

October Supervisor's Report Mall Concourse

September brought on the expansion area to the Mall Concourse. Busy areas include the stretch of University Avenue from Frances to Lake Street, and extension of Gilman Street areas. Priorities included adding weeding, sidewalk sweeping, and trash collection into routines to make the transition efficient. The light pole project is getting near completion. Sanding, priming, and painting the base of every pole on the capitol square and State Street will be complete by early October. Sanding and painting of the bus shelters on State Street is in full gear, and all of the shelters on State will be complete by mid October. Sidewalk powerwashing has continued throughout the month, including cleaning expansion area on University Avenue, which hasn't been cleaned in years, and will be a challenge. Turf beds on the square were aerated, overseeded and fertilized to help their recovery from summer and fall events.

Mall Concourse events are starting to wind down. Taste of Madison was successful once again this year and with minimal grease cleanup from vendors. Ironman had nice weather and a good turnout. Both events had extra staff to help with facilitating and cleanup of the events. September saw the end of "Live on King St." and "Top of State" weekly programs. Three UW home football games in a row kept the weekend crews busy with cleanup. Saturday's farmer's market has a rival. The new Sunday farmer's market started in September with minimal people occupying about ¼ of the square from East Washington to Wisconsin Avenue.

October will see our biggest event of the year, the annual Freakfest, and extra staff will be on hand to make sure that the event is safe and successful again. Leaves are starting to collect on the sidewalks, so we are starting our leaf cleanup routine which will include the expansion area. Wrapping up the bus shelter painting on State is a priority and will be complete by mid October. The sidewalk washing will continue in the expansion area, particularly University Avenue.