When the Cascade Avenue reconstruction project starts in April 2012, Cascade Avenue will be closed to traffic from Spruce Street through to Wild Rose Avenue/Crescent Street. Existing Pavement will be removed and the installation of underground utilities will begin shortly thereafter. The project will be dynamic and changing on a weekly basis until Cascade Avenue is reopened to traffic in October of 2012.

Because this project bisects a campus with over 6,000 students in addition to faculty and staff, pedestrian crossings of Cascade within the project have been provided for. However, pedestrians will experience and should plan for some inconvenience. The Contractor will be required to establish smooth, slip resistant, hard surface walkways across Cascade Ave a maximum of two blocks apart. The crossings will connect with in place sidewalks to provide a continuous pedestrian path. Any crossings at or between Third and Fourth Streets will be 8 feet wide, while any crossing at other locations will be 4 feet wide. This means that if pedestrian crossings at Fourth Street are prohibited, pedestrians will have to go to either Third Street or Fifth Street to get across the Cascade Avenue work zone.

The internal campus sidewalk network and the sidewalks parallel to Cascade Avenue will also be affected by construction. Alternative sidewalk routes that require pedestrians to use reasonable alternate routes may be utilized by the contractor when replacing existing sidewalks.

The entire construction area will be fenced to help guide pedestrians to the safe crossing locations and to prevent them from crossing at an unprotected or dangerous area. Signs will provide directions to the nearest crossing. Pedestrians are asked to obey all crosswalk and sidewalk closures. We realize that you may find this to be inconvenient. This inconvenience must be balanced with allowing the contractor to perform the work required in a reasonable efficient and cost-effective manner.

Please respect all fences and obey all signs. The construction zone is an area with many hazards, some of which may not be evident to the general public. The construction zone will be monitored and any vandalism or tampering that occurs will be reported to the Police for enforcement and prosecution as warranted.