

Utility upgrades near Kingston Fossil Plant will affect local traffic

A small portion of Swan Pond Road near Kingston Fossil Plant will be closed weekdays from approximately 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. for about three weeks beginning July 6. The closure is necessary to complete utility restoration and enhancements along a small stretch of Swan Pond Road between north and south Swan Pond Circle Road near Swan Pond United Methodist Church.

During this time, area residents will need to detour from Swan Pond Circle Road North along Hassler Mill Road or take Swan Pond Circle Road South to Swan Pond Road to reach local destinations.

To minimize inconvenience for motorists, the closed section of Swan Pond Road will be reopened nights and weekends, with any disturbed pavement covered by thick metal plates over which vehicles can safely travel.

During the closure, crews will install new water, sewer and telecommunication lines to benefit the local community. Before this work begins, the Kingston Ash Recovery Project will stockpile rock and stone so that truck traffic from nearby quarries will be minimized while utility construction is under way.

TVA studied the possibility of closing only one lane of Swan Pond Road, however the narrowness of the road and the resulting reduction in workspace would at least triple the time needed to complete the work. And, closures would likely be required anyway.

The utility construction will be performed by a TVA contractor as part of extensive work to replace and enhance the City of Kingston and Harriman Utility Board water, gas and effluent lines that were disrupted by the Kingston ash spill in December 2008.

