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Cars driving on John Nolen Drive.

# John Nolen Drive Construction Update 10/31/2025

## 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 1 Start Date: October 13, 2025

Anticipated Stage 1 Completion: Mid November 2025

## Current Stage / Traffic Impacts – Stage 1

Work entails constructing temporary crossovers and temporary signals. Temporary storm sewer outfalls will also be constructed beneath the northbound lanes of John Nolen Drive.

- Traffic restricted to one lane each direction
- No left turns from Broom St to John Nolen Dr
- Nighttime closure of northbound John Nolen Dr at Broom St
    - Scheduled for Tuesday November 4th

## Upcoming Stage / Traffic Impacts – Stage 2

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

- Traffic restricted to one lane each direction on existing northbound lanes
- No left turns from Broom St to John Nolen Dr
- Nighttime full closures anticipated for bridge girder removal

### Work Week of 11/3/25

- Temporary signals are expected to be activated this week. Once the temporary signals are active, the contractor will be removing portions of the existing median islands to prepare for Stage 2 traffic.
- The contractor will be working during standard hours to install storm sewer across the northbound lanes of John Nolen Dr.
- The contractor will be working overnight to install storm sewer across the left turn lane to Broom St. This work is expected to occur Tuesday night 11/4
- The overhead sign structure will be removed during the same overnight period

### Work Week of 11/10/25

- The contractor will be working during standard hours to continue installing storm sewer across the northbound lanes of John Nolen Dr.
- The median crossovers will be paved to prepare for Stage 2 traffic.
- The contractor will launch work platforms into Lake Monona and begin installing cofferdams

### Traffic/Pedestrian/Bike Impacts

- There may be minor disruption to traffic as the temporary system replaces the existing signals. Once the Broom St temporary signals are active, pedestrian traffic will be routed through a temporary crossing north of the intersection and the southern crosswalk will be closed

- During the overnight work on 11/4 there will be no motorist access to or from Broom St via northbound John Nolen Dr. Pedestrian and bike access will be maintained.
- The Capital City Trail will remain open; however, widths restrictions will be in place at isolated locations during standard hours. Trail users will be routed onto temporary pedestrian matting or existing roadway while the contractor installs storm sewer pipes across the path. Cyclists are encouraged to dismount from their bikes through these areas.

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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