

JOHN NOLEN DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION
City of Madison Engineering Department

Public Involvement Plan



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This document is intended to be a living document and will be revised throughout the life of the project based on stakeholder and project team feedback and the results of public involvement activities.

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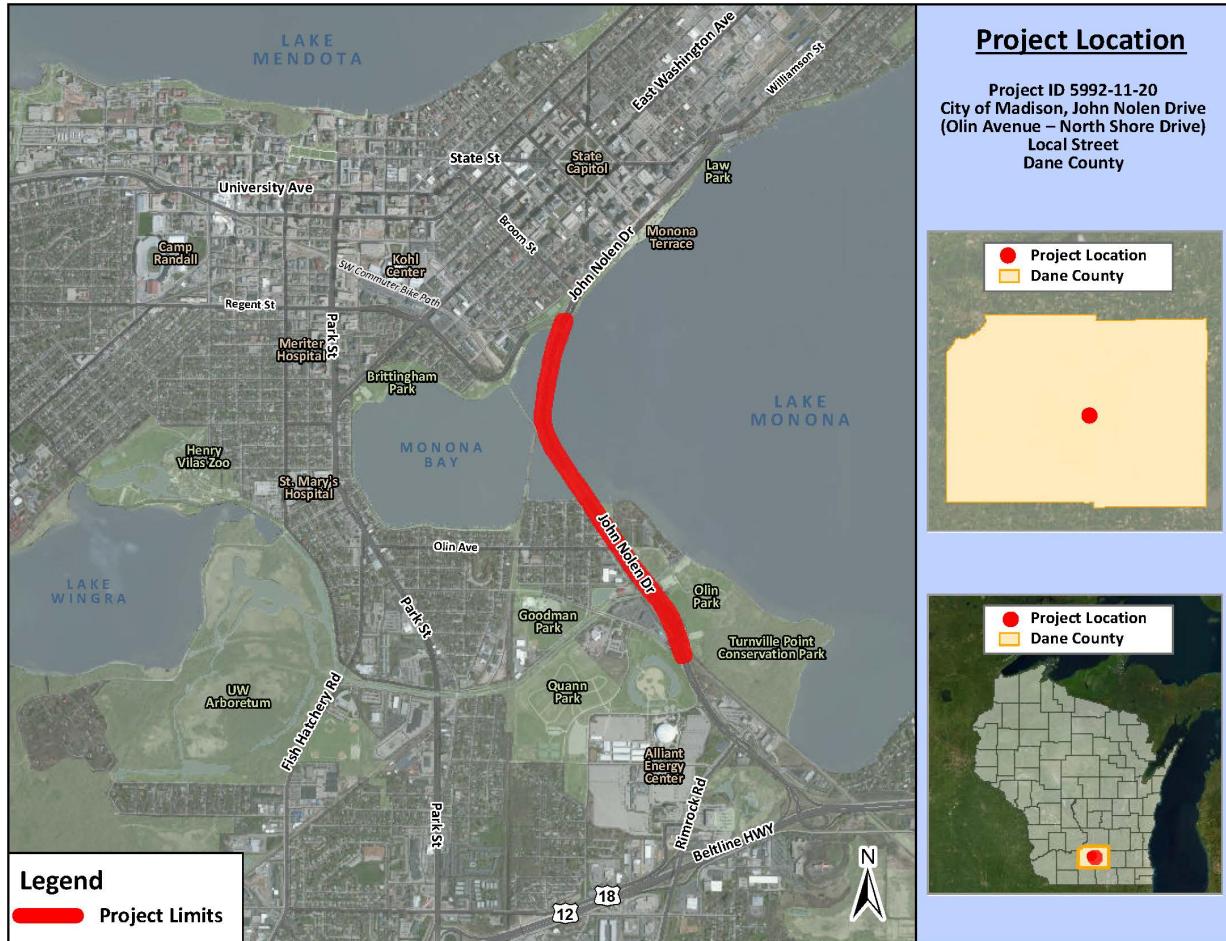
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Project Location Map

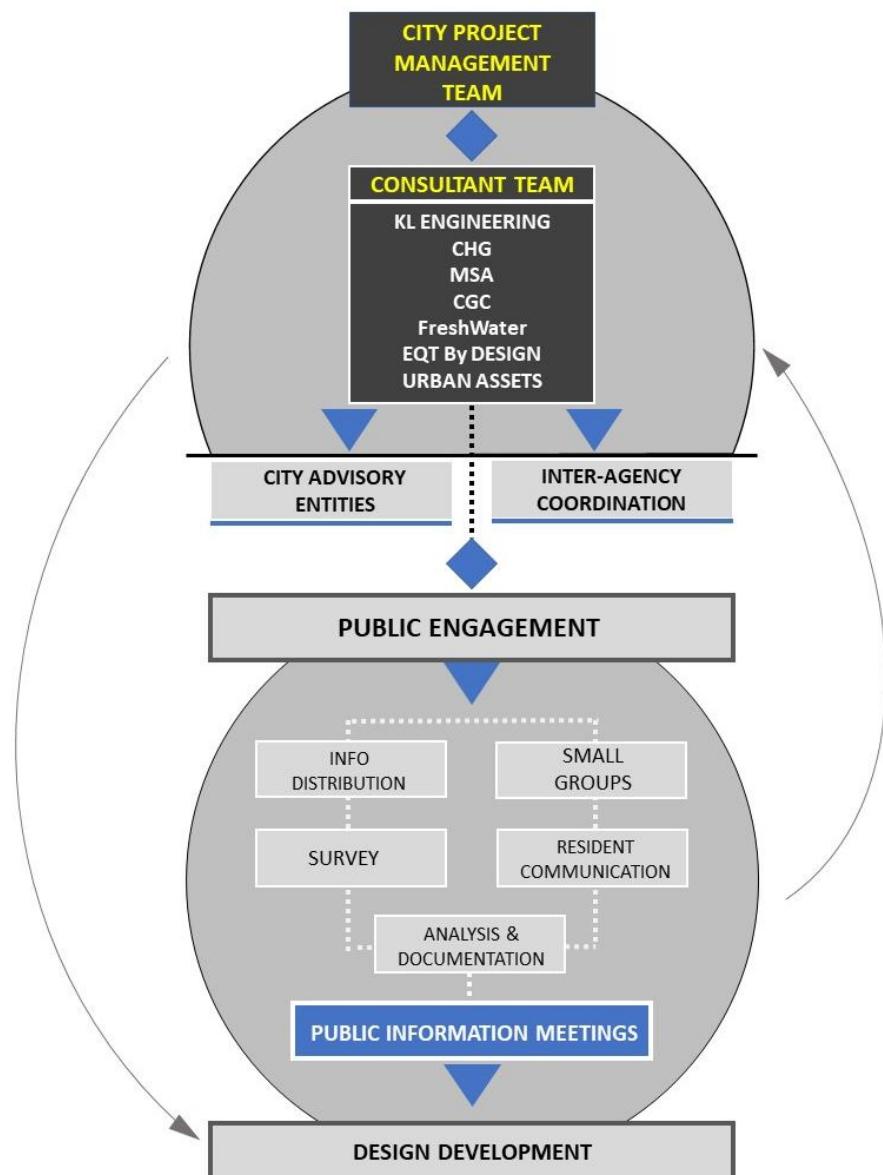


Goals, Objectives, and Expected Outcomes

Public involvement processes must include robust outreach, information gathering, communicating, educating, testing, and building consensus to be successful. A good public involvement process is one that is well thought-out and tailored to the community at hand.

Public involvement is a central element to the planning process for this project. The KL Engineering team has developed a public involvement strategy that is comprehensive, inclusive, and engaging. The process will provide opportunities for community stakeholders to provide input, learn about the project as it progresses, evaluate alternatives, and be part of the design development and decision making.

The following flow chart illustrates the public involvement process:



The overarching goals and objectives of the public involvement process are to:

- 1. Facilitate active, inclusive, and collaborative participation by community stakeholders.**
 - Give voice to a wide diversity of community stakeholders, especially those who have been historically underrepresented in typical planning processes.
 - Utilize a variety of tools to keep stakeholders and elected officials informed and engaged.
 - Conduct the process in a transparent manner, keeping the lines of communication open.
- 2. Ensure that stakeholders have opportunity to comment on the proposed project every step of the way and feel confident in the process of decision-making.**
 - Build and bridge trust between community members, organization partners, and City Engineering Project Management and the KL Engineering consultant team.
 - Keep community stakeholders engaged throughout the process.
 - Reaffirm community stakeholders of how important their participation is and encourage them to "spread the word".
- 3. Collect community input and feedback to improve the project**
 - Give the community adequate information and educate them about events and the process as a whole in a way that encourages them to provide meaningful comments.
 - Ensure community members always have a way to contact the project team and that all comments and questions are valid.
 - Be respectful of the community's ideas and input.
 - Utilize community input when formulating design recommendations and making decisions.

The desired outcome for the public involvement process is to effectively engage a wide diversity of community members to inform the design of John Nolen Drive and reconstruct the road in a manner that is appropriate, functional, feasible, and most importantly, widely supported by the community.

Public Engagement Approach

Public engagement for the John Nolen Drive Reconstruction project will support the City of Madison Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative (RESJI) through broad public outreach and targeted engagement, especially to members of traditionally underrepresented populations and the organizations that serve them. The project team is deeply committed to encouraging involvement by all members of Madison's diverse community, inclusive of all ages, races, cultures, genders, abilities, and socioeconomic backgrounds. The goal is to develop a reconstruction plan and design that successfully reflects a range of community needs, concerns, priorities, and values. This is done on the front-end by facilitating a public involvement process that is predicated on reducing barriers to civic participation that many in our community face.

The Community Engagement Team will closely complement KL Engineering in the John Nolen Drive Reconstruction Project planning process by providing general and targeted public engagement strategies that ensure community engagement approaches are equity-centered and integrally inform design development.

A mix of online, print, and in-person tools and strategies will be used to build broad community awareness and promote equity, transparency and collaboration throughout the planning and engagement process. The Community Engagement Team's strategies for this project include using technology as a foundation for inclusive engagement, as well as implementing smaller focus groups to extend our reach. We will also incorporate surveys and one-on-one interactions to ensure an inclusive and diverse response.

Additionally, throughout the engagement process, the consultant team will track participant demographics and evaluations to understand "who is missing from the table" and identify where greater outreach efforts may need to be applied.

See [Appendix B](#) for summary table of outreach strategies.

Project Timeline

The planning and engagement process for the John Nolen Drive Reconstruction project runs from early 2021 through end of 2025, with construction anticipated to begin in 2026 and be completed in 2027.

See [Appendix A](#) for full planning and construction timeline.

Public Engagement Techniques

Small Work Groups

EQT by Design's methods of engagement are based on an equity-lens strategy that seeks diverse perspectives from those who are typically more difficult to reach and engage. Our strategy of using small group meetings focuses on slowing down the process to inform and engage, using grassroots networks and relationships to connect with diverse community members, and applying an inclusive and equitable analysis to our efforts. EQT by Design will conduct up to three small work group meetings prior to each public information meeting. The small work groups may be based on demographics, themes, or other organizing factors to be determined prior to each public information meeting. The consultant team will develop all small group meeting materials, with approval from the City, including meeting agendas, handouts, presentations, and notes.

This method will also include on-site intercept interviews and tabling at events. This encompasses setting up a table at popular/cultural community events and/or walking along the project area to "intercept" individuals in order to gather their input using a questionnaire (to be pre-approved by the consultant team and City Engineering project management team). Specific events to be determined in consultation with consultant team and City Engineering project management team.

See [Appendix C](#) for potential events and tabling locations.

Public Information Meetings

The Community Engagement Team will organize and facilitate five (5) public meetings as part of the John Nolen Drive Reconstruction project, to occur between 2021 and 2024 (presumably one per year). Meetings will be informed by RESJI-focused small group meetings conducted prior and involve a mix of educational presentations, discussions, and other interactive exercises as appropriate to ensure that feedback is effective, and everyone has an opportunity to be heard. Concerted outreach efforts will be made to ensure a wide diversity of attendees. The first public meeting will be conducted virtually, then move to hybrid for the remainder of the meetings (in-person with ability to watch and participate online via Zoom). The consultant team will develop all meeting materials, with approval from the City, including meeting agendas, handouts, presentations, and notes. Meeting materials, such as notes, will be available on the project website.

Public Meeting #1: Project Kickoff – Summer 2021

This meeting will be used to introduce the John Nolen Drive Reconstruction Project, including potential outcomes, goals, opportunities, and "what we know so far" based on site analysis and small group meetings conducted prior to the meeting. This meeting will also help cultivate broad community awareness about the project and what it entails. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions, provide comments, and voice immediate concerns directly to the project team.

Public Meeting #2: Preliminary Design Concepts and Alternatives – Early 2022

This meeting will be used to introduce preliminary design concepts and alternatives, as well as continue to build broad community awareness about the project. The meeting will include an informal presentation and opportunities for participants to provide input directly to the project that will help the project team anticipate challenges and potential solutions, ultimately informing refinements to preliminary design concepts.

Public Meeting #3: Design Concepts & Preferred Alternatives Presentation – Early 2023

The meeting will begin with an informational presentation regarding applied refinements to previously presented design concepts and preferred alternatives. The presentation will be followed by small group discussions, then large group discussions focused on community concerns and opportunities. This input will be recorded and analyzed to inform draft final design concepts.

Public Meeting #4: Draft Final Design Concepts – Late 2023

The purpose of this meeting will be to present and discuss designs for John Nolen Drive, address feedback heard to-date, including common input themes and concerns. The meeting will begin with an informational presentation to walk-through the draft final design and highlight ways in which it responds to community feedback received to-date. Following a short Q&A session, participants will have the opportunity to view project plans and engage in a more in-depth discussion with project team members.

Public Meeting #5: Final Design Open House – Late 2024 / Early 2025

The purpose of this meeting will be to present the final project designs and share information about the upcoming construction schedule, anticipated impacts, and identified alternate routes. The meeting will begin with an open house, allowing meeting participants to view plans in a gallery format and speak to project team members, including City Staff. Following the open house portion of the meeting, an informational presentation and Q&A session will be conducted. Each participant will receive a project briefing sheet with all key schedule, alternate routes, and contact information, which will also be available for public consumption via the project website.

Community Survey

The consultant team will develop an online community survey (via Survey Monkey) at the beginning of the design process, presumably end-of-summer, following the first public information meeting. The survey will be used to inform and engage project stakeholders, gather community questions and concerns, and gauge community views on specific project elements. The community survey will include a virtual tour (via drone footage) in order for participants to get a feel for the John Nolen Drive experience.

Although the survey will be web-based and can be accessed through the project website, paper copies of the survey will be available upon request. Both formats of the survey (online and paper) in multiple languages (English and Spanish) will be distributed to community partners, organizations, and hubs frequented by residents, especially businesses and organizations that commonly serve traditionally underrepresented members of our community. Survey data will be analyzed and presented to the City.

Project Coordination Meetings

The consultant team will meet with City Engineering, Traffic Engineering, Parks, and Wisconsin DOT staff monthly to provide project updates, receive guidance, and discuss next steps in the process. The consultant team will also meet internally every two weeks, or as needed to ensure we remain a cohesive, effective unit throughout the process.

Communications & Information Distribution

The greater Madison community, and beyond, have a vested interest in the vitality of the Downtown, including access and functionality of prominent John Nolen Drive. While community members will be engaged primarily through the public meetings, small group meetings, and the online survey, it is essential for the project team to conduct outreach throughout the process and provide spaces (virtual and physical) for community members to access essential project information and opportunities for them to provide additional input, such as the project website.

Contact List

The project team will develop and maintain a master contact list to support broad outreach and engagement throughout the community, with particular emphasis on meeting City of Madison RESJI goals for reaching traditionally underrepresented populations. The list will be used to organize small group meetings, drop-in opportunities, survey distribution, and other targeted outreach efforts.

Informational Fliers

Informational fliers will be developed and distributed widely at the beginning of the project kickoff and again prior to construction to inform the public about the project scope, share key contact information, advertise upcoming meetings, and share information about the final design and construction schedule. The Community Engagement team will post and/or drop off copies of fliers at prominent community locations identified in consultation with City staff. The team will also work with Metro Transit to develop materials for posting on buses and bus shelters throughout the areas potentially affected by the reconstruction.

Project website

The City will establish and maintain a project website as a component of City of Madison Engineering's existing website. The project website is located at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/john-nolen-drive-reconstruction>. The results of public participation events, survey results, and project documents will be posted on the website as soon as they are available. A specific project email address will be created and placed prominently on the website to give community members the opportunity to provide input directly to the project team; this input will be received by all project team members who are given access to the email address, giving the project team the ability to respond directly.

The consultant team will work with Hannah Mohelnitzky, City of Madison Engineering Public Information Officer, to ensure the above-mentioned project website elements are effectively implemented and updated throughout the process.

The project website is anticipated to include the following:

- Information about the project background, scope, and schedule
- Informational flyers in English and Spanish
- Public meeting announcements and materials, including notes, presentations, and graphics
- Access to online survey
- FAQs and other helpful resources
- Event tabling and intercept interviews dates and locations

- "Drop-in" locations of business and organization partners where individuals can view plans and obtain paper copies of the survey
- Access to project email in order to provide input or ask questions

Ongoing Outreach

The Community Engagement Team will regularly generate content for press releases, emails, postcards, and social media, in addition to the above-mentioned project website, regarding upcoming community engagement events. Those who provide input to the project email address will be added to the contact list and regularly updated regarding project happenings.

Drop-in Opportunities

Due to COVID-19, additional challenges have been presented. While most engagement will presumably be online or web-based, we will work with community businesses and organizations to provide a space for community members to come see plans, take physical copies of the survey (drop box included) and leave comments. This helps provide an additional community forum and setting to distribute project information and gather feedback, especially to demographics that historically have lower levels of attendance at typical engagement events.

Project Documentation

The Community Engagement Team will prepare a report to include findings from each of the above-mentioned engagement techniques deployed throughout the community engagement process. EQT by Design's analysis will compliment general analysis by applying an equity lens to engagement results proven to effectively bridge the gap between community and City by lifting the voices of particularly underrepresented community members who provide input. These findings will be formally presented to the City with recommendations and the expectation of informing designs.

Stakeholders, Participants, and Audiences

City of Madison Entities

City leadership, department heads, and staff play an integral part in the planning and project management process. City stakeholders will be engaged through the project management team, small groups, survey, public meetings, and presentations. The City stakeholders include the following:

- Engineering Division
- Traffic Engineering Division
- Planning Division
- Mayor's Office
- Parks Division
- Alders
- Economic Development Division
- Neighborhood Resource Teams
- Fire Department
- Interagency Coordination (County, State)

Neighborhoods and Property Owners

Neighborhood associations representing residents of the surrounding neighborhoods as well as owners of the property adjacent to the project area bring an important and much needed perspective to the reconstruction planning process. These stakeholders will be actively engaged in the process through presentations, small group meetings, surveys, and intercept interviews.

Private Sector

Retailers, restaurant owners, developers, and real estate professionals will provide insight into the potential uses, impacts, and necessities for the reconstructed road. These stakeholders will be engaged throughout the process by way of presentations, small group meetings, surveys, and intercept interviews.

Community

The greater Madison community is richly saturated with civically active community members and, therefore, one could say the widely acknowledged beauty of Madison can be attributed to this impressive level of civic action and public participation. It is essential for the project team to utilize a variety of engagement methods in order to ensure input is gathered from a wide array of residents and, most importantly, that their input is effectively used to inform final designs for the future reconstructed John Nolen Drive – a design that reflects the City's and the region's values to deliver the necessary functionality.

See [Appendix D](#) for complete list of Stakeholders and Target Audiences.

APPENDIX A

		PROJECT DESIGN SCHEDULE																					
		City of Madison, John Nolen Drive (North Shore Drive - East Olin Ave), Dane County																					
Project Task	J F M A M J J A S O N D J F M A M J J A S O N D J F M A M J J A S O N D J F M A M J J A S O N D	2021			2022			2023			2024			2025			2026			2027			
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Project Meetings		SURVEY WETLANDS SOIL BORINGS																					
Field Survey		PIP																					
Public Involvement		PIM #1																					
Preliminary Design (30% & 60%)		30%	PIM #2																				
Preliminary Structure Design		SSR/PRELIM																					
Environmental Document		AGENCY WETLANDS	HAZ-MAT SEC 106 SEC 107 DRAFT EA	GEOTECH TUNNEL PUR	ENCROACH	ICE	EA	HEARING	FONSI														
Design Reports		TMP							DSR														
Transportation Project Plat (IF NEEDED)										FINAL													
Utility & RR Coordination		CONTACT							RR														
Real Estate Acquisition (IF NEEDED)										PLANS	UCM #1	UCM #2	UCM #3										
Utility Relocations																							
Final Structure Design											FINAL												
Final Design PS&E (Draft & Final)											DRAFT #1		FINAL #1										
Construction (2025 & 2026)												LET #1	DRAFT #2	FINAL #2									

APPENDIX B

Summary of Outreach Strategies

Updated: 04/19/21

Outreach Strategy	Responsibility	Notes
Project Website	Lead: UA/EQT Support: KL, City	Website URL: https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/john-nolen-drive-reconstruction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact: Hannah Mohelnitzky, City of Madison Engineering (hmohelnitzky@cityofmadison.com)
Social Media	Content: UA/EQT, KL Distribution: UA, City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Madison: Facebook event page and posts, Twitter, Instagram <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Contact: socialmedia@cityofmadison.com ◦ City of Madison Engineering: Facebook, Twitter ◦ Contact: hmohelnitzky@cityofmadison.com • UA: Facebook and Instagram
Contact List	Maintenance: UA/EQT	Used to organize small group meetings, drop-in opportunities, survey distribution, project updates, etc.
Email Blasts	Content: UA/EQT, City Distribution: City, UA	Announcements, reminders and materials for public meetings, online surveys, and other engagement events
Community Survey	Content: UA/EQT, KL Support: City Distribution: UA/EQT, City	Lunch survey late-Summer 2021
Informational flyer	Content: UA/EQT, KL Support: City Distribution: UA/EQT, City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UA/EQT/KL: to develop content • UA/EQT: to distribute electronically and print distribution at prominent community hubs. Will also connect with community orgs/NAs for aid. • City: Online distribution through City Engineering website
Public Information meetings (5)	UA/EQT/KL: postcard text, agenda, PPT, materials, facilitation plan, meeting link City: location selection, interpreter, meeting info distribution	4 meetings/workshops (PIM 1 virtual, 2-5 in-person) 1 open house to present final designs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Channel to videotape (in-person meetings) • Place on City Calendar • City Facebook event page • PIM e-blasts
Translations & Interpretations	UA/EQT: Translation of materials City: PIM Interpretation	Translation/interpretation as needed
Small Group Meetings, Tabling, Intercept Interviews	Lead: UA/EQT Support: City	EQT to conduct small group meetings, UA support. UA to lead tabling/intercept interviews, EQT/City support
Local Media & Press Releases	Content: UA/EQT/KL Distribution: City Interviews: City	Kickoff public meeting and public meetings 2-5, survey, and general project/engagement updates

APPENDIX C

Outreach Locations and Groups

Updated: 4/19/21

Informational Flyer/Poster

The project flyer will be distributed by email and in hard copy at the community locations listed below. These potential locations have been chosen based on their amount of exposure to diverse residents by age, race, income, and gender.

	Location or Organization	Contact	Lead	Status (✓)	Notes
1	Olin Park kiosk		Parks		
2	Law Park		Parks		
3	Brittingham Park		Parks		
4	Brittingham Boats		Parks		
5	Brittingham Dog Park		Parks		
6	Madison College – South		UA		
7	Festival Foods (East Wash)		UA		
8	UW Memorial Union		UA		
9	Colectivo Coffee (Capitol)		UA		
10	Cargo Coffee (East Wash)		UA		
11	Willy Street Co-op (East)		UA		
12	Pick 'n Save (Park Street)		UA		
13	Villager Mall Atrium		UA		
14	Centro Hispano		UA		
15	Urban League		UA		
16	Downtown kiosks (State Street, Capitol)		City		
17	Central Public Library		UA		
18	Monona Terrace		UA		
19	Madison Senior Center		UA		
20	Metro Bus Stops		Metro		
21	Metro bus stops		Metro		
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23					
24					
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Small Group Meetings

Equity by Design will conduct at least eight (8) small group meetings. Types of groups may include:

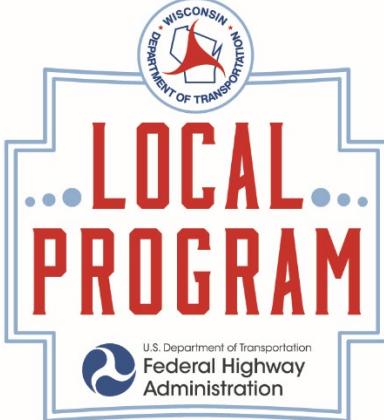
- 1) Neighborhood associations and community groups
- 2) Community-based organizations, service providers, and individuals connected with underserved, transit-dependent, low-income, and/or minority populations
- 3) Downtown stakeholder organizations
- 4) Community and neighborhood centers
- 5) Community advocacy organizations

Organization(s) or Group(s)	Date/Location	Lead	Contact	Notes
Bay Creek NA		UA		
Bassett NA		EQT		
Capitol Neighborhoods NA		EQT		
First Settlement NA		EQT		
Friends of Olin-Turville		EQT		
DMI Transportation Committee		UA		
DMI Bike Sub-Committee		UA		
Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce		UA		
Destination Madison (Greater Madison CVB)		EQT		
Madison Bikes		EQT		
UW Madison Transportation and Associated Students of Madison (ASM)		EQT		
Badger Rock Neighborhood		EQT		
OPEN – LGBTQIA Ally		EQT		

Community Events

Equity by Design will attend two to four of the possible community events listed below. This working list is subject to change depending on event availability.

Event	Date/Location	Lead	Contact	Notes
MadCity Ski Team Show		EQT		
Shake the Lake		EQT		
Downtown Wild Rumpus		EQT		
Betty Lou Cruises		EQT		
Dane Dances		EQT		
Big Swell		EQT		
Disability Pride Festival		EQT		
Dane Dances		EQT		
IronMan		EQT		
Wednesday Farmers Market		EQT		
Crossfit Games		EQT		
		EQT		
		EQT		



Public Involvement Plan

[Refer to Facilities Development Manual (FDM) for instructions to complete this template]

City of Madison, John Nolen Drive
(Olin Avenue – North Shore Drive)

Local Street
Dane County

Design Project ID: 5992-11-20

If a build alternative is selected, currently scheduled for construction in: 2026

If a build alternative is selected, construction could occur as early as: 2026

Project must be completed by: (sunset date)

Design Consultant: KL Engineering
Project Sponsor: City of Madison

Prepared by: _____ Urban Assets, LLC _____ on _____ 04/27/21 _____

Approved by LPA: Chris Petykowski Chris Petykowski 4/29/21

Project purpose and need

Opportunity to enhance the City of Madison's iconic entrance to the isthmus and Capital downtown area by providing engineering services that will transition John Nolen Drive from a highway to an urban street. Existing infrastructure is outdated and needs update (reconstruction of road).

The John Nolen causeway has experienced both horizontal and vertical differential settlement over its current life cycle. This settlement is likely to continue into the future. Proposed shoreline protection enhancements and roadway surface improvements may not mitigate the potential for continued long-term settlement of the causeway embankment. When developing the traffic control and construction staging plans for this project, our team will keep in mind the need to accommodate all modes of transportation.

Conceptual solutions that could address the purpose and need

Transforming the John Nolen Drive experience from a highway to an urban street will be a focus of the roadway design. Several considerations will be evaluated to promote a lower automobile speed environment ranging from reducing the regulatory speed limit, lane width, decreasing super elevation, increasing aesthetics with landscaping and decorative lighting, adding sidewalk, removing beam guard, and improving the sweeping right turn radius (less pavement and more green space) at all intersections. Efficiencies at the Olin Avenue intersection will be evaluated, such as split phase signal timing, especially with the dual lefts opposing the low volume park driveway. The Lakeside Street intersection would benefit by improving the sight distance over the railroad crossing. The North Shore Drive intersection needs additional capacity in all directions, but a northbound "look ahead" lane to Broom Street and a third southbound lane would offer a huge boost to intersection efficiency.

Public involvement goals and objectives

Public involvement is a central element to the planning process for this project. The overarching objective of the project is to ensure the final design outcomes reflect the communities aspired functionality for the prominent road. The KL Engineering team has developed a public involvement strategy that is comprehensive, inclusive, and engaging. The process will provide opportunities for community stakeholders to provide input, learn about the project as it progresses, evaluate alternatives, and be part of the design development and decision making.

Stakeholders and target audiences

Name	Title	Municipality/Agency	Address	City, State, Zip
City of Madison Staff	City of Madison staff	City of Madison Divisions: • Engineering • Parks • Traffic Engineering	210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.	Madison, WI, 53703
City of Madison - District 13 Alder, Tag Evers	Elected Official	City of Madison	2329 Keyes Ave.	Madison, WI, 53711
State of WI – Department of Transportation	Agent	State of WI	2101 Wright St.	Madison, WI, 53704
Dane County Supervisor	Elected Official	Dane County	210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd #114	Madison, WI, 53703
WI State Assembly	Elected Official	State of WI		
WI State Senate	Elected Official	State of WI		
US House of Representatives	Elected Official	State of WI		
US Senate	Elected Official	State of WI		
Neighborhood Residents	Stakeholder	Madison Region		
Property Owners	Stakeholder	Madison Region		
Greater Community	Stakeholder	Madison Region		

Plan timeline/public involvement techniques to be used

Task	Description/Objective	Anticipated Date
<i>Small Work Groups</i>	<p><i>based on an equity-lens strategy that seeks diverse perspectives from those who are typically more difficult to reach and engage. Our strategy of using small group meetings focuses on slowing down the process to inform and engage, using grassroots networks and relationships to connect with diverse community members, and applying an inclusive and equitable analysis to our efforts.</i></p>	<i>Throughout duration of engagement process.</i>
<i>Public Information Meetings</i>	<p><i>will organize and facilitate five (5) public meetings as part of the John Nolen Drive Reconstruction project. Meetings will involve a mix of educational presentations, discussions, and other interactive exercises as appropriate to ensure that feedback is effective, and everyone has an opportunity to be heard. Concerted outreach efforts will be made to ensure a wide diversity of attendees.</i></p> <p><i>Facility (if not virtual) will be ADA Compliant and announcements will specify project contact for deaf/hard of hearing to contact via 711.</i></p>	<i>Throughout duration of engagement process.</i>
<i>Community Survey</i>	<p><i>The survey will be used to inform and engage project stakeholders, gather community questions and concerns, and gauge community's views on specific project elements.</i></p>	<i>Throughout duration of engagement process.</i>

<i>Information Distribution</i>	<i>While community members will be engaged primarily through the public meetings, small group meetings, and the online survey, it is essential for the project team to conduct outreach throughout the process and provide spaces (virtual and physical) for community members to access essential project information and opportunities for them to provide additional input, such as the project website.</i>	<i>Throughout duration of engagement process.</i>

Project messages

1. Purpose and need

John Nolen Drive in the City of Madison is a principal arterial whose pavement, shoreline protection, and structures are reaching the end of their useful life. The existing typical section is aged with aspects of rural shoulders and guardrail and does not represent the urban land use that currently surrounds the project corridor. Multimodal facilities along the corridor are not adequate to handle the increasing use from pedestrians and bicycles. The purpose of the project is to reconstruct the corridor to address the outdated infrastructure, provide a safe geometric urban design, and provide safe and efficient travel for multi-modal users (pedestrians, bicycles, and transit).

2. Conceptual solutions that could address the purpose and need

The following solutions could be utilized to address the purpose and need:

- Reconstruct the existing six (6) causeway structures and roadway pavements
- Repair the existing two (2) Wingra Creek structures
- Reconstruct the roadway to a divided urban typical section (with median) and curb and gutter. Roadway to remain a four (4) lane roadway (two in each direction)
- Replace the existing causeway rip-rap shoreline along Lake Monona
- Expand the width of the multi-purpose path along the shoreline
- Evaluate the feasibility of constructing a pedestrian/bicycle underpass of John Nolen Drive near the North Shore Drive intersection

3. Proposed schedule and cost range

If a build alternative is selected, currently scheduled for construction in: 2026

If a build alternative is selected, construction could occur as early as: 2026

If a build alternative is selected, the estimated cost for the project is (ranges)

There currently is no funding agreement with the State of Wisconsin or Federal Highway Administration for construction.

4. Potential traffic impacts/ traffic management objectives

John Nolen Drive will remain open to one (1) lane of traffic in each direction using temporary pavement crossovers at both ends of the project. Temporary lane closures are also anticipated during nighttime hours to remove the existing structures and to construct the new structures. An option to detour traffic during any closures will be evaluated. Overall, drivers can expect moderate delays.

5. Related projects, if any

There are no current roadway projects planned in this area.

6. Potential real estate impacts

Minor real estate impacts are expected near intersections.

7. Potential access modifications

Access modifications are not expected with this project.

8. Any other issues to be aware of

No other issues to be aware of.

9. Basic facts about the highway (ADT, truck percentages, National Highway System, etc.)

Functional Classification: Principal Arterial

National Highway System: Yes

ADT: 43,200 (2018)

Truck Percentage: 4.6% (2018)