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John Nolen Drive

Lakeside Street to North Shore Drive

Dane County

Project Weekly Update

(John Nolen Drive Construction)

General Project Information – The John Nolen Drive project includes reconstructing John Nolen Drive and six bridges that span the causeway. New curb and gutter with a raised median separating northbound and southbound traffic will narrow traffic lanes to calm high traffic speeds. The Capital City Trail will be moved further from the roadway with the addition of three new bridge structures, increasing pedestrian safety and greenspace along the corridor. The trail will also be widened, increasing the capacity of the trail, with separate paths for bikes and foot traffic.

Project Schedule – Stage 2 Start Date: November 24, 2025

Anticipated Stage 2 Completion: August 2026

Current Stage / Traffic Impacts

******Parking Structure Inspection******

In cooperation with the Department of Administration, the southbound lane closure leading into the work zone on John Nolen Drive has been temporarily moved to the north. Once structure inspections have been completed, the closure will be repositioned back to its original location under the Monona Terrace parking structure

Stage 2: Work entails reconstructing southbound John Nolen Drive, reconstructing three bridges on the causeway, and the Basset to Bedford pedestrian path.

- John Nolen Dr restricted to one lane each direction on existing northbound lanes

S Broom St intersection – Phase 2: Phase 2 work entails reconstructing the S Broom St intersection between northbound John Nolen Dr and the WSOR tracks

- Broom St (full closure) closed between W Wilson St and John Nolen Dr
- A temporary “all way stop” will remain at the S Bedford St/North Shore Dr intersection to address an anticipated increase of vehicle traffic

Upcoming Work/ Traffic Impacts

North Shore Dr intersection – Phase 2: Phase 2 work entails reconstructing outbound/eastbound lanes of North Shore. Work will occur after S Broom St reopens to traffic. Anticipated start is June 3rd.

- North Shore Dr (full closure) closed between S Bedford St and John Nolen Dr
- Bike and pedestrian traffic will be routed onto the new Brittingham Park path between S Bedford St and S Broom St.
- Railroad crossing work performed by others under contract with WSOR will also occur. During this work, bike and pedestrian traffic will be detoured to the Wilson St path.

Work Week of 6/1/26

- North bridge
  - Concrete approaches
- Middle bridge
  - Pour concrete bridge deck
- South bridge
  - Form west parapet
- Reopen Broom St/close North Shore Dr
- Pavement removals for North Shore

Work Week of 6/8/26

- North bridge
  - Concrete approaches
- Middle bridge
  - Curing time for bridge deck
- South bridge
  - Continue forming then pour west parapet
  - Strip decking
- Storm sewer and earthwork for North Shore Dr

Motorist Impacts

- All vehicles on John Nolen Dr use existing northbound lanes between Lakeside St and the Monona Terrace.
    - Both directions of traffic are reduced to one lane prior to entering the active work zone.
    - Signs have been installed on both end of the project to provide direction on where to "zipper merge". Motorists should utilize all lanes and avoid early merging. More information can be found here: Wisconsin Department of Transportation Zipper Merge
- A temporary "ALL WAY STOP" condition has been installed at the intersection of S Bedford St and North Shore Dr.

Pedestrian/Bike Impacts

- Sidewalk along the southern side of Broom St is open between W Wilson St and the Brittingham Dog Park.
- The Capital City Trail remains open along the causeway. No additional trail disruptions are anticipated until July of 2026. Cyclists are encouraged to dismount from their bikes when crossing active construction zones near S Broom St and North Shore Dr.
- The new Brittingham Park path will open the week of 6/1. Once open, this will become the primary access for the Capital City Trail. Bike and pedestrian traffic will be directed to use this path between S Broom St and S Bedford St. The John Nolen Dr crossing at North Shore Dr will be removed from service until the completion of the project.

Waterway Impacts

- A navigable channel will be open for the duration of the project under the middle set of bridges. The channel has red and green buoys to aid navigation and regulatory buoys to delineate hazards. No other channels will be open and waterway users should avoid entering areas with active construction
- The first of three concrete bridge deck pours over the middle channel will occur on the morning of June 3rd. The work will take place between 1am-6am. Access may be briefly interrupted during this time.

Please be alert when traveling along the John Nolen Drive corridor. Please note that some work is dependent on weather and may be subject to change. Thank you in advance for your patience throughout this project.

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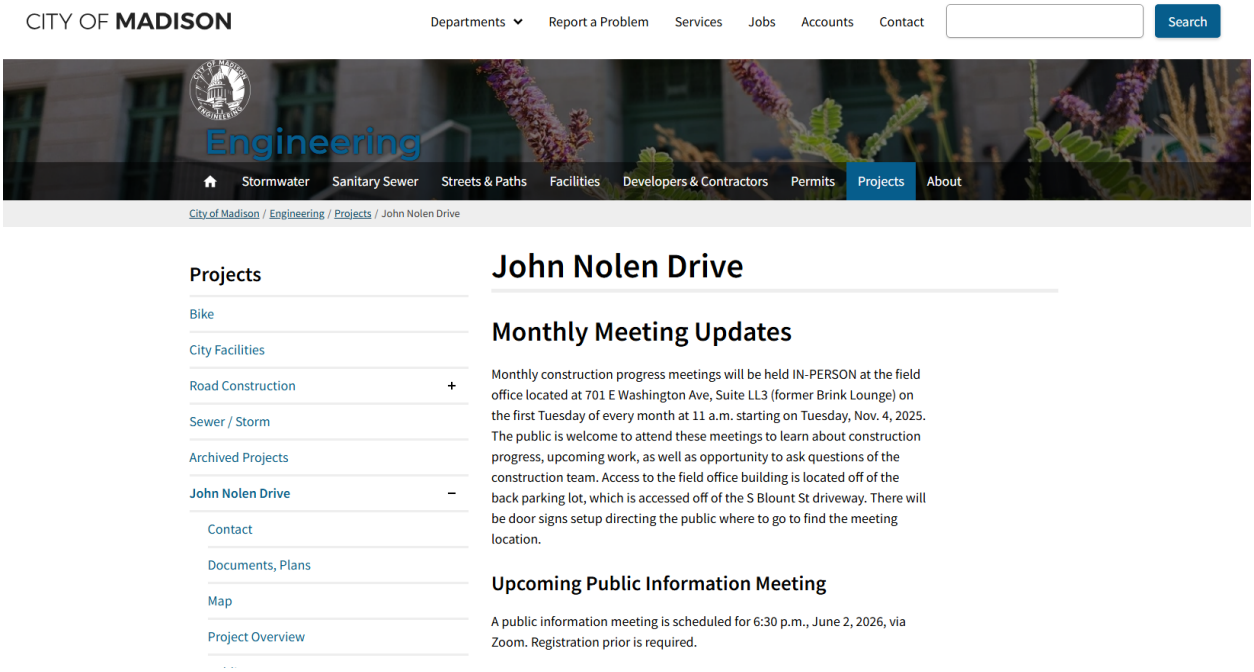

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