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Routine repairs to Eastbank Esplanade floating dock throughout November

(Portland, OR) – Repairs to the side planks on the gangway leading down to the floating dock of the Eastbank Esplanade will begin Monday, November 1 and are expected to last between three to four weeks. During that period, contractors will be using welding equipment behind tenting, designed to both catch debris and to protect the public from the eye-damaging flames from welding equipment.

During this project, all trail users will be asked to use caution as they pass through the work zone. For the safety of both trail users and work crews, all trail users, including those on bikes, skateboards, or other transportation modes, will be asked to walk through the work zone. The work zone will be pinched, but a six-foot wide stretch of ramp will remain open throughout the project to allow trail users through access. The project equipment will be set up and taken down daily, to allow for unimpeded after-hours trail use.

These repairs will be conducted weekdays throughout the month of November, until completed. The hours of work will be roughly 7 a.m. through 5 p.m.

There will also be intermittent closures, up to five minutes at a time, for safety reasons as equipment and materials are moved in, out, and around the work site. These temporary closures will be kept to a minimum to limit impact on trail users.

This project will be making repairs to the ramps that lead up and down each side of the floating dock portion of the Eastbank Esplanade. Portland Parks & Recreation will also be installing and testing a new material being considered to replace the rubber lips at the end of the sliding plates that make up the ramps.

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