

Capital City Path - Glacial Drumlin Extension

Project Engineer

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Project Limits

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Capital City Path Extension (City): Vondron Rd to Interstate 39/90
Glacial Drumlin Extension (County): Interstate 39/90 to E Buckeye Rd

Project Description

This project includes a continuous, off-street shared-use path from Vondron Rd to the east-side of the Interstate-39/90 Railroad Underpass. The proposed path will follow along the southern boundary of the existing railroad corridor in the largely flat, grassy area to the north of Terra's property. Some tree removals along the railroad corridor will be needed for the path construction. This alternative will include a new bike-pedestrian bridge over an unnamed drainage channel, this proposed bridge would follow parallel to the existing railroad bridge over the same drainage channel. The proposed path will continue to the east along an existing City easement on WisDOT-owned wetland mitigation lands. The path will then cross under Interstate-39/90 using the existing railroad underpass, modifying the southerly side slope along the underpass with wall and railings to fit the path within the existing space, no impacts to the railroad track are anticipated. The proposed path will then end on the easterly side of the underpass where a Dane County-led portion of the project will continue the path to County Hwy AB (E Buckeye Rd).

Path

Path	NA	10' Asphalt, Shared-Use Path on south-side of RR tracks from Vondron Rd to Interstate 39/90.
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Storm Sewer

Existing

Proposed

Work Required: Add storm sewer to maintain existing drainage patterns along railroad corridor

Storm Water

Existing

Proposed

Work Required: NA

Sanitary Sewer

Existing

Proposed

Work Required: Add sanitary sewer from Wagon Trail to existing MMSD sewer on east-side of Interstate. This is to create a maintainable sanitary run to replace a long-run of unmaintainable city sewer through WisDOT wetland lands.

Water Main

Existing

Proposed

Work Required: NA

Parking

N/A

Street Lighting

Existing

Proposed

Area Street Lighting

N/A

N/A

Path Lighting

N/A

Add Path Lighting for City portion of off-street path

Land Purchases

This path project will be constructed on existing easements (on WisDOT-owned Wetland Lands) and on excess WisDOT-owned railroad right-of-way that will be acquired by the City of Madison in coordination with WisDOT and the operating railroad, WSOR. In addition, the project will require temporary grading easements on railroad right-of-way (that is to remain state-owned railroad right-of-way) and potential temporary grading easements on the adjacent private property owned by Terra Construction. The path project will also go under the existing Interstate 39/90 overpass, which will be built within highway right-of-way under a public infrastructure permit.

Trees

Significant tree clearing along south-side of railroad corridor to construct path. Saving areas of trees where feasible to maintain separation between railroad track and future path.

Assessment Policy

No Assessments

Schedule

Advertise for bids (State Let)	January 2027
Anticipated Construction Start	Spring 2027
Approximate Duration	Approx. 4 Months

Costs

Estimated Total Cost:	\$	4,880,000.00
Assessments:	\$	-
Federal Funding: 80% of Cost up to \$1,511,200.00	\$	1,511,200.00
City Engineering Cost: Remaining	\$	3,368,800.00
Dane County-funded Underdahl Rd Cost:	\$	160,000.00

Correspondence

Public information meeting held August 8, 2025. Transportation Commission on December 3, 2025.