

Press Release

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Street Closures Will Affect Hermann Park Traffic Construction in the Texas Medical Center Calls for Lane Closures

Beginning April 17, 2016, a major construction project adjacent to Hermann Park will cause significant traffic disruptions, and citizens should be aware of lane closures and alternate ways of reaching the park. The traffic changes will occur in two phases: a short-term and a long-term phase that will extend through a construction project in the Texas Medical Center.

Phase One will call for Cambridge Street to be reduced to one eastbound and one westbound lane between the T.M.C. Garage 4 and Fannin Street. Hermann Park visitors should consider using METRORail or bus service to reach the park, or approach the park from Fannin or Hermann Drive. It is important to bear in mind that ambulances coming to and from the T.M.C. should be given the right of way, which will be difficult within the two-lane, two-way traffic pattern. Traffic control officers and flaggers will be directing traffic. Automobiles exiting the parking garage onto Cambridge Street will only be able to turn right.

Details of Phase Two of the traffic plan will be released closer to the proposed implementation date, estimated to take place in May 2016.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,859 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.