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Portion of Oscar Baxter Drive to close for utility work

TUSCALOOSA – A small portion of Oscar Baxter Drive will close next week in preparation for the Highway 69 flyover bridge in Tuscaloosa County.

Approximately 100 feet of Oscar Baxter Drive between Wendy's and Pizza Hut will be closed from Wednesday, January 3 through Friday, January 26, weather permitting, to allow the City of Tuscaloosa to perform utility work.

The flyover bridge will allow traffic to pass through the intersection of Highway 69 and Skyland Boulevard without stopping. The project will also add northbound and southbound lanes from the Interstate 20/59 interchange to Plantation Road.

This bridge will include separate ramps for vehicles to access I-20/59 and additional lanes to bring motorists down to the surface to gain access to Skyland Boulevard or Oscar Baxter Drive.

More than 56,000 vehicles use this corridor per day, an increase of 11 percent since 2016.

This is a joint project between the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission. The project is expected to go to bid in early 2024 and will take approximately three years to complete.

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