



MEMORANDUM

To: Property Owners, Businesses and Residents of the Downtown Area

From: Rich Olson, City Manager

Date: May 12, 2011

Re: Elizabeth Street Project Is Moving Forward!

The City has received a copy of the executed three-party agreement between the City, NCDOT and George Raper and Sons for Contracts 1 and 2 for the utility relocation associated with the Elizabeth Street project. I have issued the Notice of Award and George Raper is securing the bonds called for in the bid documents.

A Notice to Proceed with construction should be issued on Friday. George Raper has provided the City with construction start times. The Water Street/Colonial Avenue intersection will be closed starting at noon on Monday, May 16, 2011. The City has secured two message boards from the Health Department, which will be used to notify the public. These message boards were placed yesterday.

On May 23, 2011, the intersection of Colonial and Poindexter will be closed. This closing will be for the beginning of construction, starting with the removal of existing brick pavers. Once the brick pavers are removed in the intersection, the contractor will begin removing pavers from the alleyway between Thumpers and Logan Rayes. To accommodate this phase of construction, Poindexter Street will be closed to thru traffic. Local traffic will still be able to utilize the street for delivery purposes. No parking will be allowed on the street. Vehicles will be forced to back down the street and turn around in the municipal parking lot. A similar situation will occur between Poindexter and McMorrine Streets on Colonial Avenue.

I have asked Rebecca Cross to distribute this information on behalf of the City. If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact me by phone (337-6864) or by email (rolson@cityofec.com). We appreciate everyone's patience as we move forward with this major improvement project.