boston’s physical environment is being recreated to meet the needs of students, faculty and staff. Implementation of the campus master plan is well underway with continued construction work throughout campus this summer.

Please be cautious and be aware of safety when walking or biking on campus and crossing University Drive and other roadways.

- Be aware that many roadway areas are off limits to pedestrians.
- Pedestrians should use only crosswalks, sidewalks and designated walkways.
- Pedestrians and bikers are urged to:
  - look both ways before crossing
  - stay alert
  - obey all safety signage

All active construction sites on campus are off limits, including two major building sites. Keep off the related mounds of soil as well. The sites are fenced and gated off to prevent unauthorized access. Each one has large construction vehicles and equipment traffic coming and going all day. In addition to the usual car, truck and bus traffic on campus, there are now numerous cranes, back hoes, front end loaders, lifts, and street sweepers as well as concrete, flatbed, semi, water and dump trucks operating throughout campus.

The Residence Hall project located at the Mount Vernon Street entrance to campus has about 200 workers erecting steel and pouring concrete for two future buildings, each taller than seven stories. Not only is the Res Hall site restricted, but the roadway between the site and the softball field is off limits to pedestrians.

- Pedestrian access to Mount Vernon Street is through the Clark Athletic Center
- To walk to Boston College High or Monan Park, exit the Integrated Sciences Complex, go to the HarborWalk, and use the crosswalk to the sidewalks in front on BC High

The Utility Corridor and Roadway Relocation project has several active construction sites; most have deep dangerous trenches. Remember, these areas are restricted.

- The most active utility site, which also includes a pile driving operation for construction of a large parking garage, is on the now closed University Drive West. No public vehicular, pedestrian or bike access is allowed on that section of roadway from the Integrated Sciences Complex to the Clark rink area near the softball field’s left field.
• The waterfront side of the Campus Center and University Hall and the lawn are construction areas and are off limits.
  
  o Drivers are not able to pick up or drop off passengers in front of the Campus Center.

  o A dedicated pick-up/drop-off area at the Integrated Sciences Complex will offer a quick, convenient, in-and-out location for private vehicles, Lyft, Uber or taxi.

  o Shuttle bus access has been relocated to the south, nearer to Wheatley Hall. There remains no access to the HarborWalk from the waterfront side of these buildings.

  o To access the HarborWalk and the Fox Point Dock, use the walkways near the Integrated Sciences Complex, near the Massachusetts Archives Building, or between Lot D and the Harbor Point Apartments.

  o The MBTA shuttle drop off is now off University Drive South between McCormack and Wheatley halls. Access the pick-up area via elevators 3 and 4 or stairwell 5 in Wheatley Hall.

• There are, or will be at least a half dozen more utility and roadway construction sites including:
  
  o near the Mount Vernon St. intersection to campus continuing between Lot D and the Calf Pasture Pumping Station

  o the materials processing area between the Science Center and University Drive North

  o near the former Clark Lot area next to the Residence Hall construction site

  o along the newly-opened University Drive South

  o soon along Bianculli Boulevard

  o soon the roadway leading to the EMK Institute and MA Archives from University Drive North will also close for construction; a new stretch of roadway between the Archives and University Hall will open as the detour

• Pipe installation and elevator project preparation work is taking place inside the substructure of most buildings including the Clark Athletic Center’s rink, lobby, and office areas.

Another Clark Building project involves replacing the buildings’ brick and metal façade and skylights. The busway remains open, but the surrounding area is restricted to construction. Protective walkways are in place.

Please allow extra time when coming to campus and regularly check Getting Here and Construction Updates on the homepage of our website for new construction notices: www.umb.edu