



# CITY OF TAMPA

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### **Stormwater Main Installation Closes Part of 30<sup>th</sup> Street** *Motorists urged to use McKinley Drive as alternate route*

Tampa, Fla. (Sept. 9, 2011) – Beginning Monday, Sept. 12, 2011, **30<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed from Bougainvillea Avenue to Fowler Avenue** for installation of a new stormwater main. The intersection of 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be fully closed to all thru-traffic. Access to 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be maintained from 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, and the City is working to ensure driveway access is maintained for businesses and residents in the construction zone.

To avoid traffic congestion, motorists should use McKinley Drive as an alternate route. If there are no unexpected weather delays, 30<sup>th</sup> Street is expected to re-open on September 17, 2011.

While installation of the stormwater pipeline will cause short-term traffic impacts, the benefits will be long lasting for Tampa's University Square, Lake Poinsettia, and Donut Pond areas. These areas have a history of flooding caused by heavy, short duration rains that overload the existing stormwater system. Tampa's 30th Street Stormwater Force Main/Duck Pond Stormwater Improvements Project will improve stormwater removal capacity, thereby reducing localized street flooding and better protecting private property.

This segment of the project includes installation of just over a half-mile of 54-inch diameter stormwater force main along 30th Street, from 113th Avenue to 500 feet south of Bougainvillea Avenue. Residents can stay up-to-date on the project by visiting the project website at [www.tampaucap.com](http://www.tampaucap.com) or by calling the UCAP hotline at (813) 777-9222.

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