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In about two weeks, The RiverFront construction team will close the Lewis & Clark Landing for the third and final phase of park renovations.

The area will become restricted on Monday, September 21 at 6:00 AM.

This closure will include part of Riverfront Drive between the CHI Health Center Omaha Lot A entrance (east of 8th Street along Dodge) and the National Park Service (NPS) Midwest Regional Headquarters (located at 601 Riverfront Drive).

The Martin Luther King Jr. walking bridge and Bob Kerrey pedestrian bridge will remain open during construction, but the parking lots within Lewis & Clark Landing will be closed. Public parking for bridge access includes downtown Omaha near the CHI Health Center plaza entrance (off of Capitol Avenue – which links up with the Martin Luther King Jr. bridge) or on the Council Bluffs side of the Missouri River near Tom Hanafan River’s Edge Park.

The NPS Headquarters, Riverfront Place condominium complex and Gallup will all still be accessible from Abbott Drive.

Upon completion (anticipated in 2023, weather permitting) the newly renovated Lewis & Clark Landing will feature exciting elements such as a state-of-the-art playground, an urban beach (complete with fire pits) and a scenic boardwalk.

Lewis & Clark Landing will also be the proposed site of the Heritage Services’ recently announced STEM-inspired Discovery Center project.

Another temporary measure scheduled for downtown Omaha includes the partial restriction of Farnam Street between 11th and 12th Streets, effective today (September 8) for about two weeks. This will include:

- The reduction of Farnam Street to one (southernmost lane);
- The closure of Farnam Street’s north sidewalk (between 11th and 12th Streets);
- The loss of Farnam Street parking between 11th and 12th Streets;

An attached map helps to better illustrate this closure.

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

The public may also go online to see images from the Heartland of America Park and Gene Leahy Mall progress cameras, which provide current views of project development. The links are located on The RiverFront website. A Lewis & Clark Landing progress camera will also launch in the coming weeks.

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