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SEB Construction Challenges: Closed Service Drive and Pedestrian Route

With large construction projects come unforeseen challenges, and this has been no exception with the new Science and Engineering Building (SEB) utility construction. Prior to the start of utility work that began on June 5, Facilities sent out a notification indicating that the south Service Drive Entrance, between the AET and BSE, and the pedestrian route into the BSE would remain open during the utility work. Unfortunately, the contractor closed these routes on June 19 without coordinating with Facilities and this has had a negative impact on the university community.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this has caused and have instructed the contractor to re-open the Service Drive entrance and pedestrian route on June 22 to assure unimpeded access to vehicles and pedestrians. If there is a future need to close or alter these routes, we will provide the campus advanced notification.

The SEB utility work was scheduled to begin early in the Summer so we could finish this most disruptive portion of the work when there would be the least impact on the University community. While there is never an ideal time to complete excavation and installation of utility infrastructure, particularly when it impacts parking and occupants of existing buildings, we are doing our best to limit disruption to the campus community, and will continue to do so in the future.

Facilities will continue to post SEB construction updates and notifications on our website at: <http://facilities.utsa.edu/projects/science-and-engineering-building-seb/>, provide information for publication on UTSA Today, utilize social media platforms, and send email notifications like this to inform the University community of important developments relating to the SEB construction project.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during the largest construction project in university history and look forward to when the SEB will provide much needed laboratory, classroom, and collaborative space to support UTSA's academic and research programs.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the SEB construction, please contact Jonathan Jarrell at ext 6883.