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### **South State Street Detours Are Scheduled for November During Work on East Stadium Bridge Over South State Street**

**Bridge work will take place Nov. 15 – 17, 2009 (weather permitting)**

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Oct. 20, 2009 — At its meeting of Oct. 19, 2009, the Ann Arbor City Council passed a resolution authorizing the removal of five beams from the south side of the East Stadium bridge over South State Street, as recommended following the Sept. 15, 2009, bridge inspection by Northwest Consultants Inc. (NCI).

In his inspection letter, NCI Bridge Project Manager Jon Drummond states, “For a solution to these concerns I would recommend that the 5 southernmost beams be removed from the bridge. They no longer serve their function, they represent a safety concern for traffic on State Street, they require excessive attention from maintenance crews, and if left in place they could tempt someone who doesn’t know better to drive over them.” Drummond’s letter continues, “The advantages to this course of action are improved safety and a reduction in maintenance efforts.”

Aligned with the NCI recommendation to conduct the work prior to the start of winter, the city plans to remove the beams Sunday, Nov. 15 – Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009, weather permitting. It will be necessary to close South State Street to traffic while the beam removal work is performed. A detour will be in effect during this time, and the alternate route is noted on page two. In addition, the city provides this detour map on its Web site, [www.a2gov.org/news](http://www.a2gov.org/news), as well as on the East Stadium Bridges project site, [www.a2gov.org/stadiumbridges](http://www.a2gov.org/stadiumbridges).

“Because it is the city’s top priority to ensure safety, the bridge structure continues to be closely monitored,” said city Senior Project Manager Michael Nearing, P.E. Additional details as well as updates as they become available are posted to the project page on the city’s Web site, [www.a2gov.org/stadiumbridges](http://www.a2gov.org/stadiumbridges). The public may also visit this page to subscribe for notifications via e-mail, by clicking on the red envelope on the right of the page. Questions can be directed to Nearing at 734.794.6410, extension 43635 / [mnearing@a2gov.org](mailto:mnearing@a2gov.org).

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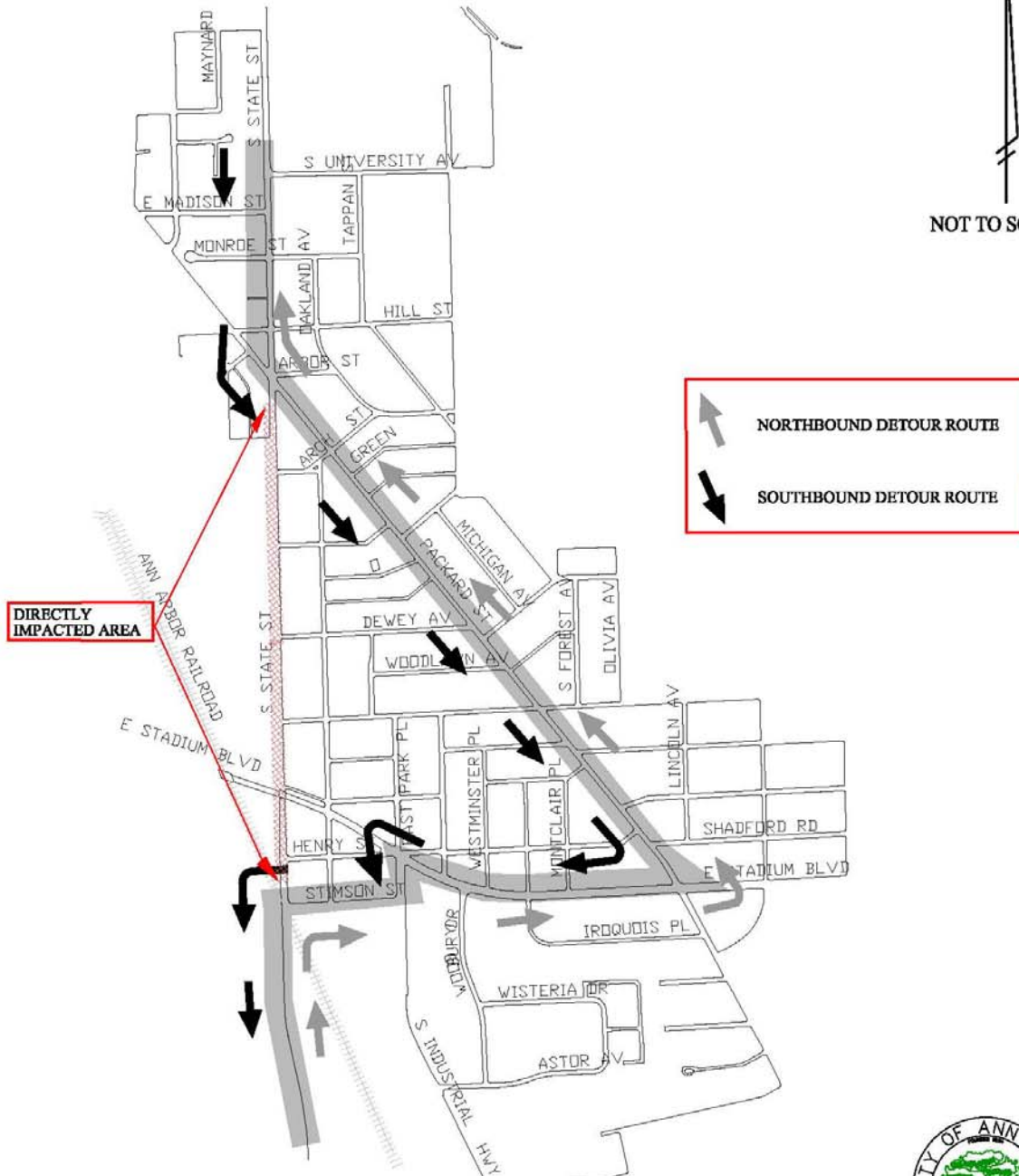
# SOUTH STATE STREET TEMPORARY DETOUR ROUTE

ONLY TO BE USED SHOULD BRIDGE OVER SOUTH STATE STREET  
NEED TO BE CLOSED FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME

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