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Public Information Meeting
City of Madison Engineering Division
[3/16/2026]

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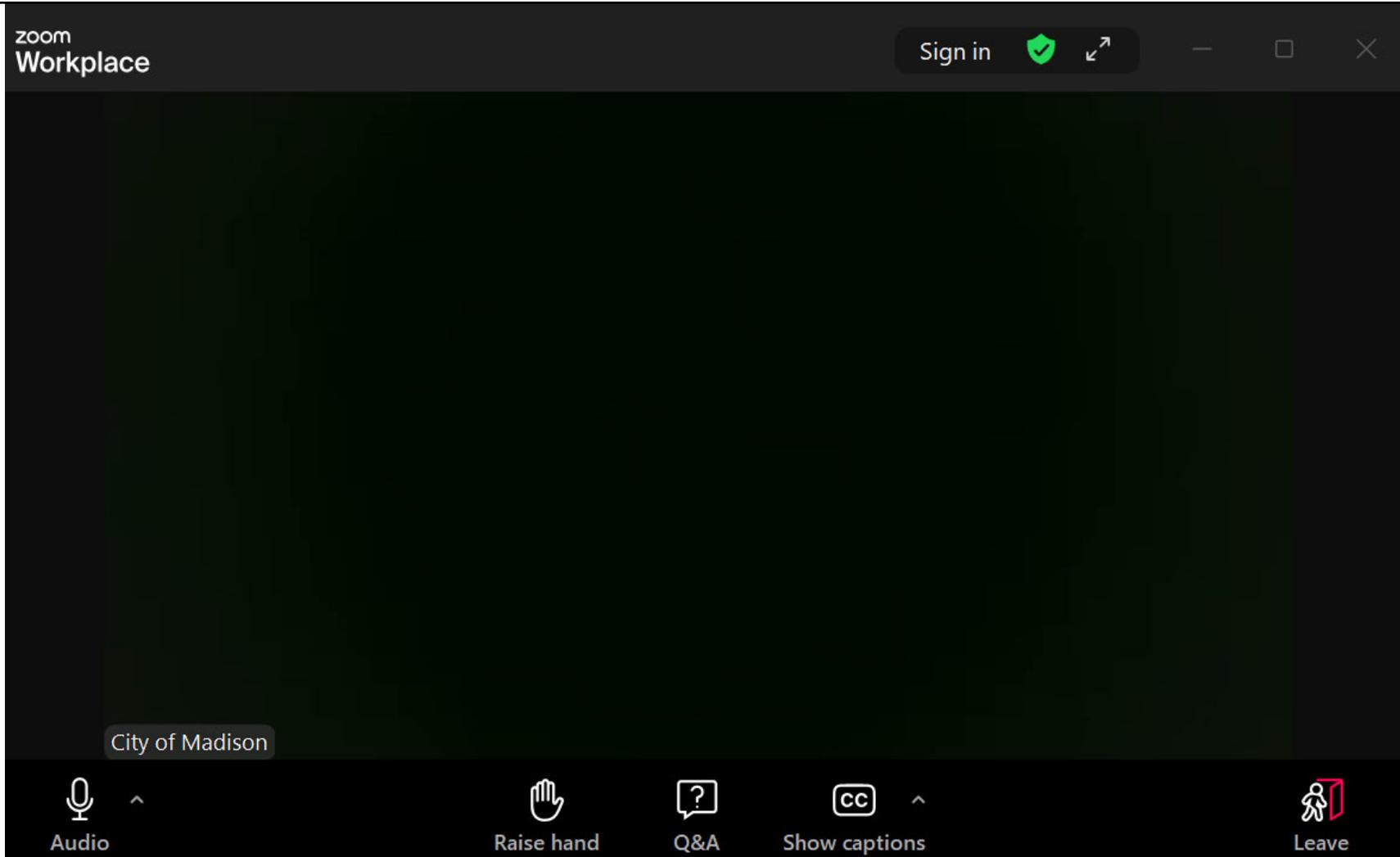


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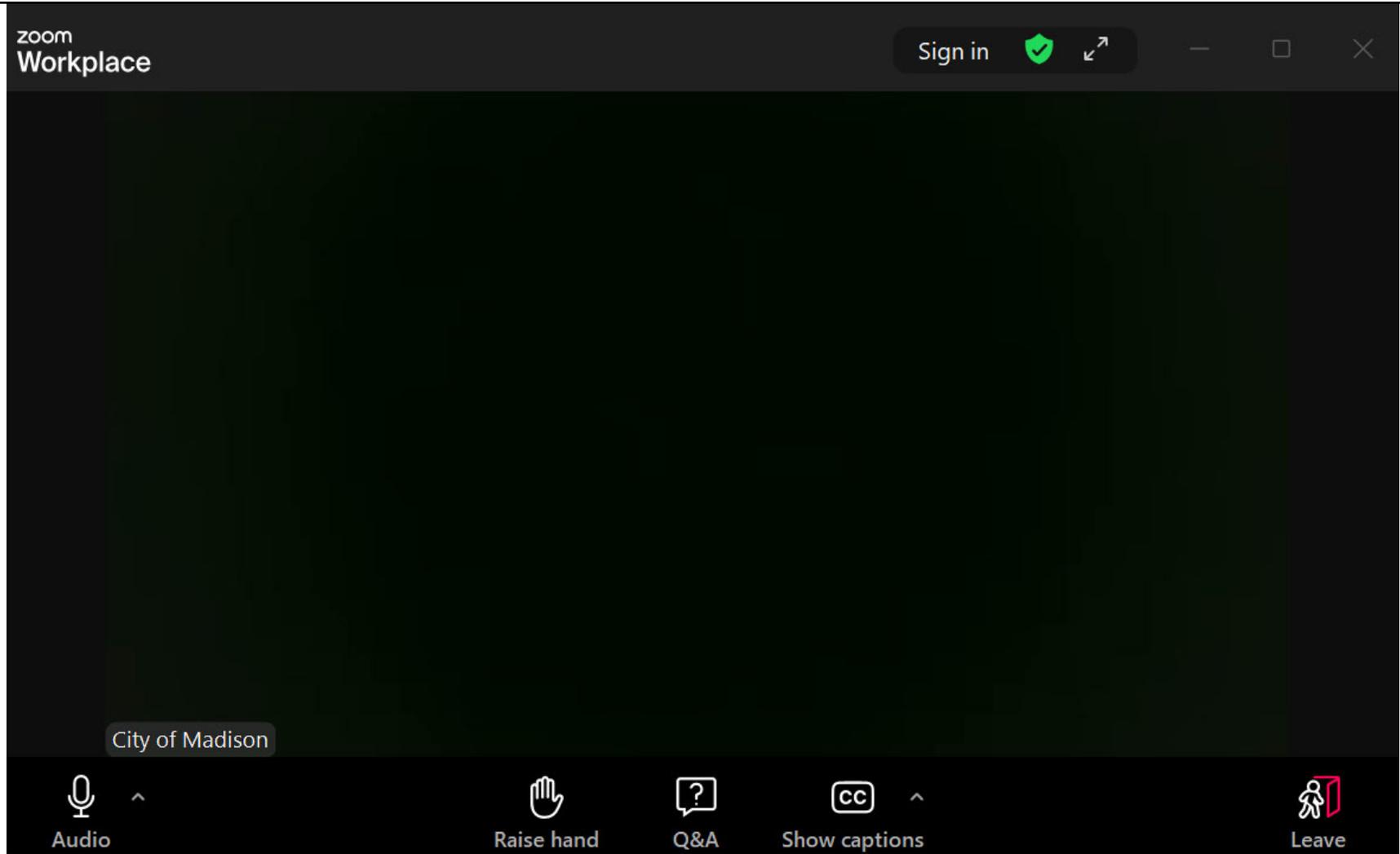
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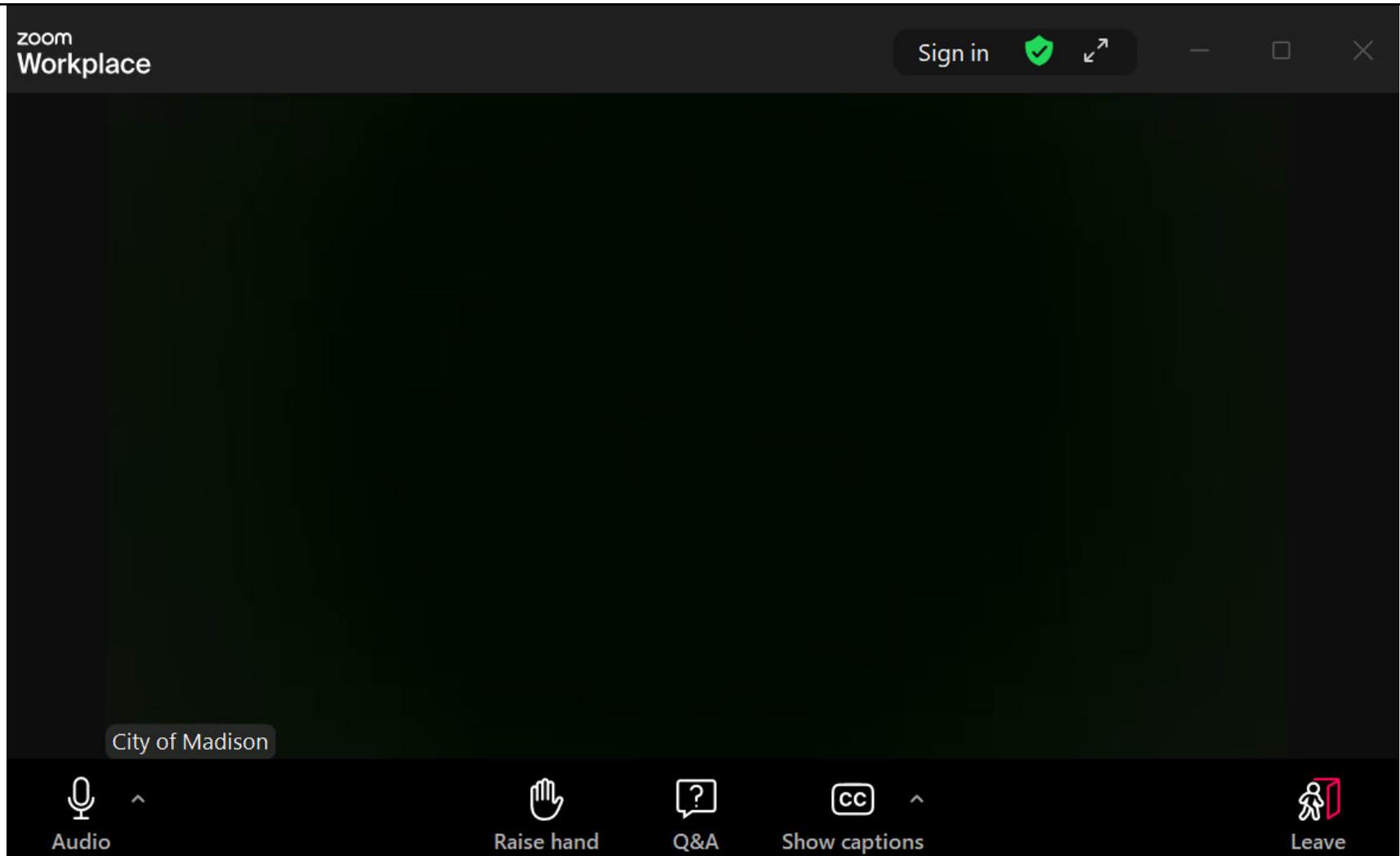
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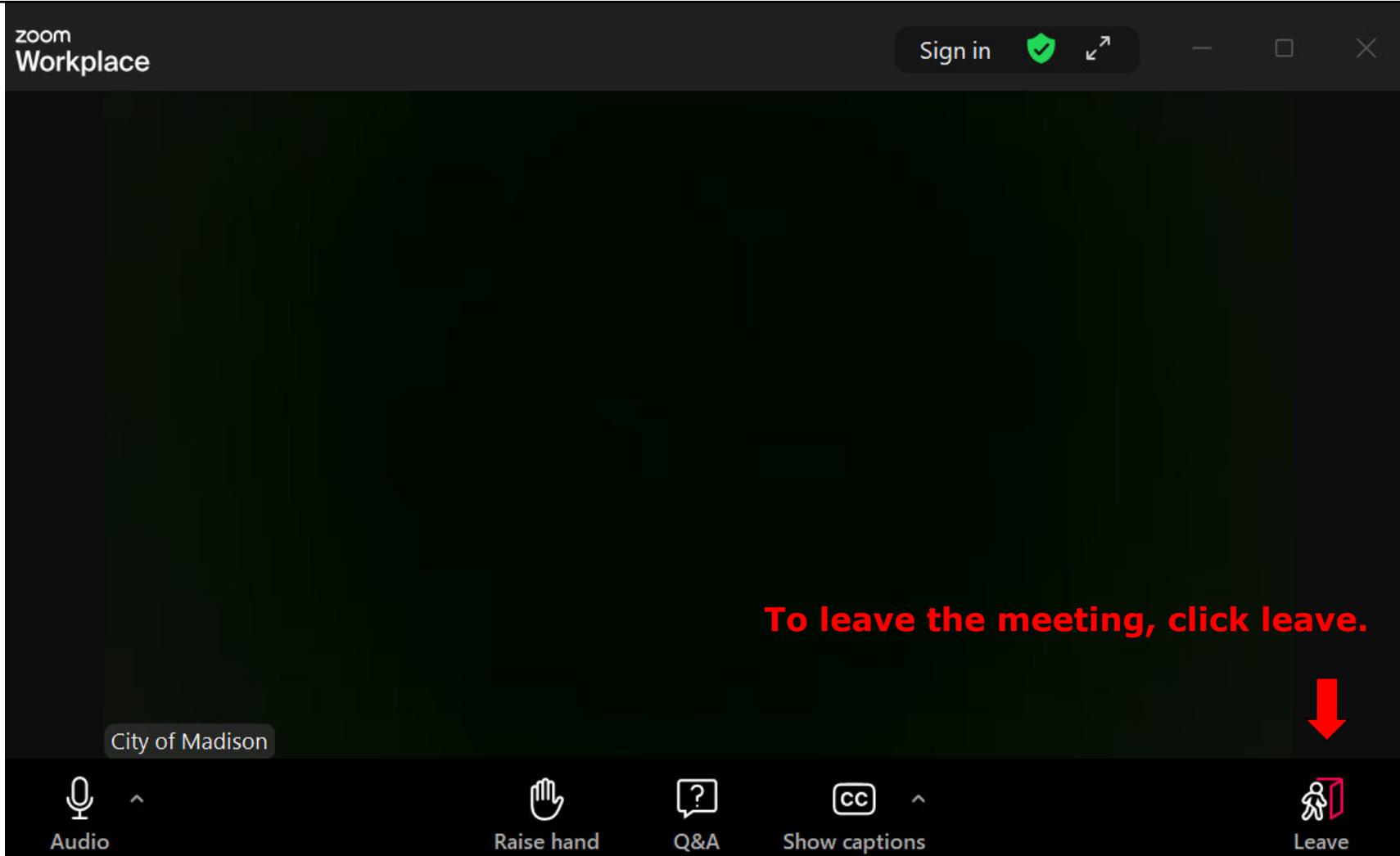
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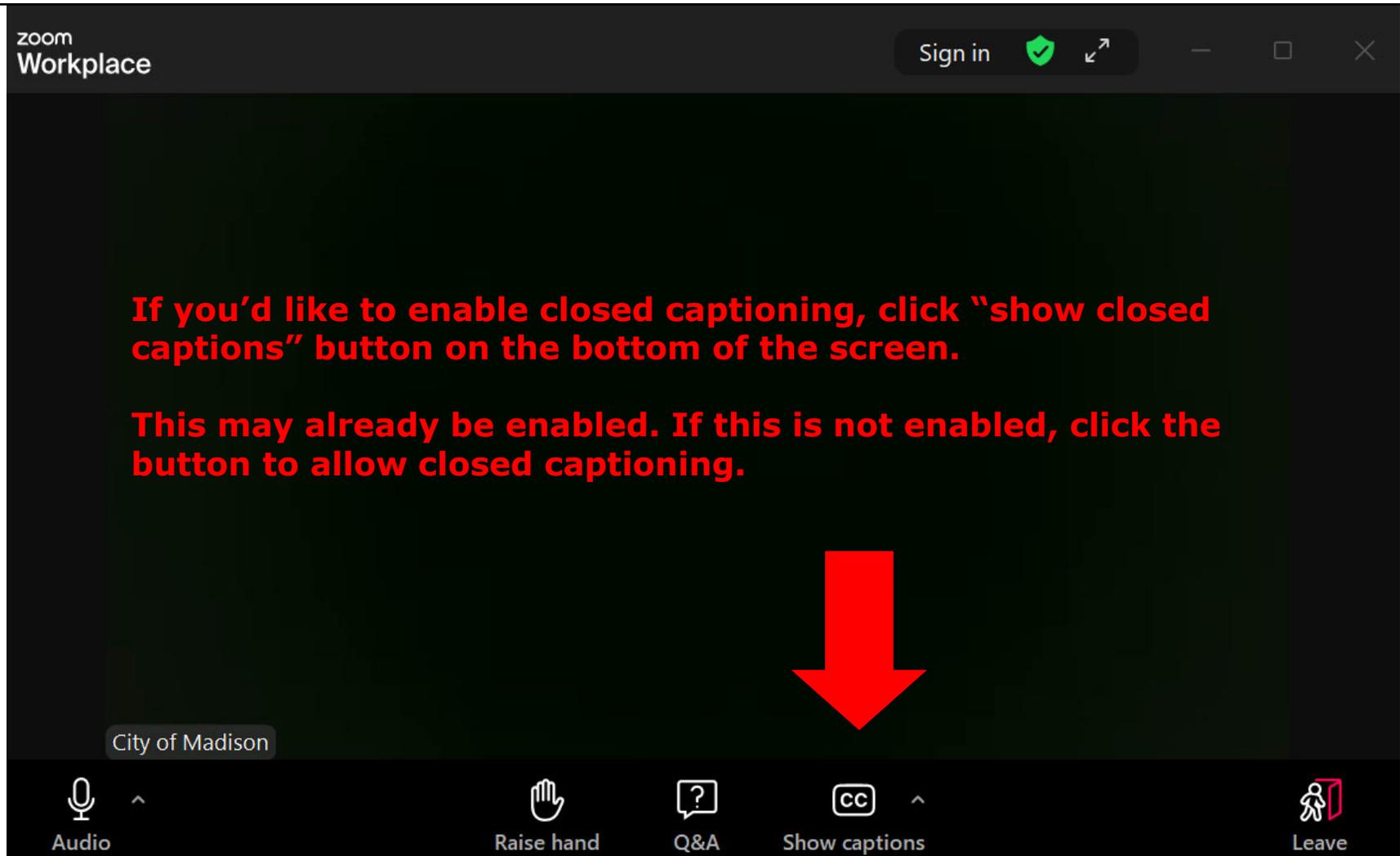
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Presentation Introductions

Thank You for participating!

- Welcome (Hannah Mohelnitzky, Engineering Public Information Officer, City of Madison)
- Introduction (Alder Julia Matthews, District 12)
- Presentation (Emma Almy, Project Manager/Street Engineer and Asst. Construction Engineer)
- Q&A (facilitated by Hannah Mohelnitzky)
 - Assisted by:
 - Todd Chojnowski, Sewer Engineer, City of Madison
 - Tim Pearson, Water Engineer, City of Madison
 - Jeremy Nash, Traffic Engineer, City of Madison
 - Jerry Schippa, Electrical Engineer, City of Madison
 - Casey Deg, Electrical Engineer, City of Madison
 - Andy Zwieg, Streets Principal Engineer, City of Madison
- Presentation available on the website
 - www.cityofmadison.com/ShermanMcGuireReconstruction

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Presentation Preview

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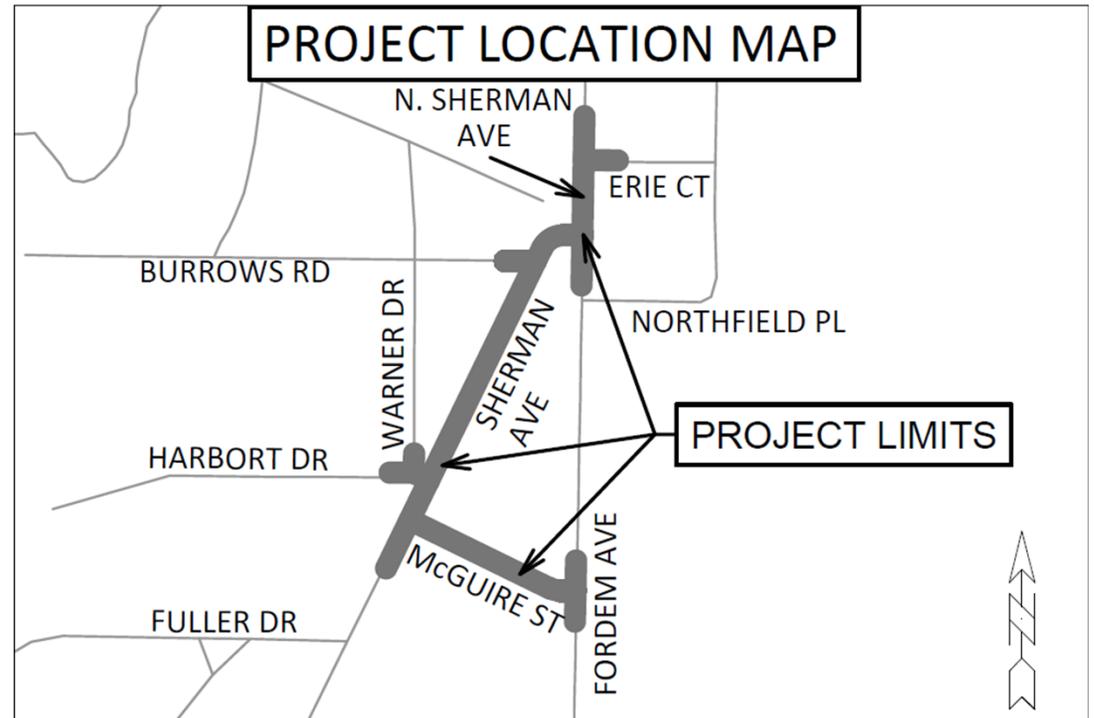


Project Location

Sherman Ave – McGuire St to N. Sherman Ave/Fordem Ave

N. Sherman Ave/Fordem Ave – Northfield Pl to Erie Ct

McGuire St – Sherman Ave to Fordem Ave

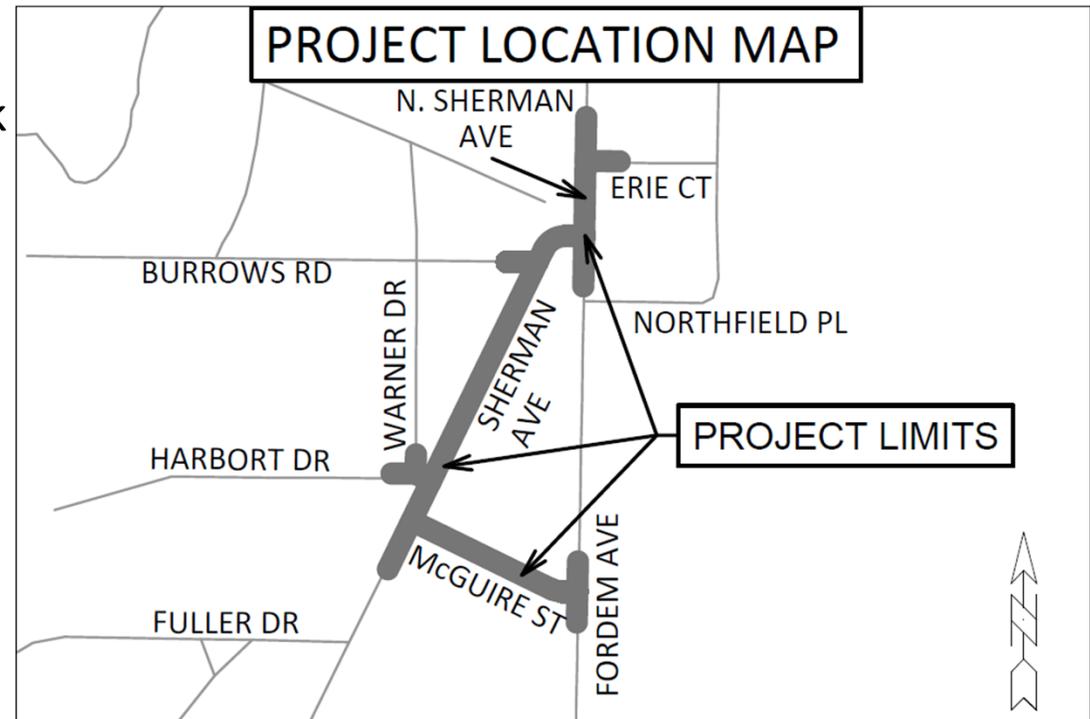


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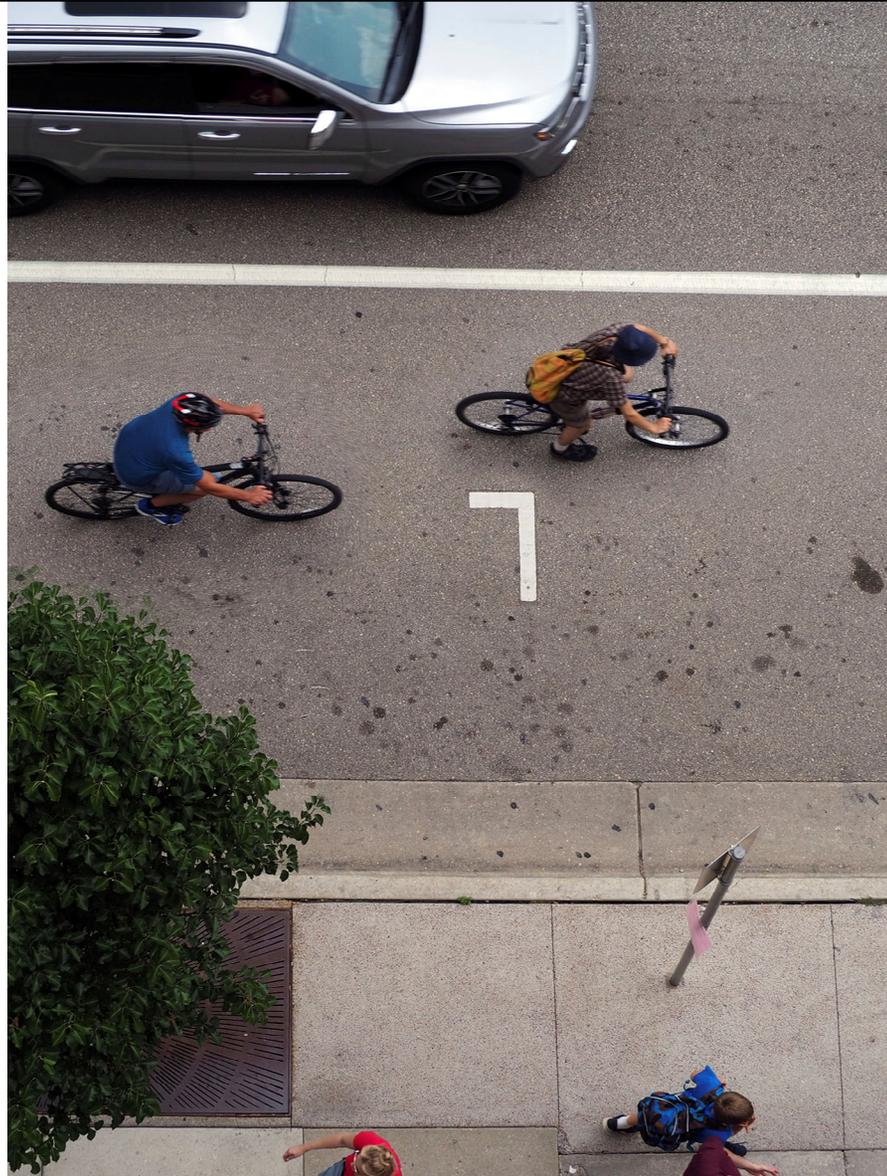
Meeting Purpose

- To inform the public on the scope of work
- Communicate with residents on the assessments
- To inform the public on the approval schedule and construction access
- Remind the public to fill-out the online questionnaire



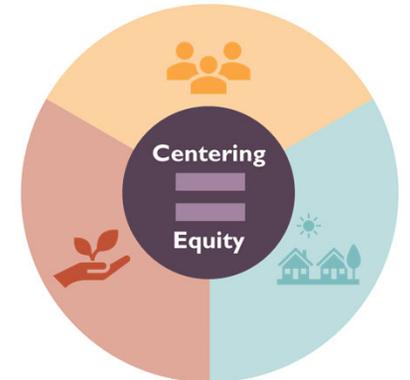
City of Madison Complete Green Streets Guide

Approved January 6, 2023



STREET VALUES

Putting People First



Fostering
Sustainability

Supporting
Community

MODAL HIERARCHY



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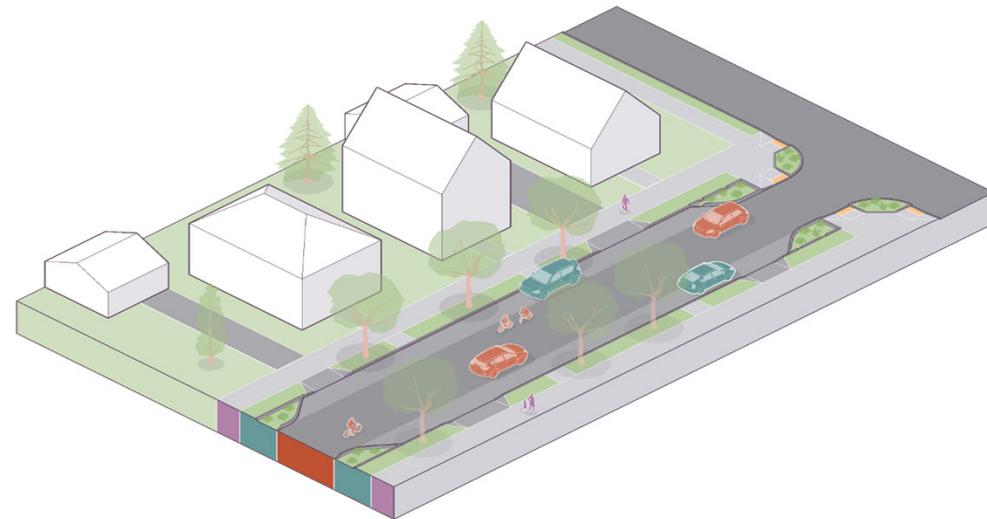
Principles of Complete Green Streets

- Streets are for everyone, no matter who they are or how they travel.
- There is no one design but instead each design considers the specific context of the neighborhood and street.
- Streets are designed and operated to prioritize safety, comfort and access for all users.
- Green infrastructure integrates sustainability in the right of way to help our City be more resilient and helps provide a welcoming public place.

SHERMAN AVENUE AND MCGUIRE STREET

Street Type: Neighborhood Street

Context: Residential neighborhood
Description: Wider neighborhood streets. Includes some higher-traffic streets and transit routes that should be designed to prioritize neighborhood quality of life. Allows two drivers to pass each other without stopping.
Target Speed: 20 mph or less



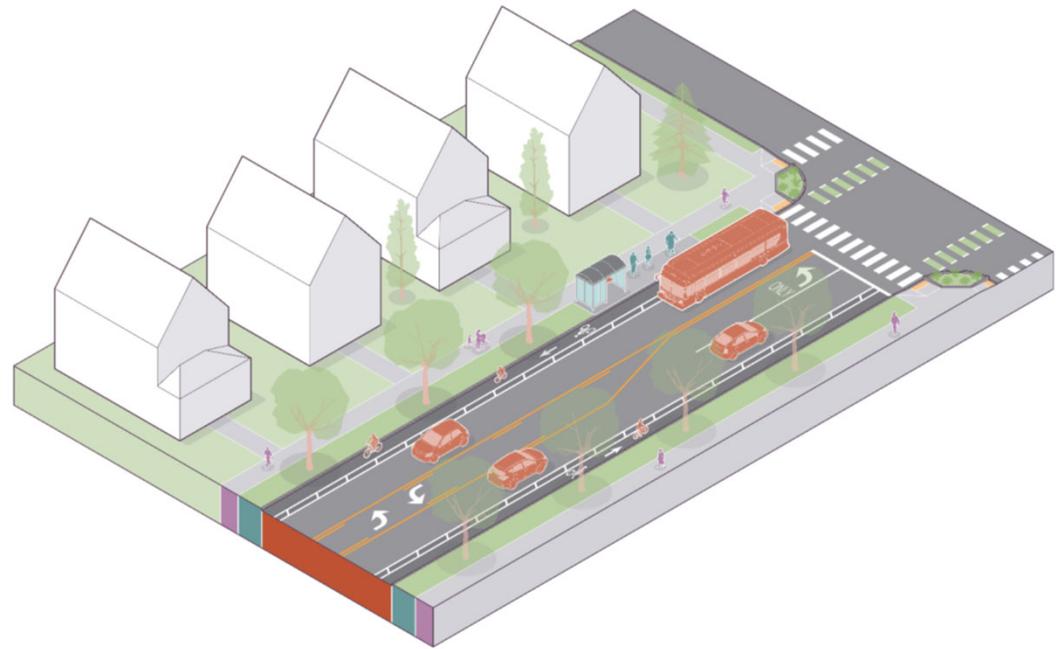
N. SHERMAN AVE/FORDEM AVE

Street Type: Community Connector

Context: Neighborhoods, ranging from walkable with short blocks and many driveways to more car-oriented. Includes some commercial and light industrial areas.

Description: Streets that provide access and convey moderate numbers of people via multiple modes. Often includes transit.

Target Speed: 25 mph or less



What is Vision Zero?

Internationally-recognized strategy aimed at **eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries** while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all road users.

TRADITIONAL APPROACH

Traffic deaths are **INEVITABLE**

PERFECT human behaviour

Prevent **COLLISIONS**

INDIVIDUAL responsibility

Saving lives is **EXPENSIVE**

VS

VISION ZERO

Traffic deaths are **PREVENTABLE**

Integrate **HUMAN FAILING** in approach

Prevent **FATAL AND SEVERE CRASHES**

SYSTEMS approach

Saving lives is **NOT EXPENSIVE**

HIT BY A VEHICLE
TRAVELING AT:

**20
MPH**



LIKELIHOOD OF SURVIVAL: **87%**

HIT BY A VEHICLE
TRAVELING AT:

**30
MPH**



LIKELIHOOD OF SURVIVAL: **60%**

HIT BY A VEHICLE
TRAVELING AT:

**40
MPH**



LIKELIHOOD OF SURVIVAL: **27%**

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Existing Conditions – Sherman Ave

Item	Existing Condition
Last Surfaced	From south to north: 1992, 1998, and 1995
Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating (out of 10)	From south to north: 4, 3, and 5 All considered poor to mediocre
Curb Rating (out of 10)	From south to north: 3, 3, and 7 Majority condition is considered poor
Width (from face of curb to face of curb)	44 feet
Surface	Asphalt over Concrete
Sidewalk	Both sides
Sanitary	8" Lined Clay (1927/2025) and 8" Clay (1927)
Water	8" Sand Cast Iron (1931)
Storm	No City storm south of Burrows 12" Clay (1956) at Burrows



Facing north, between Harbort and Burrows

Comments:

- Majority of block doesn't have functional curb
 - Gutter was paved over at some point
- Very flat road and no storm creates lots of ponding at the "curb"
- Long pedestrian crossings

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Existing Conditions – N. Sherman Ave/Fordem Ave

Item	Existing Condition
Last Surfaced	2016 (center of intersection to Northfield) 1995 (center of intersection to Erie)
Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating (out of 10)	7 and 4
Curb Rating (out of 10)	9 and 7
Width (from face of curb to face of curb)	43' – 46'
Surface	Asphalt
Sidewalk	Both sides
Sanitary	No City sewer, just Madison Metropolitan
Water	10" Ductile Iron (1994) 12" Ductile Iron (2016)
Storm	12" Concrete (1956 and 1995) 18" Concrete (2016) 24" Concrete (1995)



Facing south, just north of Erie Ct

Comment:

- Long pedestrian crossings

Existing Conditions – McGuire St

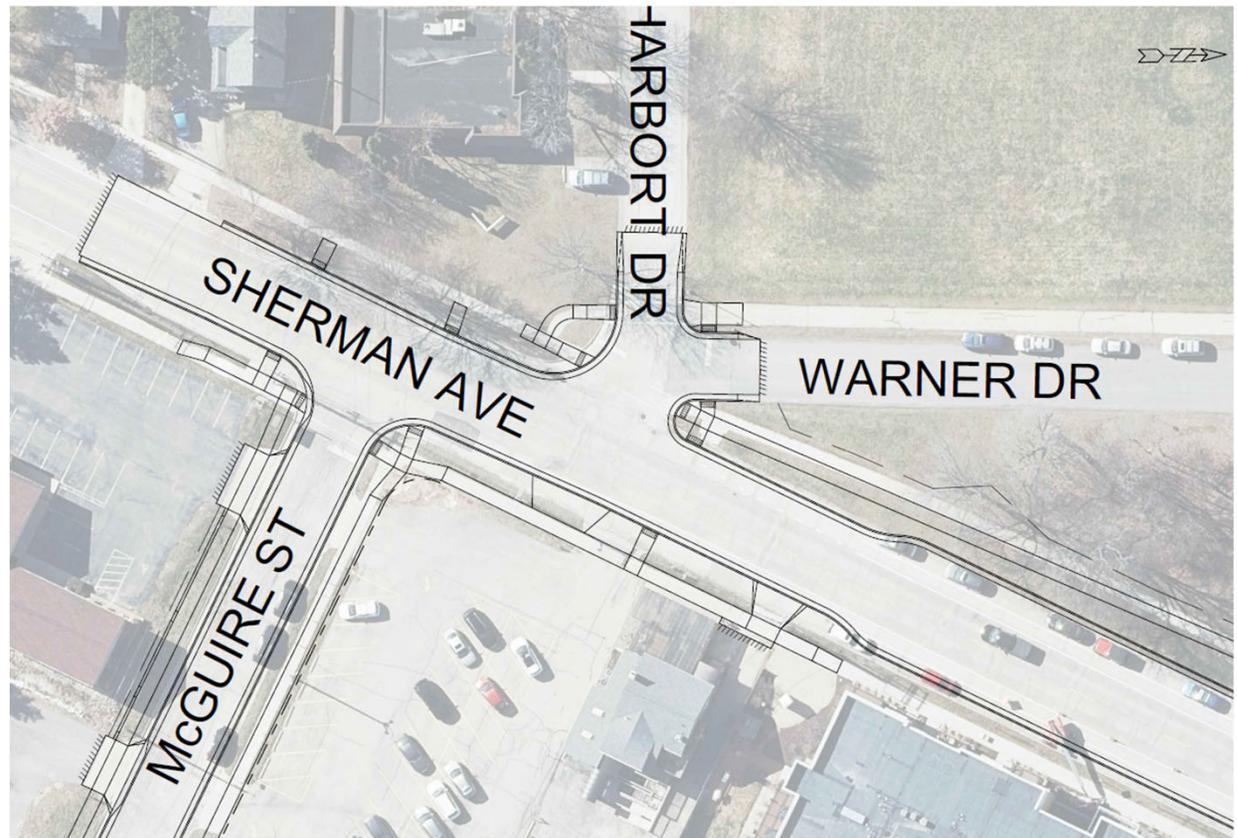
Item	Existing Condition
Last Surfaced	1989
Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating (out of 10)	2, considered poor
Curb Rating (out of 10)	4, considered poor/mediocre
Width (from face of curb to face of curb)	30 feet
Surface	Asphalt
Sidewalk	Half of block on north side only
Sanitary	None
Water	None
Storm	Only storm is at Fordem intersection – all concrete and from 2016



Facing east

Proposed Street Design – Sherman Ave

1. Narrowing road by 10' from 100' south of McGuire to 100' north of Harbort/Warner
 1. 44' to 34' street width
2. Road bumps back out to 44' but centerline is shifted 2.5' toward park to increase terrace width against apartments
 1. Helps trees on east side
3. Adding curb ramps on west side of Sherman
4. Replacing current curb ramps with ADA-compliant ramps
5. Replacing sidewalk on west side

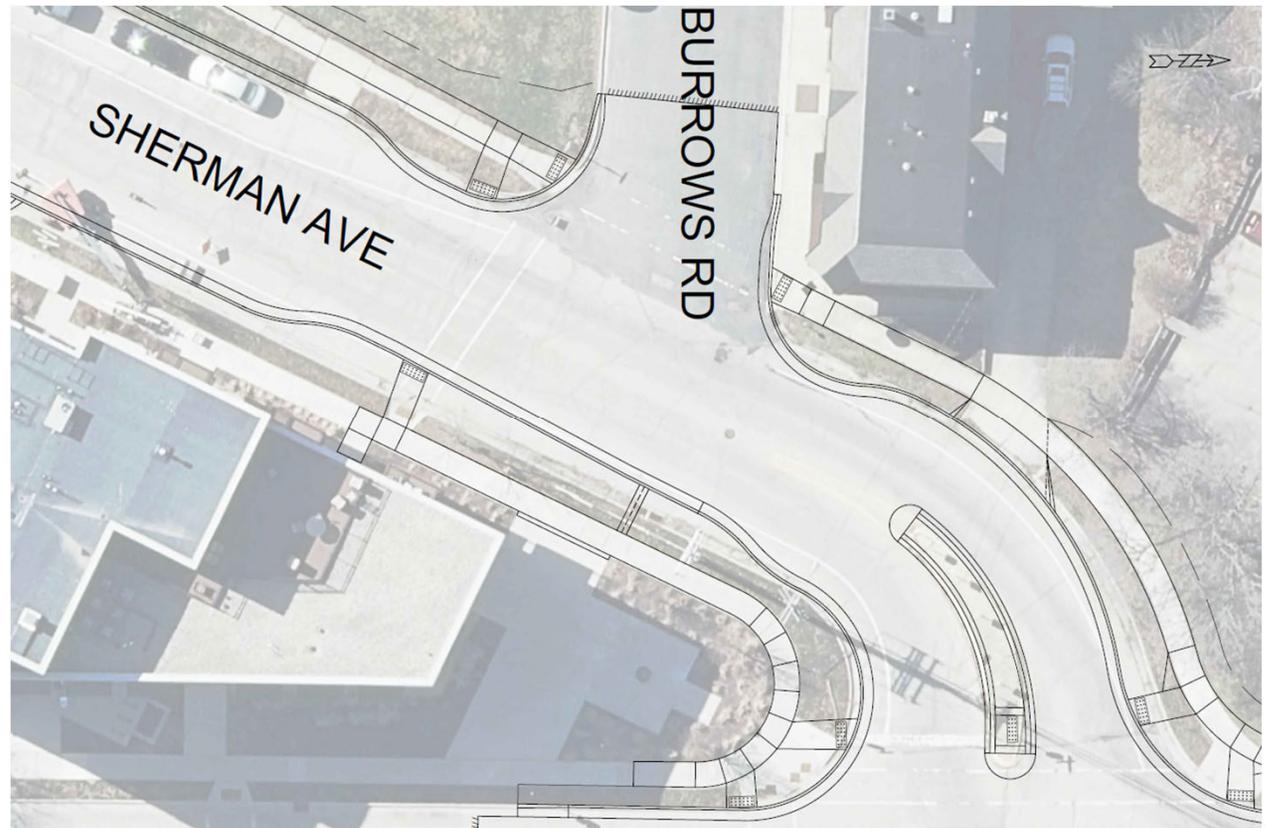


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Proposed Street Design – Sherman Ave

1. Bumpouts at Burrows intersection
2. Smaller curb radiuses at intersection with N. Sherman/Fordem
 1. Smaller radiuses create “bumpouts” on the west side of the T - intersection without changing street width on N. Sherman/Fordem
3. Larger island with pedestrian refuge
4. Added curb ramp on southwest corner of Burrows intersection to complete crosswalk across Sherman
5. Replacing current curb ramps with ADA-compliant ramps

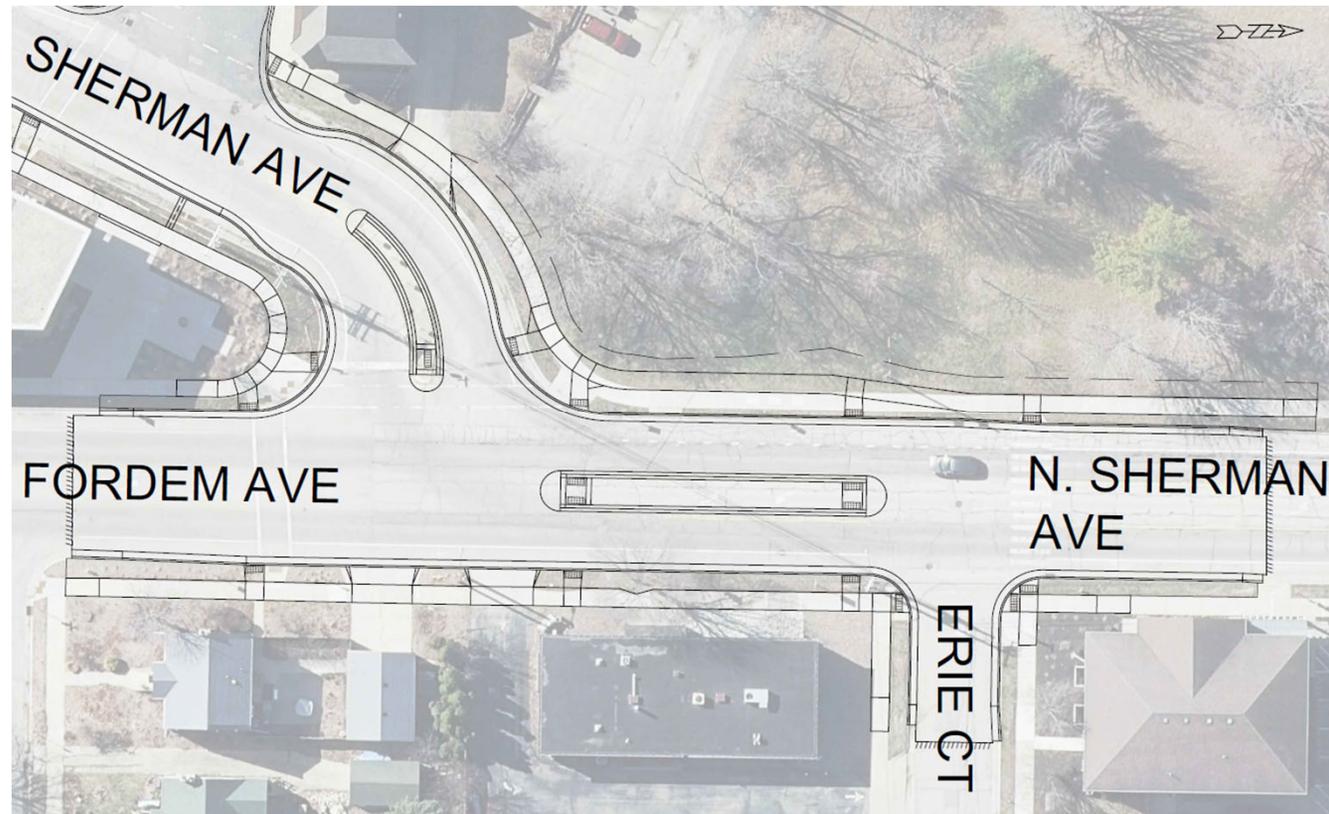


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Proposed Utility Design – N. Sherman Ave/Fordem Ave

1. No change in curb location
2. Adding 12' wide island between Sherman and Erie
 1. 2 pedestrian refuges
3. Adding 3 curb ramps
 1. 2 on east side of N. Sherman and 1 on west side
4. Removing waterway at Erie
5. Replacing sidewalk on both sides of road
6. Replacing current curb ramps with ADA-compliant ramps



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Proposed Street Design – McGuire St

1. Reducing street width by 4'
 1. 30' to 26'
2. Aligning centerline to intersect Fordem at a 90° angle
 1. Removing skew helps with intersection safety
3. Adding sidewalk on both sides of street
 1. New sidewalk on north side will be done with development
4. Adding curb ramp on south side of McGuire
 1. Creating separate northbound curb ramp shortens crossing distance
5. Full depth replacement at Fordem to help drainage



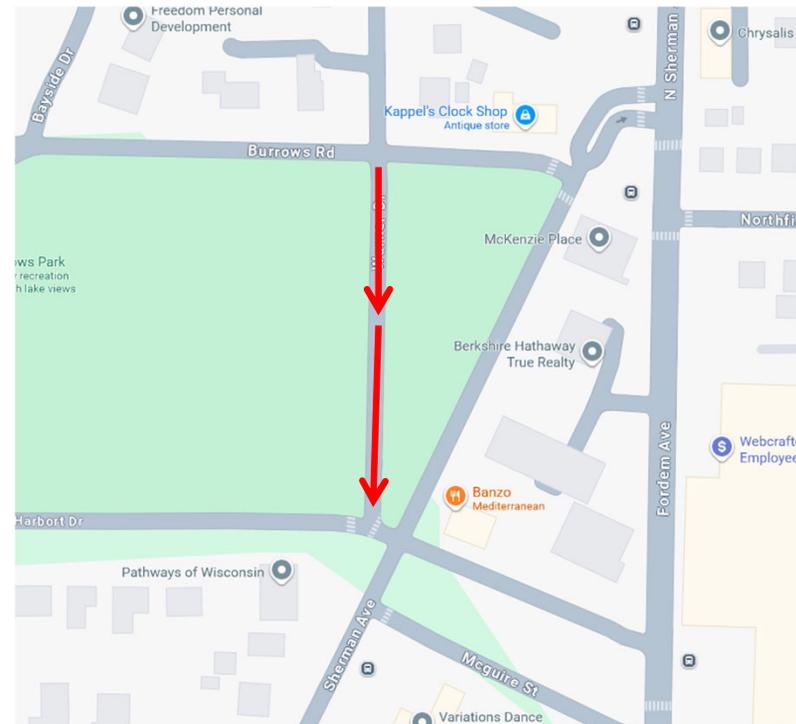
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Potential Street Change - Warner Dr One-Way

Convert Warner Dr to a one-way street southbound

- Only between Burrows Rd and Harbort Dr
- Parking would remain on west side up against park
- Would help to clarify traffic pattern and increase safety



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Proposed Utility Design – Sherman Ave

Storm Sewer

- Add concrete storm pipes to Sherman from McGuire to Burrows
- Replace or abandon clay storm pipes north of Burrows

Sanitary Sewer

- Replace or abandon clay sanitary sewer main and laterals with PVC
- Reconnect all laterals
- Replace any non-PVC laterals

Water

- Install new ductile iron water main
- Likely abandon old water main
- Reconnect all services to new water main

Proposed Utility Design – N. Sherman Ave/Fordem Ave

Storm Sewer

- Add new concrete storm pipes and inlets to collect water from street low points
- Replace or abandon clay storm pipes

Sanitary Sewer

- None

Water

- Install new ductile iron water main
- Abandon old water main
- Reconnect all services to new water main

Proposed Utility Design – McGuire St

Storm Sewer

- Add new concrete storm pipes and inlets to collect water from street low point near Fordem

Sanitary Sewer

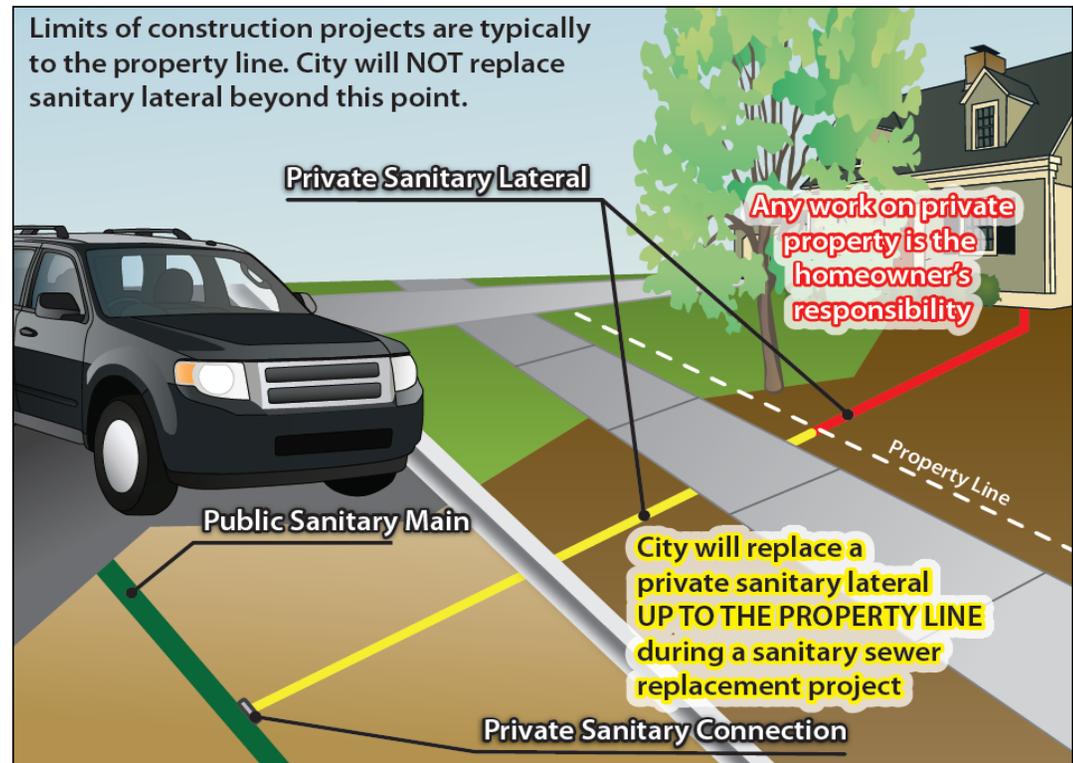
- None

Water

- None

Sanitary Sewer Lateral Installation

- Replace to property line
- Laterals will be reconnected
- Work beyond the property line is the homeowner's responsibility
- Service will be maintained



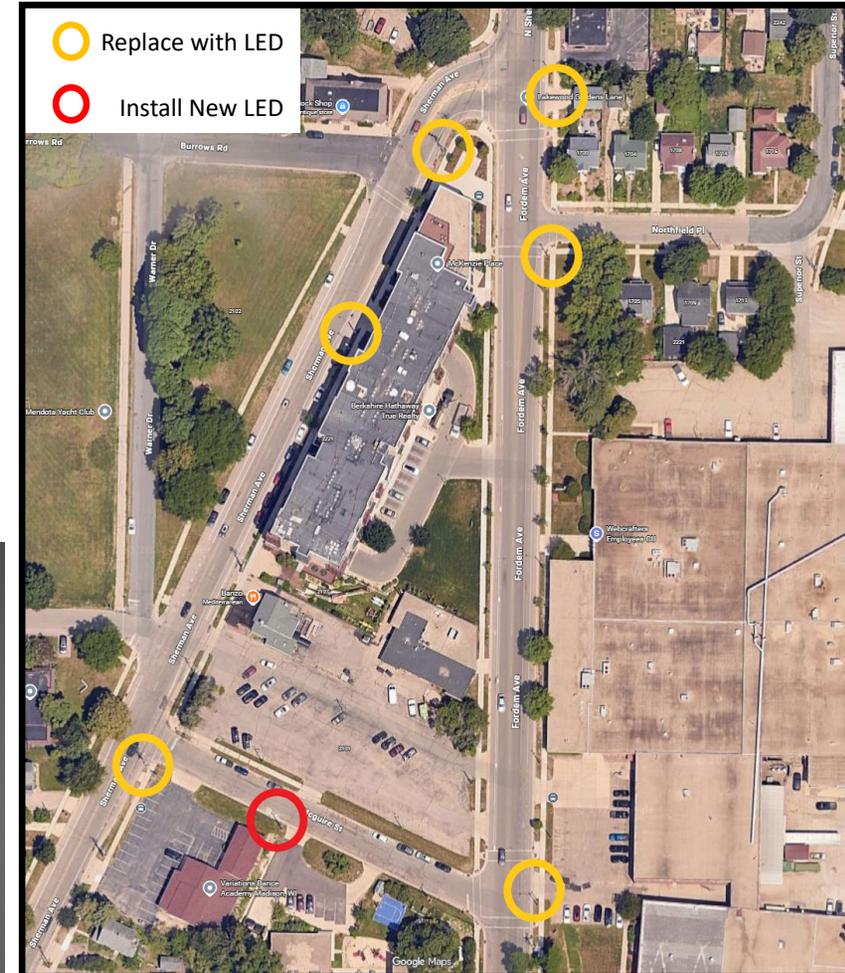
Water Impacts to Residents

- All replacements and reconnects are funded by the Water Utility, so property owners will not see an assessment for this work
 - Property owners interested in a water service upgrade should contact Tim Pearson.
- Each resident can expect 2-3 scheduled water outages during construction
- Scheduled outages are typically 4-6 hours in duration
- Residents will receive a 48-hour notice prior to any scheduled water outage
- Typically, residents will see air and discolored water for a short period of time
 - Here is a link for what do in the event this happens:
 - www.cityofmadison.com/water/water-quality/discolored-water



Streetlighting

- Replace existing MGE owned & maintained HPS (High Pressure Sodium) fixtures with LED fixtures.
- Dark skies compliant
 - 3,000K color temperature
 - Full cut off fixtures
- New streetlights along McGuire, midblock with private development.



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Forestry

- No street tree removals are anticipated
- Trees will be planted with the private development project
- Tree Equity Score = 96/100
 - Goal is to protect and maintain existing trees
 - www.treeequityscore.org
- Engineering and Forestry staff are currently working on identifying potential areas for additional tree plantings.

Construction & Access

- Construction is expected to begin in September 2026
 - **Construction may shift to spring/summer 2027 depending on coordination with MGE and the Village of Maple Bluff**
- Residents, property and business owners will be notified 2 weeks prior the start of construction
- Access to commercial driveways will be maintained as best as possible during construction
 - Brief interruptions to access can happen when construction activities are in front of a driveway. The contractor shall coordinate such work with the building manager or business owner.
- Residential driveway access will be maintained during most of construction but can be closed up to a cumulative total of 20 days, residents are notified before
 - Not accessible when contractor is working directly in front
 - Closed when curb, sidewalk, and driveway apron installed
- Standard working hours are 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday – Saturday and 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Sundays
- On street parking will not be allowed during construction hours



Construction & Access (cont'd)

- Any existing landscaping within the Right-of-Way will likely be disturbed
- Please remove any plantings, raised beds, structures, pavers, stone landscaping, railings, etc... that you wish to save from the terrace prior to construction
 - Contractor will not replace/reinstall these items after construction
- Disturbed bare ground will be restored with topsoil, grass seed, and erosion matting

Assessment Policy & Costs

- Special charge for work being done that has a direct benefit to the property
- Street Assessment Policy
 - Properties assessed for asphalt pavement replacement (10' width) based on property frontage
 - No assessments for Curb & Sidewalk
 - Properties assessed for sewer lateral and driveway apron replacement based on specific dimensions measured during construction
 - Assessed costs for specific items are based on an average of bid prices from the last 3 years of projects = standardizes costs, removes bidding variability
 - Unit Prices for Driveways, Pavement Reconstruction, and Terrace Walks will be set rates
 - Unit Prices for Sanitary Laterals and Private Storm Connections will be based on final bid prices
- Preliminary, estimated assessments to be mailed during design phase – this is where the project is now
- Each condo owner will receive an assessment letter instead of the condo association
- Final assessments will be calculated, and final billing will be sent the following year of construction completion (mailed in 2027)
 - Based on measured quantities of driveway aprons, terrace walks, & sanitary laterals
 - Unit prices for driveways, pavement reconstruction, and terrace walks will not change from preliminary
 - Unit prices for sanitary laterals and private storm sewer connections based on bid prices
- Assessments are payable in lump sum or in up to 8 installments at the current interest rate (4.5% for 2026 approval)



Assessment Policy & Costs (cont'd)

Item	Property Owner Share	City Share
10-ft width of Asphalt Pavement Replacement*	100%	0%
Remainder of Pavement width	0%	100%
Driveway Apron Replacement	50%	50%
Sidewalk Replacement	0%	100%
Curb & Gutter Replacement	0%	100%
Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement	0%	100%
Sanitary Sewer Laterals to Property Line Replacement	25%	75%
Storm Sewer Main Replacement	0%	100%
Private Storm Connects, New or Existing	100%	0%
Water Main & Services Replacement	0%	100%
Street Trees Removals & Plantings	0%	100%
Street and Ped Lights Replacement	0%	100%
Street and Ped Lights New Installation	100%	0%

*Assessed per linear ft as 10-ft. of street width across the property frontage
 - A reduction factor will be applied to single/two-family residential corner lots



Project Schedule

- 4/24/2026: Mail Estimated Assessments, Public Hearing Notice
- 5/6/2026: BPW Public Hearing
- 5/19/2026: Common Council Public Hearing
- Mid June 2026: Advertise for Bids
- Late June 2026: Receive Bids Back from Contractors (Know who is the lowest bidder)
- September 2026: Estimated Construction Start



Next Steps

- Upcoming opportunities for public involvement
 - Fill out the questionnaire if not done already
 - Closes next Monday (3/23) at 5 pm
 - Sign-up for project email updates on the website
 - Attend Board of Public Works public hearing
 - Attend Common Council public hearing
- Public notified via website updates and/or mailing
- Visit Project Website
 - www.cityofmadison.com/ShermanMcGuireReconstruction



Next Steps

- Board of Public Works (BPW) Meeting
 - Members of the public can watch, register support/opposition, speak (3 minutes), and/or submit written comments.
 - Subscribe to the email list on project webpage to get notification when BPW meeting registration opens.
 - If you register to speak, make sure the name you display in Zoom matches the name you registered under so staff know who to unmute when it's your turn.
 - BPW meetings start at 4:30 PM but the public hearings for public works projects don't start until 5:30 PM (or when the item under discussion at 5:30 PM finishes). You can join at any time.
 - If you have any questions about registering for the BPW meeting, email boardofpublicworks@cityofmadison.com.



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- City Staff
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- Sign-up for project email updates on the website
 - Updates on the design process and construction progress will be posted to the project website
- Recording for this meeting will be posted on project webpage

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