South Drive and Cross Road reconstruction begins May 28
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Beginning Tuesday, May 28 the college will be undertaking the reconstruction of South Drive and the elimination/reconstruction of Cross Road. This project is scheduled to be completed August 23rd.

Once the project is completed the new South Drive will consist of three lanes of traffic with two lanes exiting campus and one lane entering from Route 4. Also the north/south access roadway, new Cross Road, will be the existing north/south roadway behind the McDonough Complex.

During the reconstruction, South Drive will be closed to all traffic from Route 4 to the current Cross Road and Cross Road will be closed from the McDonough Complex to Higbee Hall. Appropriate detours will be in place to allow for north/south vehicular access and also to allow for east/west pedestrian access. Additionally “D” lot (located behind Lang Hall) will be closed to parking.

At this time we are working out what will be the most practical way to re-route traffic while allowing the contractor to accomplish his work. It appears that we may be able to keep the parking garage open for some of the summer, however, it will most likely only be the east entrance that will be able to be used. No matter which detours we set up or which roadways are closed during the upcoming summer, I would like to remind everyone that the 1,500 parking spaces along North Drive will not be touched and will be available for your use all summer. Additionally all of the lots east of McDonough also will be available all summer long.

When the existing Cross Road elimination/reconstruction is completed there will be a “drop off” circle in front of McDonough and another “drop off” area south of Higbee Hall. The remainder of the current Cross Road will become pedestrian green space which will eliminate pedestrian/vehicle confrontations.

Also included in the project will be modifications to the loading area behind the Campus Center as well as modifications to the two existing staff parking areas located east of the campus center.

Parking lot “C” (located south of Hudson Hall) also will be repaved and reconfigured as part of this project and that work may require the temporary closing of the lot while the work is performed.

As this is an extensive project, I am asking everyone to obey the detours that will be set up. There will be no pedestrian traffic through the construction site except at designated detours.

Your cooperation is appreciated and as usual sorry for the inconvenience.