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Bear Creek Trail Closed

The section of the Bear Creek Trail, located between Range Line and Garth Avenue, will be closed to all trail users effective February 23, 2009. This section is closed due to the Providence Road Extension Project. This extension project will consist of new street pavement from Vandiver Drive to Blue Ridge Road, construction of a new multi-span bridge over Bear Creek and the Bear Creek Trail, and new sidewalks. Connecting walkways to the Bear Creek Trail is included in this project, providing greater access to the neighborhoods located just north of Interstate 70. The total cost for this project is \$4.2 million.

A trail detour has been developed which will direct trail users around the construction. Park staff has erected informational and directional signs at various points along the trail. A detour map is also available on the Parks & Recreation Department's website.

The project is expected to be completed in the fall 2009. Expanding Providence Road will significantly help with vehicular and pedestrian traffic to offer better connectivity to and from the north part of Columbia.

For more information on the Providence Road Extension Project, please contact Jill Stedem at the Public Works Department, (573) 874-7250.

For more information on the trail detour, please contact Tammy Miller of the Parks and Recreation Department (573) 874-7460 or check the department's website for detour maps (<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/>)