



January 14, 2021

Re: Construction Progress Update

White Rock Lake Patrons,

Thank you for your interest in the City of Dallas Water Utilities White Rock Lake (WRL) Dam Maintenance Project, a construction project that includes dam and spillway concrete repairs, slope stabilization improvements, and vegetation management within the footprint of the dam. The contractor mobilized equipment and resources to the area during the week of November 16, 2020 and construction activities are underway. The project has an anticipated construction completion date of Summer 2022, weather permitting.

In the past few weeks, the contractor began work on the crushed stone access road at the base of the dam to allow for equipment access to construction areas. The access road is about two thirds complete beginning from the Pump Building heading east towards the spillway. Fencing is also being installed along the access road for public safety and to prevent public access to construction areas and the old Fish Hatchery during construction. At this time, fencing is being installed along the base of the dam and is halfway complete.

Some of the concrete repair and replacement work is located on areas that are partially underwater at the current lake level. The contractor will need to lower the water in the lake by approximately a foot to accomplish this work. This week, in preparation for this work, the contractor is removing several stop logs in the spillway to lower the lake levels. The lake lowering may be very slow depending on incoming creek flow. The level of the lake will be returned to normal pool level when the structural work is complete, and the stop logs are reinstalled.

It is important to note that this is an on-going maintenance project to maintain the integrity of the dam and to meet Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations. The project team has coordinated with the City Forester to identify the overgrowth of trees and brush that will be removed at the base of the dam, eliminating a potential failure mode. Tree removal consists of a narrow 15-foot band at the base of the dam and brush removal will extend as necessary to construct the access road.

Electronic signs indicating trail detours and project information are being replaced with hard signs that will be installed later this week. The signs refer the public to visit the White Rock Lake webpage at <http://www.dallasparks.org/235/White-Rock-Lake> on the Dallas Parks and Recreation website for additional information on the WRL Dam Maintenance Project.

Below is an estimated timeline and construction activities scheduled for the upcoming months. Please keep in mind that all construction activities are weather permitting.

| Timeline | Construction Activity |
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| November 16, 2020 | Official Notice to Proceed (NTP) issued. The contractor began mobilization of equipment and resources to the area. |
| December 2020 | Site preparation, associated administrative functions, survey, fencing, and limited vegetation removal for access road construction. Signage posted indicating trail closures and detours to open trails. |
| January/February 2021 | Construction activities scheduled to begin |

As safety is a top priority, there will be no public access allowed in construction areas including the old fish hatchery. Everyone is urged to follow all signage posted in the construction zones.

Please be assured that the City is making every effort to minimize the disruption and inconvenience to White Rock Lake patrons. However, there may be some inconvenience to you as the construction work occurs. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

If you have any questions please contact Estela Ornelas, Sr. Public Affairs Officer at 214-671-9554 or estela.ornelas@dallascityhall.com. Questions may also be directed to Project Manager, Mark S. Mihm P.E. ENV SP at 214-670-4271 or Mark.Mihm@dallascityhall.com