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CITY ANNOUNCES SIGNS AND SIGNALS AGREEMENT REACHED WITH UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FOR UM FOOTBALL GAMES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

ANN ARBOR, Mich. –August 26, 2011 – On August 16, City Council unanimously passed a resolution requiring the University of Michigan to reimburse the City of Ann Arbor for traffic management services on football games and special events. Currently, the UM does reimburse the city for Police and Fire public safety service costs.

Today, the City of Ann Arbor announced an agreement was reached with the UM by the August 26 deadline and therefore traffic management services would continue to be provided. However, the full range of signs and signals services previously provided by the city on game days will be reduced.

The UM traffic management plan includes continuing the conversion of the two-way traffic on A2-Saline Road from E. Stadium Blvd. to I-94 to one-way southbound traffic for the post game traffic. The plan does not include any pre-game traffic control operations, or the manual operation of the traffic signals at the other major intersections such as S. State Street and Eisenhower Blvd., or S. State Street and Briarwood Drive. The exception to this plan is the Sept. 10 game for which the full historically provided services will be provided.

In comparison to what residents and visitors have previously experienced, the new traffic control plan for this season may create additional traffic congestion at major arteries and the freeway ramps. Residents and visitors are advised to find alternative routes during these times.

“I am glad the city and UM were able to reach an agreement on this issue as the city values our many partnerships with the UM and strives to work collaboratively,” said Tom Crawford, Interim City of Ann Arbor Administrator and Chief Financial Officer. “Reaching an agreement on this issue and obtaining compensation for signs and signal services from the UM was vital to the city being able to provide these services to its residents and visitors.”

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and is frequently recognized as a foremost place to live,

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