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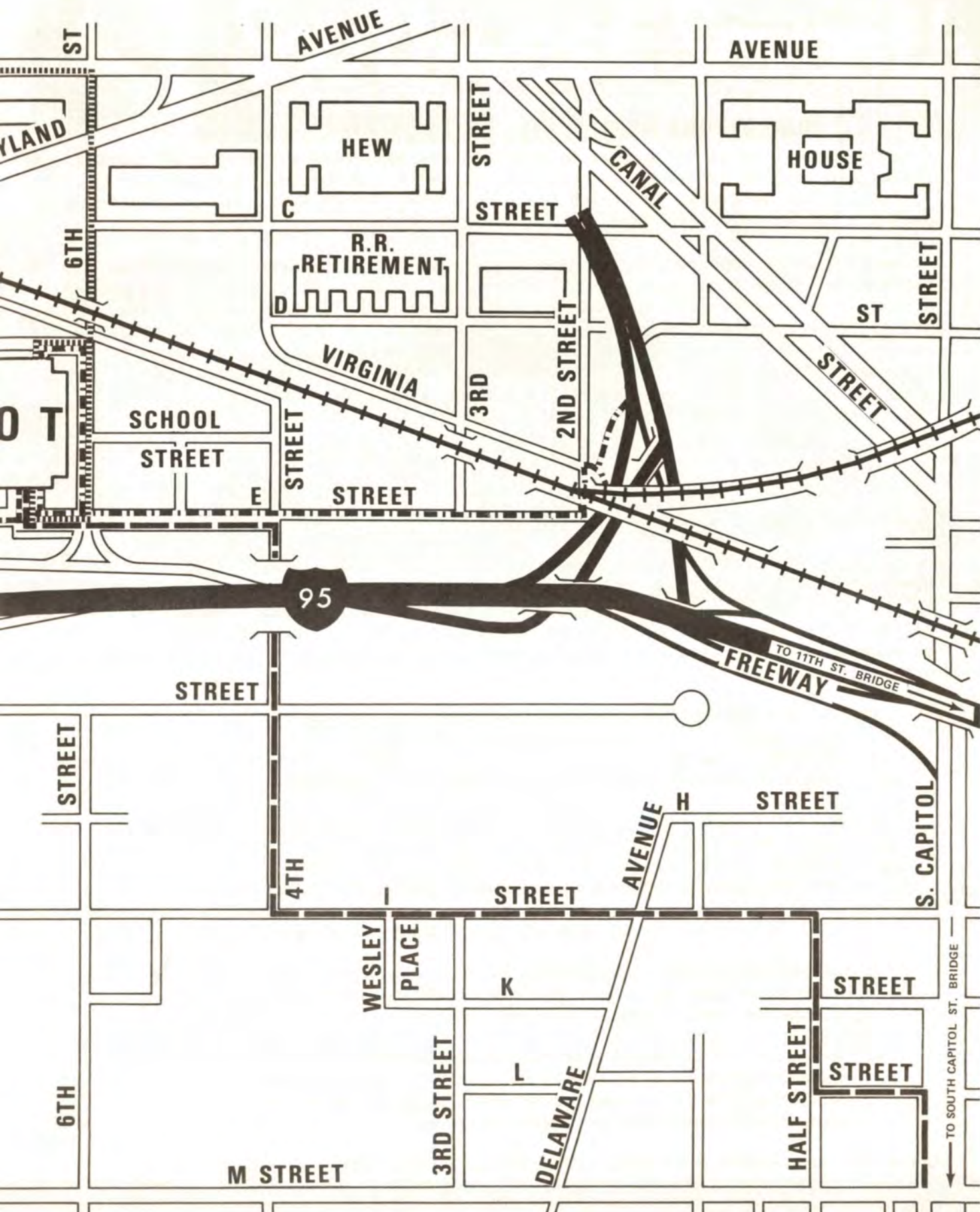
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METRO CONSTRUCTION AFFECTING SOUTHWEST AREA TRAFFIC FLOW

Southwest employment area commuters face a long period of construction activity which will affect the traffic in this vicinity. Anyone who has driven uptown in the business sections this past year realizes how bad it can get. We are attempting to get the most accurate forecasts of construction schedules and changes that affect our commuting employees, but wide operating latitude is required by the construction contractors and on-the-spot decisions are often made with little time allowed for the information to flow through the required channels. An example is the short-notice closing of the slip-ramp from "D" Street at 9th leading to the 14th Street Bridge.

Work began Wednesday, November 1, on the underpinning of the DOT Headquarters Building in preparation for the excavation of the METRO terminal. This underpinning is being done from inside the P-3 garage level and will affect parking along the 7th Street and the "D" Street sides of the building. This phase is currently scheduled to require approximately six months.



Outside excavation on "D" Street to underpin the Reporters Building will require the closing of one lane on the north side of "D" Street between 6th and 7th Streets. That lane will be closed starting Monday, November 6, for an indefinite period.

Obviously, these construction projects will impede normal traffic flow and a certain amount of inconvenience will need to be borne as cheerfully as possible. To help you consider some alternative routes around the "strangulated" areas, a few of those possibilities are shown on the "centerfold" map. Although the routes are laid out from the more directly affected Headquarters Building, occupants of FOB-10A will have no problem utilizing any of the suggestions. As METRO construction plans progress and changes are made known to us, we will keep you as informed as possible.

PARKING AS AFFECTED BY METRO CONSTRUCTION

In preparation for the construction work in the DOT Headquarters Building garage, many permit holders have been moved recently from one level to another in the Headquarters Building and from that building to FOB-10A. Parking on all levels in both buildings will be much tighter, but all permit holders can be accommodated if rules are followed and all are cooperative. The following areas need emphasis:

1. Be sure that parking applications list all current car pool members. It is more important than ever that parking management be able to contact drivers quickly where necessary. Unforeseen problems arise everyday!
2. Do not look only in your own quadrant for a parking space before parking in the aisle--check the whole parking level to which you are assigned. Only after you are sure no vacancy is available should you park in the aisle. Keeping the aisles as clear as possible will be helpful during this period of over-crowding.
3. In stacked areas, when parking in an aisle, or in any case where you think your car might have to be moved, please be sure to leave the ignition key.
4. Remember the attendant call buttons located outside each elevator bank on levels P-2 and P-3. This button will indicate to the attendant where help is needed so stay nearby until the attendant arrives.

Let's all work together to keep the problems of this difficult period to a minimum. Your cooperation will be to your own benefit as well as to your fellow employees.