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Tree Maintenance at Union Street Dam

Traverse City – Motorists, Pedestrians, and bicyclists should be aware that the DPS Traverse City Parks and Recreation Division will be performing tree maintenance activities at the Union Street Dam. The work will be taking place on the north and south sides of the Boardman River. The work will begin on October 27, 2023 at 7:30 am and will continue with appropriate signage until complete.

The trail over the dam between parking lot J (south side of river) and the alley on the north will be closed to all bicycle and pedestrian traffic during the work with Cass and Union Street will serve as the detour. Access to the river and boardwalk will remain in place from the Union Street Bridge and Lot J. Appropriate signage will be in place.

The maintenance is being performed in accordance with the State of Michigan EGLE Dam Safety Inspection Report for Dam ID No. 511. In 2021, a required MDEQ Dam Safety Unit inspection was performed and indicated a downgraded rating from Good to Fair/Poor condition. The Michigan Dam Safety recommended several maintenance activities and investigatory tasks in the inspection report which included tree maintenance. In November 2021, the City began contracting for dam monitoring services. The location of tree maintenance at the Union Street Dam is at the future site of the FishPass project. A start date for FishPass construction has not been determined at this time.

Please use alternate routes avoiding this area to reduce congestion, delay, and promote worker safety.

We would like to thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation. Please feel free to contact Frank Dituri at (231) 922-4900 ext. 116 if you have any questions, comments or concerns about the work or the schedule.

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