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News Release

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### **Closure of Walnut and Kimbrough Intersection**

The intersection of Walnut Street and Kimbrough Avenue will be closed beginning at 8:00 a.m., Monday, November 28, 2011 and will remain closed through Wednesday, November 30, 2011.

The intersection work is part of the Walnut Street Streetscape project. The streetscape project includes reconstruction of water and gas lines throughout the block, installation of additional storm water facilities within the east half of the block, reconstruction of all sidewalks for ADA compliance, installation of pedestrian street lamps, and narrowing the roadway in the middle of the block with trees planted in a wider margin between the curb and sidewalk.

The project continues the Walnut Street improvements previously constructed between Campbell Avenue and Kimbrough Avenue and between John Q. Hammons Parkway and National Avenue. The project completes a pedestrian connection between Missouri State University campus and the downtown Springfield neighborhood. Hunter Chase and Associates is the contractor on the project. The project is funded by a Federal Transportation Enhancement grant, 1/8-Cent Transportation Sales Tax, 1/4-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax, Storm water funds, Historic Walnut Street, and Missouri State University.

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