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Drivers are advised that Blueprint 2000 will temporarily close Shumard Oak Boulevard this weekend.

On Saturday, April 22 and Sunday April 23, Shumard Oak Boulevard will be temporarily closed for roadway construction. During the intersection closure, no pass-through traffic will be allowed onto Capital Circle via Shumard Oak Boulevard. Traffic from Shumard Oak Boulevard will be detoured to Capital Circle via Esplanade Way and Merchants Row Boulevard.

During the next two weeks, workers will continue to place base material and asphalt from Tram Road to Merchants Row. Additionally, crews will continue earthwork and installation of storm drainage pipes from Merchants Row to Barcelona Lane on the east side of the roadway. This work will be conducted away from the roadway and is not expected to impact traffic. However, motorists should be alert for construction vehicles entering and exiting the roadway from the construction zone.

Construction of the $36 million project began in May 2005 and is scheduled for completion in early 2008. However, weather or other unforeseen circumstances may affect construction schedules. Find details on this project and other Blueprint 2000 projects at www.blueprint2000.org.