



June 9, 2020

RE: NOTICE OF TRAIL, RECREATION AREA, AND UNDERPASS CLOSURE AT ZORINSKY LAKE ALONG 168TH STREET - STPC-3811(1) 168th St., West Center - Q St., Omaha; C.N. 22209

Dear Resident.

The City of Omaha is providing notice that we are proposing to modify the previously proposed closure window of portions of the Zorinsky Lake Trail, portions of the Zorinsky Lake Recreation Area, and the Zorinsky Lake bridge boating underpass adjacent to 168th Street. The closure window change is needed in order to better facilitate reconstruction of the 168th Street Bridge over Zorinsky.

168th Street between Q Street and West Center Road is planned to be reconstructed to a four-lane roadway divided by a median. The existing two-lane roadway is at capacity and often experiences delays during the peak hours. Improvements with this project include a new roadway with curb and gutter, enclosed storm sewer, sidewalks, retaining walls, noise walls, a bridge over Zorinsky Lake and traffic signals. The projects is intended to improve local and regional mobility, reduce driver delay and improve pedestrian accessibility along the 168th Street corridor.

The public was previously provided an opportunity to review and comment on the project and its associated impacts at Zorinsky Lake in May 2017, in conjunction with the development of the Environmental Assessment. The closure of the trail and underpass was anticipated to be in place for up to one year. During final design, it was determined that the closure of the Zorinsky Lake Trail and bridge underpass would need to be extended to 18 months. Work within the Zorinsky Lake Recreation Area would also be in place for 18 months. The change in the duration of the closure and work within Zorinsky Lake Recreation Area is needed to maintain construction under traffic and accommodate complicated construction elements, such as bridge expansion, within a restricted space.

To provide continued use of the Zorinsky Lake Trail, a temporary trail would be available for use during the closure. The Zorinsky Lake Bridge underpass would be closed to boat users. Although boaters would not be allowed to access the west basin via the bridge underpass, boating would still be allowed in the west basin. To access the west basin, small boaters would be able to carry and launch their boat from the shorelines of the west basin.

For more information about the STPC-3811(1) 168th St., West Center - Q St., Omaha; C.N. 22209 project and to review project resources visit http://www.keepomahamoving.com/projects/168th-street-q-street-west-center-road.

Sincerely,

Jeff Babcock, Project Manager, City of Omaha Public Works







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