



RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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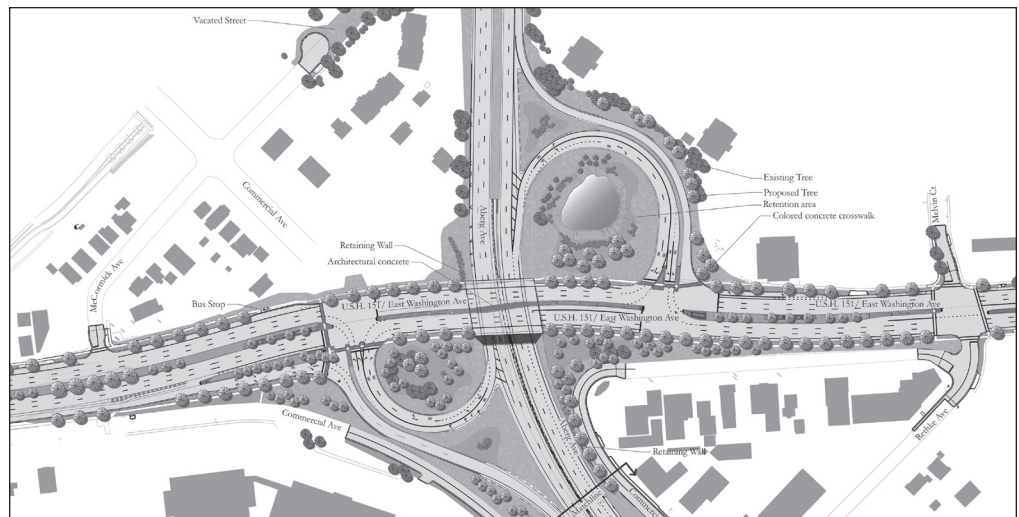
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## Marquette St. to Melvin Ct. is next segment for construction



*The new East Washington Avenue/Aberg Avenue interchange.*

Segment 4 of the East Washington Avenue Reconstruction Project is scheduled to kick off in early 2009, with the start of construction set for early-February, weather permitting.

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This is the fifth phase of construction and covers the corridor from Marquette Street to Melvin Court, including the interchange with Aberg Avenue/WIS 30. The new interchange will provide for all the directional movements between East Washington Avenue and Aberg Avenue, including those not accommodated in the existing interchange.

Other improvements include signalized intersections at ramp terminals including pedestrian walk signals, sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of the new bridge, and

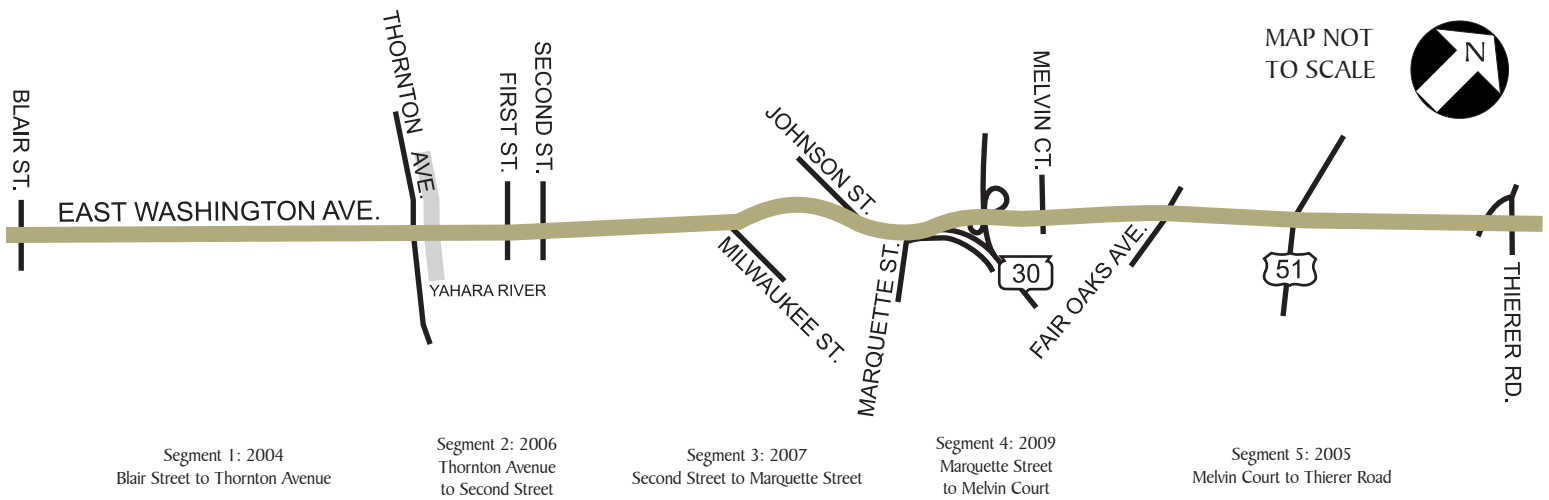
extensive streetscaping and landscaping that complement the previous segments. Consistent elements include colored and imprinted concrete in the medians and crosswalks, planting beds, trees in the median and interchange loops, decorative lighting, and new bus shelters. The new interchange bridge will have an architectural style consistent with the Yahara River Bridge and the nearby Starkweather Creek Bike/Ped bridge.

In addition to the construction on East Washington, Aberg Avenue/WIS 30 will be reconstructed from McCormick Avenue to the Fair Oaks Avenue interchange, including the ramps at Fair Oaks Avenue.

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# East Washington Avenue Reconstruction Project Area



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## Construction stages

Segment 4 will be constructed in five stages throughout 2009.

**Stage 1 (February to late March):** The median lanes of East Washington Avenue will be closed to allow for removal of the median, and laying of temporary pavement to widen the inbound direction for traffic in Stage 2.

The median and shoulders of Aberg Avenue/WIS 30 will be closed to allow for construction of traffic crossovers for Stage 2. Ramp construction of inbound East Washington Avenue to inbound Aberg Avenue also will be completed to facilitate traffic movements in later stages.

Fair Oaks Avenue median will be closed to allow for median removal, and temporary pavement construction.

**Stage 2 (April to mid-June):** Two lanes of traffic will be open for the outbound direction of East Washington Avenue. One lane of traffic will be open for the inbound direction before the bridge, and two lanes will be open after the bridge.

Traffic is placed on the existing inbound lanes. The free flow movement from Aberg Avenue to inbound East Washington Avenue will be maintained.

Two lanes of one-way traffic (one lane in each direction) will be provided on Aberg Avenue/WIS 30 on the existing outbound lanes. Two lanes of one-way traffic will be provided for on Fair Oaks Avenue on the existing southbound travel lanes so work can be completed on the northbound direction.

Short term closures (less than 28 calendar days) are required of Commercial Avenue, Rethke Avenue, and various ramps to complete construction.

**Stage 3 (mid-June to mid-July):** The median lanes of East Washington Avenue will be closed to allow for construction of utility crossovers. Two lanes of traffic will be open for the outbound direction of East Washington Avenue.

One lane of traffic will be open for the inbound direction before the bridge, and two lanes will be open after the bridge. Traffic is placed on the existing inbound lanes. The free flow movement from Aberg Avenue to inbound East Washington Avenue is maintained.

Two lanes of one-way traffic (one lane in each direction) will be provided on Aberg Avenue/WIS 30 on the existing outbound lanes to facilitate existing bridge removal. Work on Fair Oaks Avenue will be completed by mid-July with one lane of traffic being open in both directions.

**Stage 4 (mid-July to October):** Two lanes of traffic will be open for the outbound direction of East Washington Avenue. One lane of traffic will be open for the inbound direction before the bridge, and two lanes will be open after the bridge. Traffic is placed on the new outbound lanes. The free flow movement from Aberg Avenue to inbound East Washington Avenue is maintained.

Two lanes of one-way traffic (one lane in each direction) will be provided on Aberg Avenue/WIS 30 on the new inbound lanes.

Fair Oaks Avenue is open, but the outbound direction exit ramp and entrance ramp are closed in conjunction with the outbound construction of Aberg Avenue/WIS 30.

**Stage 5 (November):** The median lanes and shoulders will be constructed on East Washington Avenue and Aberg Avenue/WIS 30. Ramp terminal intersections will be completed, and signals will become operational.

For time periods where specific ramps and local roads are closed for construction, alternate access signage is being placed with a designated route to assist the traveling public.

Landscaping planting in the Segment 4 median and other finishing items will carry over into Spring 2010.

# Starkweather Creek Bike Path open to public



*Starkweather Creek Bike Path ribbon-cutting.*

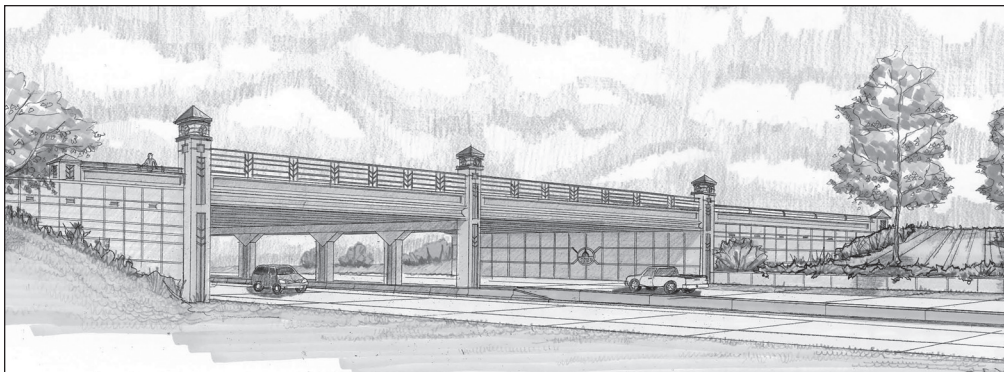
The finishing touches on the Starkweather Creek bicycle and pedestrian bridge over East Washington Avenue were made in the early part of 2008. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on June 30, 2008.

Mayor Dave Cieslewicz, US Representative Tammy Baldwin, Wisconsin State Senator Fred Risser, Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Frank Busalacchi, and many members of the community were on hand to cut the ribbon and ride their bicycles across the new bridge.

With this new bridge and other pathway construction along the creek, the path is now open as far north as Commercial Avenue in the Eken Park neighborhood. Extensive landscaping, streambank restoration, and stream realignment to provide a more natural and meandering look were also completed with the bikepath construction.

The completion of the bike-ped bridge establishes a link between the existing Capital City Trail and the existing Starkweather Creek Bike Path at Aberg Avenue. The new bridge also serves to help reconnect neighborhoods and provide a safe and convenient route for bicyclists and pedestrians on Madison's east side.

## East Washington Avenue Bridge over Aberg Avenue/WIS 30



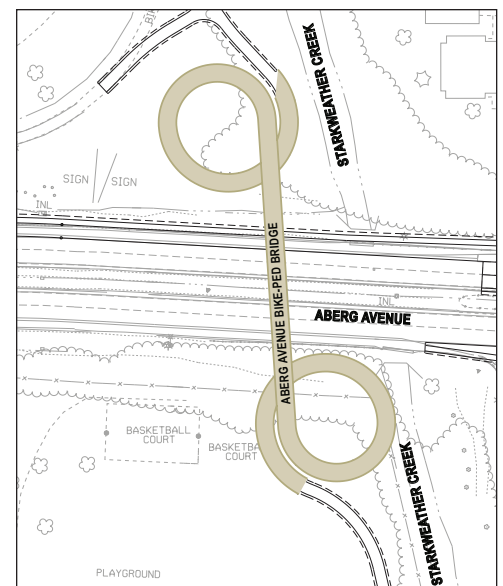
## Construction on Aberg Avenue Bike-Ped Bridge scheduled for 2010

The final section of the Starkweather Creek Bike Path is scheduled to be constructed in 2010. This construction will pick up where the construction in 2008 left off, that is at Commercial Avenue in the Eken Park neighborhood, continue northerly through Washington Park, cross Aberg Avenue via a new bike-ped bridge, and then touch back down and connect to the bikepath at the edge of Bridges Golf Course.

The new bike-ped bridge over Aberg Avenue will be nearly identical to the

Starkweather Creek bike-ped bridge over East Washington Avenue, although the approach ramps will have a slightly different configuration. Similar levels of adjacent landscaping will be carried through the new section.

Although currently scheduled for 2010 construction, the potential for federal economic stimulus money may move the project forward to 2009. At time of printing, this project was a candidate for stimulus funding.



## East Washington Avenue Reconstruction Project Time Line

2 0 0 8	<b>June 2008:</b> Construction on Segment 3 (Second Street to Marquette Street) completed
2 0 0 9	Construction begins on Segment 4
2 0 1 0	Project completed

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