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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: Late July 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:** Roadway work is complete. Remaining work entails installing permanent lighting and signals, stamped concrete in medians, and grass restoration.

- Broom St is open and restricted to one lane each direction between W Wilson St and John Nolen Dr. Left turns from Broom St onto northbound John Nolen Dr are not permitted

- Railroad signal work performed by others under contract with WSOR will also occur. No impacts to traffic are anticipated.

**North Shore Dr intersection:** Work entails reconstructing outbound/eastbound lanes of North Shore.

- North Shore Dr (full closure) closed between S Bedford St and John Nolen Dr
- The bike/pedestrian crossing of John Nolen Dr at North Shore Dr is closed. Detour and wayfinding signs have been installed which direct bike and pedestrian traffic to use 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.

### **Upcoming Work/ Traffic Impacts**

**Stage 3:** Work entails reconstructing northbound John Nolen Drive, reconstructing three bridges on the causeway, building three new bike/pedestrian bridges and reconstructing the Capital City Trail between E Lakeside St and S Broom St.

- John Nolen Dr restricted to one lane each direction on newly constructed southbound lanes.
- Capital City Trail detoured around Monona Bay

### **Work Week of 6/8/26**

- North bridge
  - Concrete approaches
- Middle bridge
  - Concrete approaches
- South bridge
  - Strip deck forms
- Storm sewer and earthwork for North Shore

### **Work Week of 6/15/26**

- North bridge
  - Form and pour parapet
- Middle bridge

- Form parapet
- South bridge
  - Electrical and fiber optic installation
- Concrete pavement for John Nolen/North Shore intersection

### **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](#)
- No left turns from S Broom St to northbound John Nolen Dr are permitted

### **Pedestrian/Bike Impacts**

- 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 John Nolen Dr crossing at North Shore Dr has been removed from service until the completion of the project. The new Brittingham Park path between S Broom St and S Bedford St is open. Bike and pedestrian traffic should access this path at the S Broom St/John Nolen Dr crossing and follow the detour signs through the pedestrian barricade.

### **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

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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## Project Website

### [John Nolen Drive | Engineering | City of Madison, WI](#)

A screenshot of the City of Madison website's Engineering Projects page for John Nolen Drive. The page features a navigation bar with "CITY OF MADISON" and various utility links. Below the navigation is a banner for "Engineering" with a sub-menu including "Projects". The main content area is titled "John Nolen Drive" and includes a "Monthly Meeting Updates" section with text about in-person meetings starting in 2025. A sidebar on the left lists project categories, with "John Nolen Drive" selected and expanded to show "Contact", "Documents, Plans", "Map", and "Project Overview".

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## John Nolen Drive

### Monthly Meeting Updates

Monthly construction progress meetings will be held IN-PERSON at the field office located at 701 E Washington Ave, Suite LL3 (former Brink Lounge) on the first Tuesday of every month at 11 a.m. starting on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025. The public is welcome to attend these meetings to learn about construction progress, upcoming work, as well as opportunity to ask questions of the construction team. Access to the field office building is located off of the back parking lot, which is accessed off of the S Blount St driveway. There will be door signs setup directing the public where to go to find the meeting location.

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