

The M Square development team is pleased to report that construction of a new traffic circle at University Research Court and River Road is moving into high gear. It is anticipated that the relocation of public utilities will be completed next week, allowing reconstruction of the intersection to get fully underway.

Construction activity over the coming weeks is planned to take place in two phases. The first phase following on utilities and demolition will be to pull-back curbs to reconstruct the four corners of the intersection. The existing traffic pattern is not planned to change during this activity but will remain in the current configuration. The second phase will be to construct the center of the traffic circle. At this time, the contractor will implement changes to the traffic pattern as needed to accommodate grading and construction activity. No road closures are planned, but lane shifts and uneven roadways should be anticipated.

Pedestrian movement through the intersection will be limited. Sidewalk closures will be posted in advance. For safety reasons, we ask that you respect these cautions and utilize alternate routes.

We are excited to be able to bring about this very significant improvement for M Square. We ask that you be patient and alert at all times during this disruption, and mindful that our goal is to complete work efficiently and safely, with as little inconvenience as possible. Thanks very much for your assistance.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call *Jane Briggs, Project Manager, University of Maryland* at 301-405-0241.