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FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR UM TUNNEL RENOVATION PROJECT

MISSOULA—

Phase I of the installation of new steam tunnel segments and replacement of existing buried steam lines throughout The University of Montana campus began this week.

Workers hope to complete this phase of the two-year project by UM Homecoming, Sept. 28-29.

UM Facilities Services has worked to make this process as easy as possible for students, faculty, staff and visitors to campus. Initial steps in the project will be to erect traffic signs and to fence off the three construction zones involved in this phase of construction.

Even though sections of Maurice Avenue and Eddy Street will be blocked off during the construction, there will be access to all buildings nearby, but most of it will be on foot.

Mountain Line buses on routes one and 12, along with the Associate Students of UM Park-N- Ride and U-DASH buses, now will continue down Arthur Avenue and Sixth Street before looping past the Adams Center. Passengers who used the UM Music Building or Law Building stops will need to use stops at Jesse Hall, the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center or the Adams Center.

Phase II of steam tunnel construction is scheduled to begin in April 2008.

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Facilities Services urges people to be patient during this important process for the UM campus. Officials will post project updates regularly on the Facilities Services Web site at <http://www.facs.umt.edu>.

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