Minnehaha Park Area Regional Sewer Improvements Project
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Lane closure on West River Parkway to continue for MCES work

The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) recently closed half of West River Parkway to provide better social distancing for pedestrians. Crews will soon begin cleaning the sewer pipes that run along West River Parkway between 33rd Street and 36th Street (see map on the right).

Crews will use the northbound half of the West River Parkway that is already closed to gain access to the underground pipes and to store equipment and materials that are needed to clean the pipes. This work will begin at 7 a.m. on Monday, April 20, and is anticipated to continue until late October of this year.

West River Parkway will continue to be open to southbound only traffic. Crews will be on site to direct southbound traffic around active work zones as needed. Northbound traffic should follow the posted detour route using 36th Street, Edmund Boulevard and 33rd Street (see map above). Pedestrian access will remain open, but there may be temporary pathways or surfaces.

Temporary southbound only traffic on 47th Avenue begins April 22

Weather permitting, 47th Avenue will temporarily become a one-way (southbound only) street to provide room for temporary conveyance pipes between 44th Avenue and 52nd Street (see map below). One-way traffic starts at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, and will remain in place for approximately four months. This traffic change is necessary for crews to install and maintain the temporary wastewater conveyance pipes and pumps along Highway 55.

Residents and businesses in the area will receive notification in advance of the traffic change with information on access changes to their properties. Pedestrian access to businesses at the intersection of 52nd Street and 47th Avenue will remain open, but there may be temporary pathways and gravel or other temporary surfaces.

The temporary wastewater conveyance pipes will remain in place through August when the rehabilitation work in this area is complete. At that time, the pipes will be removed, and the road will be permanently repaved.

See below for more information
50th Street Station sidewalk closure and pedestrian detour
The sidewalk connection between the 50th Street Station and 47th Avenue will be closed while the temporary conveyance pipes remain in place (see map above). Pedestrians should follow the posted detour route using 50th Street, 43rd Avenue, 51st Street and 44th Avenue.

Safety reminder
Trail users, for your safety, please remember to follow any posted detour signs and do not cross the fenced off areas.

Construction activities and schedules are subject to change due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

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