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“Elkhorn River Trail Work Started”

Spring brings flowers and it also brings...trails. Work began recently on the new trail that will extend from the Cowboy Trailhead in the far southwest corner of TaHaZouka Park along the Elkhorn River to First Street.

The 10 foot wide and mile long concrete trail should be finished in the next ten to twelve weeks, according to Mark Dolechek, Assistant Engineer for the City of Norfolk.



“The contractors have already moved a couple of disc golf pads and have staked out the trail that follows the north bank of the Elkhorn River. Once they get the dirt work completed, it won’t take long for the trail to be poured,” Dolechek said.

This week pilings on the east side have been driven and the abutment poured for a 110 foot long pedestrian bridge that will span Corporation Gulch near the First Street entrance to the trail on the east end. There will also be a 20 stall parking lot put in near First Street.

The total cost of the trail project is expected to be \$870,000 with 75% of those costs provided from federal funding through the Nebraska Department of Roads Enhancement Program and the Federal Highway

Administration. The rest is locally funded by the City of Norfolk and the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District.

Dolechek said that access to the Cowboy Trail will remain open to the public throughout construction. An alternate sidewalk to the Cowboy Trail near the trailhead has already been put in place.

TR Harris from Homer is the contractor for the project. Schemmer Associates is providing construction oversight.