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# Big Creek Rd. Bridge to Close to Vehicular Traffic Until Further Notice (Map Included)

**Newport, Ore. -** Big Creek Rd. bridge will close to vehicular traffic until further notice on Thursday, October 10, to prioritize the safety of motorists after an inspection report classified the substructure of the bridge to be in serious condition. The bridge is located between NE Harney St. and the main entrance to Big Creek Park. Visitors to Big Creek Reservoir will be required to exit the area via NE Harney St. Pedestrians and bicyclists will still be able to cross the bridge.

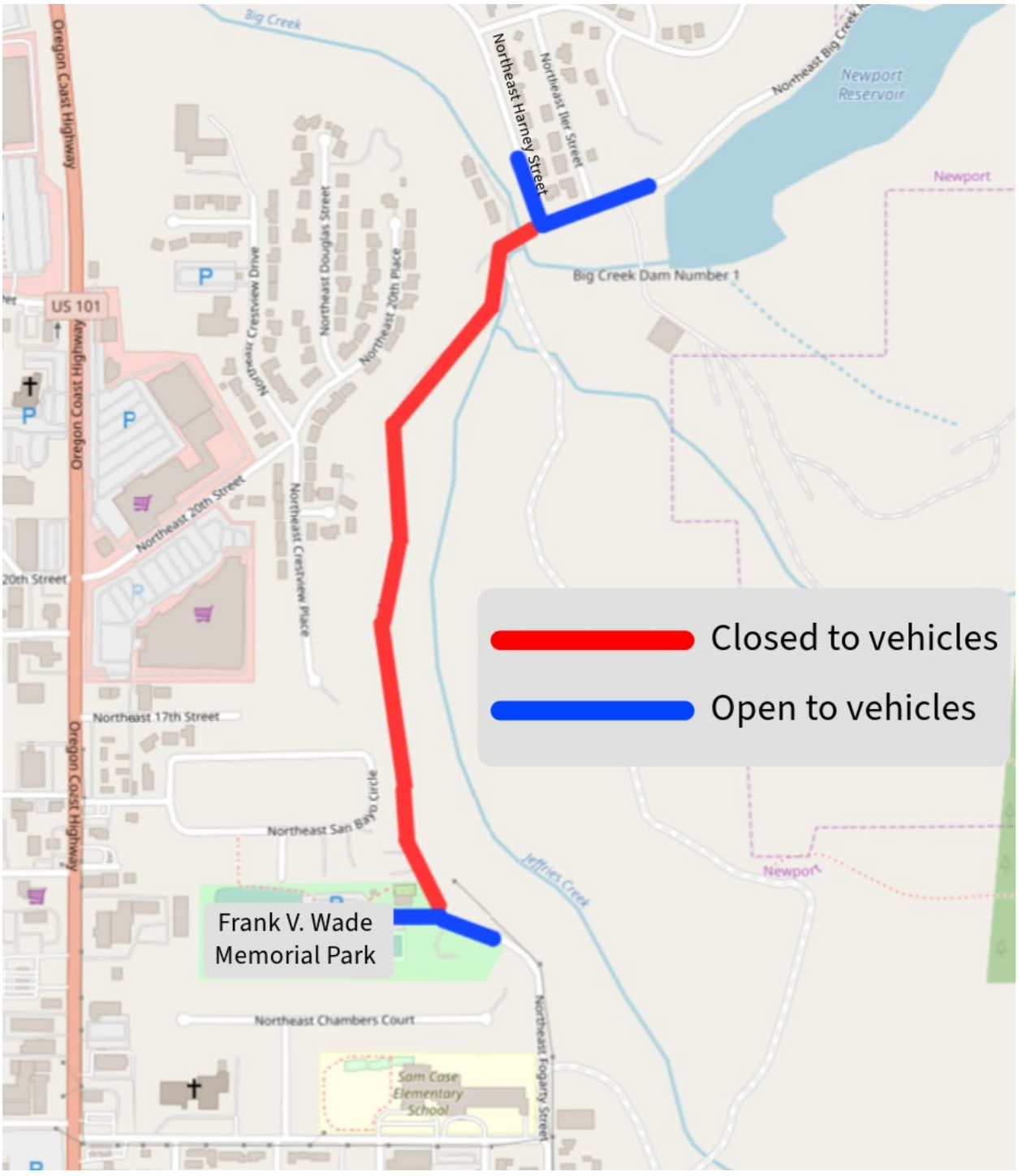
“The safety of our community members is top priority. A number of our teams at the city are working diligently to evaluate temporary and long-term solutions for this bridge, and we are working directly with community members impacted by this closure,” stated Newport City Engineer Chris Beatty.

In coordination with this closing, Big Creek Park will also close on Oct. 10, and NE Big Creek Rd. will not be open to through traffic between NE Harney St. and slightly north of the entrance to Frank V. Wade Memorial Park. Big Creek Reservoir, Frank V. Wade Memorial Park and the Ocean to Bay Trail will remain open to the public.

Motorists visiting Big Creek Reservoir will be required to exit the area via NE Harney St. Motorists visiting Frank V. Wade Memorial Park will be required to enter the park via NE Fogarty St.

The Oregon Department of Transportation inspects this bridge annually. Due to the findings from the most recent inspection, it was recommended that the bridge be closed no later than Oct. 16. City of Newport officials have decided to close the bridge immediately as a precaution for the safety of community members and motorists in the area.

City of Newport officials will provide updates on these impacted areas as they become available.

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