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Intermittent lane restrictions on Broadway Avenue, from University Drive to Myrtle Street, through October

BOISE – Lanes will be intermittently restricted on Broadway Avenue between University Drive and Myrtle Street through October. For approximately six weeks, lanes will be closed overnight, and sometimes during the day, as crews relocate utilities near the Broadway Avenue Bridge.

The utility work is being done in preparation for removing and rebuilding the Broadway Avenue Bridge over the Boise River. Construction of the bridge could begin as soon as this December.

Lane restrictions will begin tonight (Sept. 14). Northbound Broadway Avenue will be reduced to one lane between University and Myrtle from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Closing the lane will allow crews to dig trenches for relocating utilities underneath the roadway.

“ITD has looked at hourly traffic counts, and based the timing of these intermittent restrictions on this data so drivers experience minimal impacts,” said ITD Resident Engineer Daris Bruce. “Most of the utility work will occur at night. If lanes must be closed during the day, it will be done during non-peak hours.”

Click here for an updated [map](#) of current impacts related to utility-relocation activities near the Broadway Avenue Bridge.

Signs will be placed along Broadway Avenue to notify drivers and pedestrians of lane restrictions and sidewalk closures.

The existing Broadway Bridge is more than 50 years old and needs to be rebuilt so that the structure and function meet today’s standards. When complete, it will include more lanes for traffic, wider sidewalks, bicycle lanes and improved access to the Greenbelt

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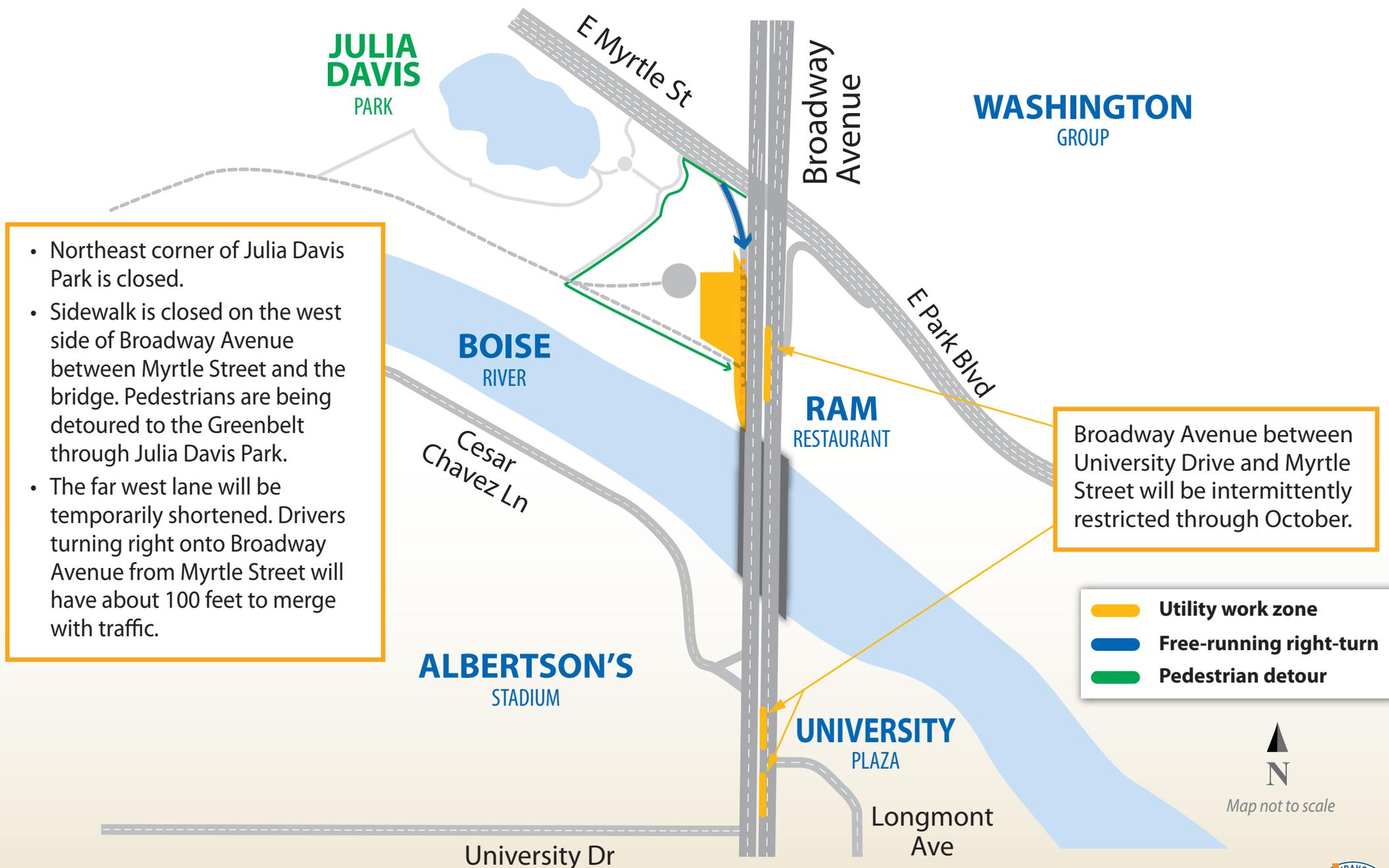
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Broadway Avenue Bridge Replacement

UTILITY RELOCATION IMPACTS

The Idaho Transportation Department is rebuilding the Broadway Avenue Bridge over the Boise River. The bridge is over 50 years old and needs to be rebuilt. In preparation for construction, power, water and telecommunication utilities are being relocated under and over the Boise River and under Broadway Avenue. Drivers and neighbors can expect to see increased activity and impacts during this work. Construction of the bridge is expected to begin in late 2015.



- Northeast corner of Julia Davis Park is closed.
- Sidewalk is closed on the west side of Broadway Avenue between Myrtle Street and the bridge. Pedestrians are being detoured to the Greenbelt through Julia Davis Park.
- The far west lane will be temporarily shortened. Drivers turning right onto Broadway Avenue from Myrtle Street will have about 100 feet to merge with traffic.

Broadway Avenue between University Drive and Myrtle Street will be intermittently restricted through October.