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Construction on Segment 5 of the East Washington Avenue Reconstruction Project, from Melvin Court to Thierer Road, will start mid-March 2005.

Segment 5 work begins in spring

Construction of the second segment, Segment 5, of the East Washington Avenue Reconstruction Project is scheduled to begin in mid-March. Segment 5 is the stretch of corridor from Melvin Court to Thierer Road. Construction plans have been completed and the construction work contract is scheduled to be awarded in December.

Construction stages

Segment 5 will be constructed throughout five stages in 2005:

- **Stage 1 (late March):** In Stage 1, the median lanes will be closed to allow for the removal of the median and the laying of temporary pavement to widen the roadway in preparation for Stage 2.
- **Stage 2 (April to June):** In Stage 2, four lanes of two-way traffic (two lanes in each direction) will be open on the existing inbound lanes while the outbound lanes are reconstructed.
- **Stage 3 (July):** Stage 3 will involve

utility work in the median. Two lanes of traffic in each direction – divided by the median – will be open.

- **Stage 4 (August to October):** During Stage 4, the four lanes (two lanes in each direction) of traffic will be switched over to the newly constructed outbound lanes while the inbound lanes are reconstructed.
- **Stage 5 (November):** The median will be reconstructed in Stage 5. Landscape plantings in the Segment 5 median will also carry over into spring 2006.

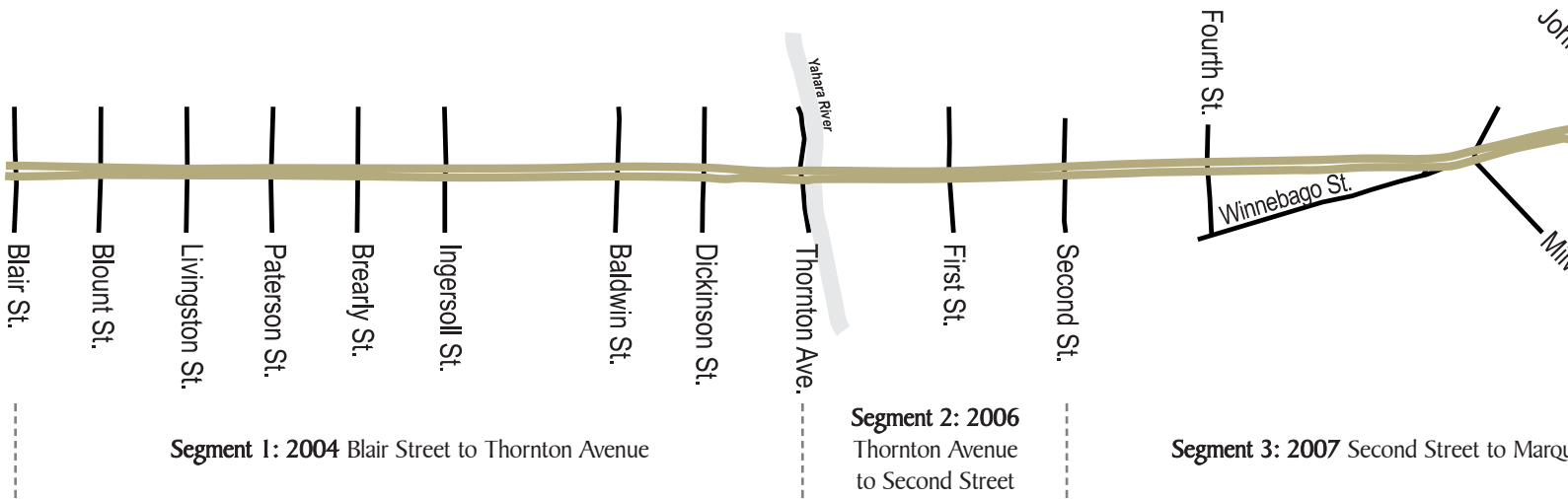
Maintaining access to businesses

The city of Madison and WisDOT know it is very important for drivers to access businesses along East Washington Avenue. During construction, green-signal times on East Washington Avenue will be maximized, left-turn lanes will be provided at signalized

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East Washington Avenue Reconstruction Project Area



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intersections, and some signing will be implemented to help motorists find access to businesses. Most access will be limited to right-turn or side-road entrances and exits.

To keep the public informed of construction progress, the construction contractor and construction project manager will conduct regular meetings with local businesses. Meeting topics will include the project schedule, vehicular access, pedestrian access and other construction issues.

Maintaining traffic flow at the Stoughton Road intersection will be particularly challenging. Motorists may wish to avoid this intersection or the entire construction zone by using Interstate 90 and WIS 30 as an alternate route.

Wright Street underpass

During construction on Segment 5, entrance ramps to the Wright Street pedestrian tunnel will be flattened to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. When school is in session, crossing guards will be provided to assist children crossing East Washington Avenue when the tunnel is under construction.

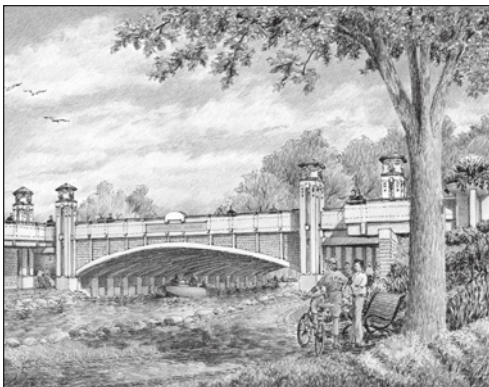
Aesthetic treatments

The East Washington Avenue Reconstruction Project will enhance the corridor's "gateway" characteristics. As the existing pavement is replaced, bike lanes will be added and existing bridges will be rebuilt with architectural details complementing the

state Capitol building. Many terrace trees will be maintained, but all median landscaping will be replaced. Where possible, replacement terrace trees will be planted.

Decorative lighting will bring a consistent appearance to the entire length of the corridor. Intersections will be redesigned with improved pedestrian crossings.

Construction of the entire East Washington Avenue corridor will be staged in five segments throughout a six-year period. Construction on Segment 1, from Blair Street to Thornton Avenue, began in spring and is currently in progress. After a scheduled break in 2008, construction will conclude on the final segment, from Marquette Street to Melvin Court, in 2009.



Reconstruction of the Yahara River Bridge will feature outlook areas, or open spaces, so that pedestrians crossing the bridge can view the river.

Segment 2 design plans under way

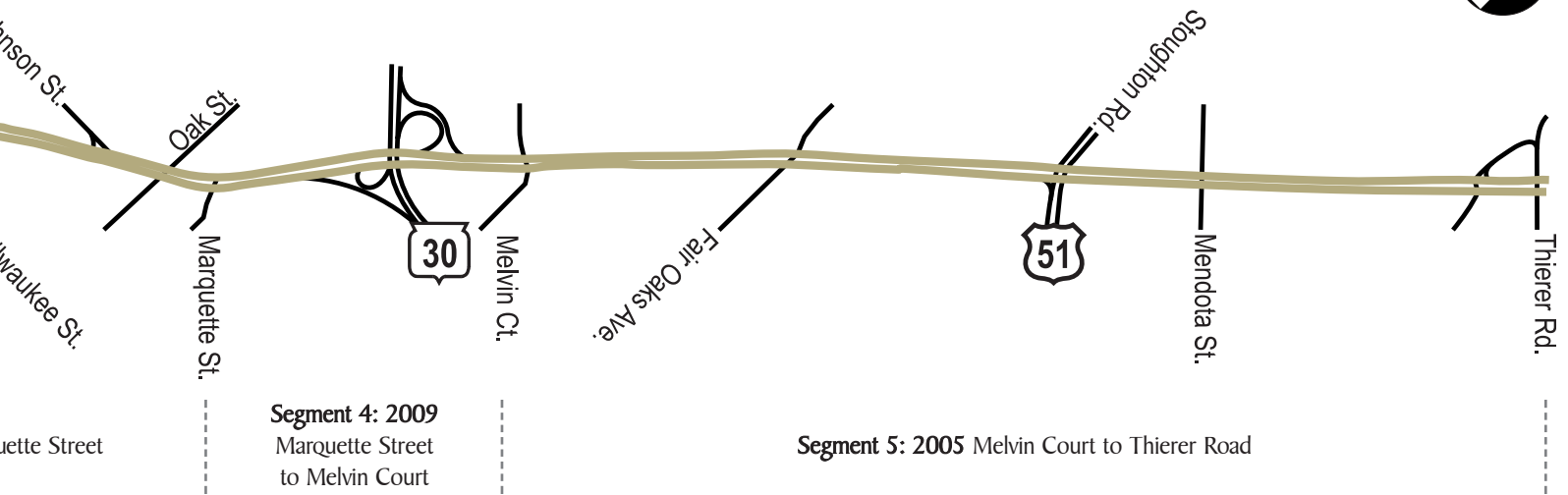
The design team is now shifting its attention to Segment 2 (Thornton Avenue to Second Street) and First Street (from Johnson Street to Winnebago Street).

Design plans for Segment 2 now include pedestrian crossings across four legs of the First Street intersection with East Washington Avenue. Bike and pedestrian paths passing beneath East Washington Avenue will be incorporated into the Yahara River Bridge design. Thornton Avenue will be closed permanently to East Washington Avenue, as consistent with the Yahara River

Parkway and Environs Master Plan. This plan includes specific design criteria for the open-space and park areas along the Yahara River on Madison's isthmus.

The new bridge will be a landmark for the Yahara River Parkway and East Washington Avenue. The redesign includes an arched girder bridge with pedestrian walkways on both sides of the river. "Outlook" areas, or open spaces, will be built so that pedestrians crossing the bridge can view the river. Soft lighting will illuminate the bridge at night.

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TO SCALE



Segment 1 construction progresses on schedule

After a rainy start to the summer, construction along Segment 1, from Blair Street to Thornton Avenue, is now progressing on schedule.

Residents have probably witnessed what seemed like a forest of backhoes along this stretch of the corridor, whose reconstruction is scheduled to be completed in December.

An enormous new box culvert was added to improve drainage in this low-lying area of the corridor.

Installing the box culvert among the many utility lines along this segment of East Washington Avenue was a difficult task for the construction workers. Installation required close coordination with knowledgeable staff in electrical, telephone, gas, sewer and other utility disciplines.

Stage 3 construction began in August. During this phase, the four lanes of traffic were switched over to the newly constructed outbound lanes. The inbound lanes were paved in mid-October.

During Stage 4, which is scheduled to begin in November, the roadway will return to divided traffic with two lanes on each side of the median to allow for completion of the median and left-turn lanes.

All of the pavement is expected to be in place before the end of the year.

Final landscaping along the Segment 1 median will carry over into spring 2005.



A new box culvert was added in Segment 1 to improve drainage in this low-lying area of the East Washington Avenue corridor between Blair Street and Thornton Avenue. Installing the box culvert among the many utility lines along the corridor was a challenging task.



The photo at left shows Stage 3 construction. In August, the four lanes of traffic were switched over to the newly constructed outbound lanes. The inbound lanes were paved in mid-October. All of the pavement for Segment 1 is expected to be in place before the end of the year.

East Washington Avenue Reconstruction Project Time Line

2 0 0 5	March 2005	Construction begins on Segment 5 – Melvin Court to Thierer Avenue
2 0 0 6	March 2006	Construction begins on Segment 2 – Thornton Avenue to Second Street
2 0 0 7	2007 – 2009	Ongoing design and construction for Segments 3 and 4

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**EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**SEGMENT ONE CONSTRUCTION
SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MARCH 15, 2004**

The City Of Madison Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation are planning to reconstruct East Washington Avenue (USH 151). The project will employ community sensitive design in an urban corridor. The project is being developed in accordance with State and Federal guidelines for transportation projects. The project will be completed in phases over the period beginning in 2004 and ending in 2009.

The overall project is to reconstruct a 4.5 mile section of East Washington Avenue from Blair Street to Thierer Road. The first phase of the project in 2004 is to reconstruct a 1.1 mile section of East Washington Avenue from Blair Street to Thierer Road.

Construction Segment One

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