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Washington Park Traffic Updates

During the weekend of March 31 to April 1, 2018, construction crews will restore much of the traffic flow in Washington Park affected by the Portland Water Bureau's Washington Park Reservoir Improvement Project. These restoration efforts will be fully in place by Monday morning, April 2, 2018. (Details below.)

All streets that were temporarily closed or had traffic flow changes related to this project will be reopened and returned to their typical traffic patterns. Most of the 220 parking spaces that were closed will be reopened, except for approximately 42 spaces that will remain closed until the end of construction in 2024.

Local residents and visitors to the park should still expect delays, and watch for signs, plan extra time for trips, and consider alternate routes and modes of transportation to get to destinations.

Impacts include:

Park Entrances and Exits

- All entrances and exits will be open.

Road Openings and Intermittent Delays

- Southwest Sacajawea Boulevard will reopen to traffic in the west to east direction, but will remain closed to pedestrians.
- Southwest Sherwood Boulevard will reopen between Southwest Rose Garden Way and Southwest Sacajawea Boulevard, with **intermittent delays** between Murray Street and Sacajawea Boulevard.

Traffic Flow Reversal

- Traffic flow will be restored (east to west pattern) on Southwest Lewis Clark Way.

Multi-Use Shared Path

- A designated path separates pedestrians and cyclists from vehicles on Southwest Lewis Clark Way.

- Pedestrians and cyclists can use the path to travel both in and out of the park on Southwest Lewis Clark Way.
- Cyclists are required to walk and not ride bicycles on the paths.

Parking

- All parking spaces are closed on Southwest Lewis Clark Way and Sacajawea Boulevard.
- Parking spaces along Southwest Sherwood Boulevard from just south of Southwest Murray Street north to Southwest Sacajawea Boulevard are closed; all others will open.

Trails

- Madison Trail: Pedestrians and cyclists can enter and exit via Southwest Madison Street and Sacajawea Boulevard. The trail will be closed intermittently; watch for signage.

About the Washington Park Reservoir Improvement Project

The Portland Water Bureau's Washington Park Reservoir Improvement Project will seismically strengthen key water infrastructure on Portland's west side and help ensure a healthy, resilient, and secure water system. When complete and online, the new reservoir will supply water to Portland's west side and serve more than 360,000 people, including all downtown businesses and residents, industrial customers, 20 schools, three hospital complexes, more than 60 parks, and some of Portland's world class attractions. It will also provide fire suppression.

For more information, visit www.portlandoregon.gov/water/wpreservoirs.