



# PUBLIC WORKS SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS PROGRAM

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### Stakeholders attend information meeting

Business representatives from both sides of Capitol Drive attended the July 25, 2012, information meeting to kick off the second stage of the Capitol Drive reconstruction project.



**Workers prepare for traffic switch**

The second stage begins August 1, and will continue through completion around Thanksgiving, 2012. This stage consists of removal and reconstruction of the east-bound lanes (south side). Traffic will operate on the newly constructed north side of the roadway with two lanes of traffic, one in each direction. To accommodate construction and keep traffic flowing in both directions, parking will continue to be prohibited on Capitol Drive until the project is complete.

Butch, owner-operator of Kitts Frozen Custard, 7000 N. Capitol Drive, had some advice for business owners on the south side of the street. Before construction began last April, Butch made some simple flyers for his customers illustrating how to reach Kitts, handing them out with each order. "Customers called and thanked me for making it easy for them to navigate the construction and still make it to Kitts," he said. He also made a conscience decision to limit new part-time hires and instead reorganize his regular crew anticipating business would be lighter than usual. "June and July are my biggest months, and all things considered, with the actions we took, we did okay."



**"Butch" of Kitts**

Signage also proved to be an important tool to direct customers to business access points. The large "Capitol Drive Businesses are Open" signs

will remain on site. If businesses choose to create directional signage with their business name on it, the city inspectors will help install it on barricades or barrels. Just call Paul or Tony at the numbers listed below. Non-business specific directional signage is being coordinated by Cecilia Gilbert of the Department of Public Works. She will also work with the traffic division monitoring traffic flow and reviewing traffic patterns to determine where "no left turn" signs may need to be placed to keep traffic flowing. Decisions are made based on both safety and on what best suits the needs of the residents and businesses.

As construction proceeds, N. 60th St., N. 76th St., Appleton Avenue, and N. 84th Street will remain open for cross traffic. (*84th Street cross traffic will be southbound, only.*)

### Got Sprinklers?

If you have an outdoor sprinkler system on your property, the contractor needs to know about it and the sprinkler heads need to be marked to avoid damage. Call one of the project inspectors as soon as possible and they will stop by and advise you on how to proceed.

### Other area projects

Other paving projects planned for the area may affect your commutes. N. 61st and N. 62nd Streets will be repaved between N. Capitol Drive and W. Keefe Street. The project is scheduled to begin mid-September, 2012.

Did you know the contractors on all of the projects recycle? When the old asphalt pavement is milled (stripped off) and when the old concrete is broken up, it is stockpiled to be used later in the new basecoat. The process not only allows for the reuse of materials, but it reduces the costs of trucking old materials away and new materials to the site.

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