



## PRESS RELEASE

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## TRAFFIC ALERT: Lick Run Greenway

*Van Hart Bypass Opening Monday, February 19*

*Grand Avenue Closing Monday, February 26*

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 \$89.9 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 changes is below:

### **Traffic Pattern Change – Van Hart Bypass**

A new cross street in South Fairmount – dubbed the Van Hart Bypass – is opening to motorists on the morning of Monday, February 19, weather permitting. The roadway, which is one lane in each direction, runs between Queen City and Westwood avenues in the 1800 block. It is located between the existing Kebler and Van Hart cross streets, which are both closed due to construction of the Lick Run Greenway. *Please see the attached map for location of the Van Hart Bypass.*

The Van Hart Bypass was constructed to help with traffic in the area due to the closure of other cross streets. Traffic on the Bypass will be controlled by stop signs; there will be no traffic signals. Please exercise caution when pulling out into traffic from this street.

### **Traffic Pattern Change – Closure of Grand Avenue**

Grand Avenue - between Queen City and Westwood avenues in South Fairmount - will fully close to motorists on the morning of Monday, February 26, weather permitting. The roadway will remain closed through the end of the year or longer for construction of a bridge over the Lick Run Greenway. *Please see the attached map for location of the road closure.*

## **Avoid Road Rage by Avoiding this Area**

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 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. Avoid road rage!

### **Current Traffic Pattern Changes**

The following traffic pattern changes are currently in place:

- Closure of southbound State Avenue between Queen City Avenue and the ramp from Harrison Avenue, and northbound State Avenue between the ramp from Harrison Avenue and Queen City Avenue reduced to one lane.
- Closure of northbound Harrison Avenue between Westwood and Queen City avenues.
- Closure of Van Hart Street between Westwood and Queen City avenues.
- Closure of Kebler 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 about this project, please visit the Lick Run website at [www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun](http://www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun) and click on Lick Run Greenway under Quick Links.

For an archive of all press releases on this project, please visit the Lick Run website at [www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun](http://www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun) and click on Construction & Traffic Info under Quick Links.

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# Location Map

