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Road Construction to begin on Rock Creek Parkway from Virginia Avenue to P Street, N.W.; Delays Expected

Washington, D.C. --The National Park Service (NPS) will begin a road construction project on Rock Creek Parkway between Virginia Avenue, N.W. and P Street, N.W., beginning Monday, April 2, 2007. As part of this project, repair work at Thompson's Boat Center, located at Rock Creek Parkway and Virginia Avenue, N.W., will also be performed.

The project will include roadway reconstruction, bridge deck resurfacing, stone median replacement, widening of the multi-use trail and repaving of the Parkway and Thompson's Boat Center parking lot. Construction will also include drainage work, grading, roadway paving and curb replacement. The multi-use pedestrian and bicycle trail will be closed for approximately four weeks for reconstruction during the first phase of the project. Detour signs will be in place prior to work beginning.

Construction crews will work Monday through Saturdays 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. to 4:30 a.m., if night work is required. Weekend work hours are Friday 7:00 p.m. – Monday 5:00 a.m. Three travel lanes will remain open during rush hours northbound and southbound. Lane closures will occur as needed to accommodate road work. The planned completion date for all work is spring 2008.

Signs and variable message boards will be posted for lane closures, detours and delays at various times and locations during the entire construction process.

Inclement weather may require adjustments to the schedule. The NPS will continue to inform the public and the media of any adjustments in the work schedule. Every effort is being made to minimize traffic delays and accomplish the work in a timely manner.

BROADCASTER'S NOTE:

Please announce on your morning and afternoon drive times and on 5:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m., 12 noon, 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. newscasts beginning Thursday, March 29, 2007.

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