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As work on the Riverfront Revitalization Project progresses eastward, access to 8th Street will be limited in the coming days followed by a semi-permanent closure throughout the remainder of construction at the Gene Leahy Mall.

The Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (MECA) Tri-Park Complex, LLC would like to make the public aware that the following restrictions will soon take effect:

- **Friday, July 26:** 8th Street between Douglas and Farnam Streets will temporarily close from 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM for pedestrian bridge removal
- **Monday, August 5:** 8th Street between Douglas and Farnam Streets will be closed until Gene Leahy Mall reopens in 2021

This closure will also immediately impact the way CHI Health Center Omaha event-goers access Lot A, which will no longer be reachable from Farnam Street. Instead, individuals must utilize Capitol Avenue to access Riverfront Drive, which connects to the entrance of Lot A. Please see the attached map, which also illustrates the 13th Street and Douglas Street closures.

Additionally, Heartland of America Park is scheduled to close late this fall with construction beginning in early 2020. More information will be made available when a definite date is determined. The City Parks Department is currently planning for the careful removal of the art pieces from within.

The Gene Leahy Mall renovation is scheduled for overall completion by 2021. Heartland of America Park and the Lewis & Clark Landing will be the final phases to reopen in 2023.

Construction and project updates can be found at [www.riverfrontrevitalization.com](http://www.riverfrontrevitalization.com) and the Mayor’s website at [https://mayors-office.cityofomaha.org](https://mayors-office.cityofomaha.org). Questions may be referred to the MECA Riverfront Hotline at (402) 599-6565 or info@omahameca.com, or by contacting the Mayor’s Hotline at (402) 444-5555 or email at hotline@cityofomaha.org.

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