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TRAFFIC ALERT: Lick Run Greenway

Kebler Street Re-Opening in South Fairmount

Van Hart Bypass Closing in South Fairmount

CINCINNATI – Construction of the nationally recognized Lick Run Greenway project in South Fairmount began in early July 2017 and will continue through fall 2019. The \$90 million Greenway includes a mile-long bioengineered creek in a park-like setting through the valley corridor.

This project will impact traffic in South Fairmount throughout the course of construction, including full road closures and lane restrictions. *All work is weather and schedule dependent.* A breakdown of the latest traffic pattern change is below:

Traffic Pattern Change – Re-Opening of Kebler Street, Closing of Van Hart Bypass

Kebler Street – a cross street between Queen City and Westwood avenues in South Fairmount - will re-open to traffic on Thursday, August 30, weather permitting. This roadway has been closed since August 2017 for the construction of a bridge and underground stormwater conveyance box (for flood control).

Soon after Kebler Street re-opens, the Van Hart Bypass will close permanently and be demolished. The Bypass was a temporary cross street constructed just east of Van Hart Street to help alleviate traffic issues. The closure of the Van Hart Bypass is anticipated to occur the week of September 3.

Please see the attached map.

Plan for Delays, Drive with Caution, or Find an Alternate Route

Project construction and utility relocations have resulted in numerous concurrent lane restrictions and road closures in the South Fairmount area that are impacting Queen City Avenue, Westwood Avenue, and many cross streets (see list below).

If you are driving in the area, please plan for delays and drive with caution. Better yet, find an alternate route.

Current Traffic Pattern Changes

The following traffic pattern changes are currently in place:

- Closure of southbound State Avenue between the ramp from Harrison Avenue and Queen City Avenue. The northbound lane is open.
- Partial opening of new Harrison Avenue between Westwood and Queen City avenues. Two southbound lanes and one northbound lane (from the lower deck of the Western Hills Viaduct) are currently open.
- Closure of Grand Avenue between Westwood and Queen City avenues.
- Closure of Van Hart Street between Westwood and Queen City avenues.
- Various temporary lane restrictions in the project area for the relocation of utilities and/or construction of new sewer segments.

For additional information and archived press releases, please visit the Lick Run website at www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun.

To sign up for Lick Run Project email updates or to discuss customer issues, please contact MSD Engineering Customer Service at (513) 557-3594 or MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov.

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Location Map:

