

# West Towne Path – Phase 2b



Public Information Meeting  
City of Madison Engineering Division  
Thursday April 9, 2026

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




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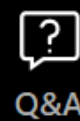
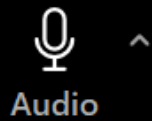
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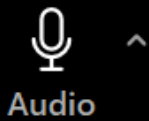
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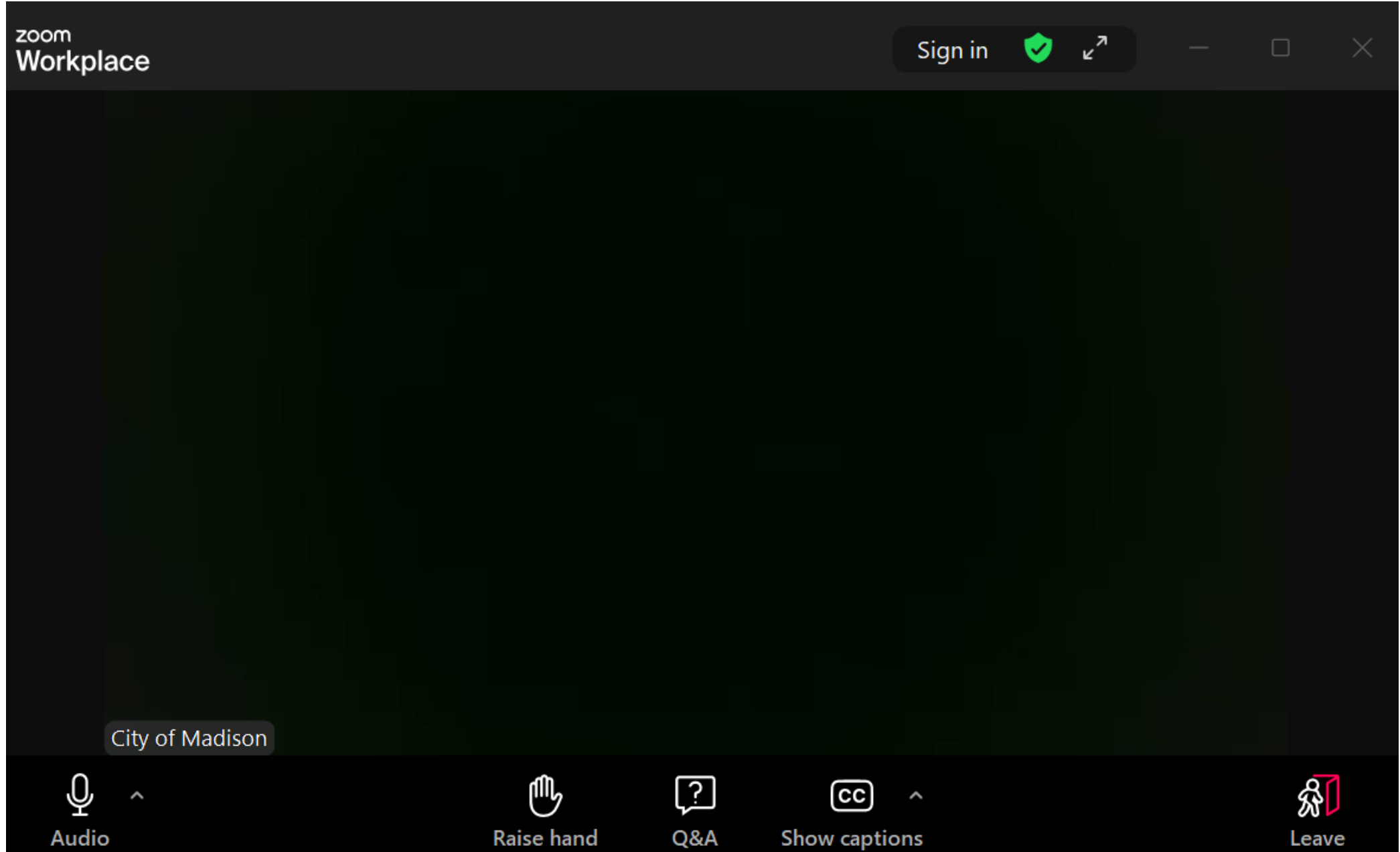
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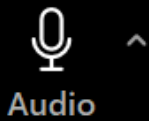
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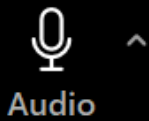


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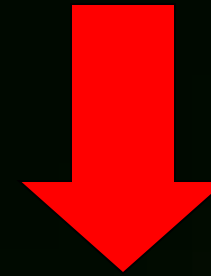




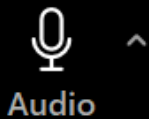
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Raise hand



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# Presentation Introductions

- Welcome (Hannah Mohelnitzky, Engineering Public Information Officer, City of Madison)
- Introduction (Alder Joann Pritchett, District 9)
- Presentation (Aaron Canton, Project Manager/Engineer)
- Q&A (facilitated by Hannah Mohelnitzky)
  - Assisted by:
    - Chris Petykowski, Assistant City Engineer, City of Madison
    - Jeremy Nash, Traffic Engineer, City of Madison
- Presentation available on the website:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/west-towne-shared-use-path-phase-2b>



# Presentation Overview

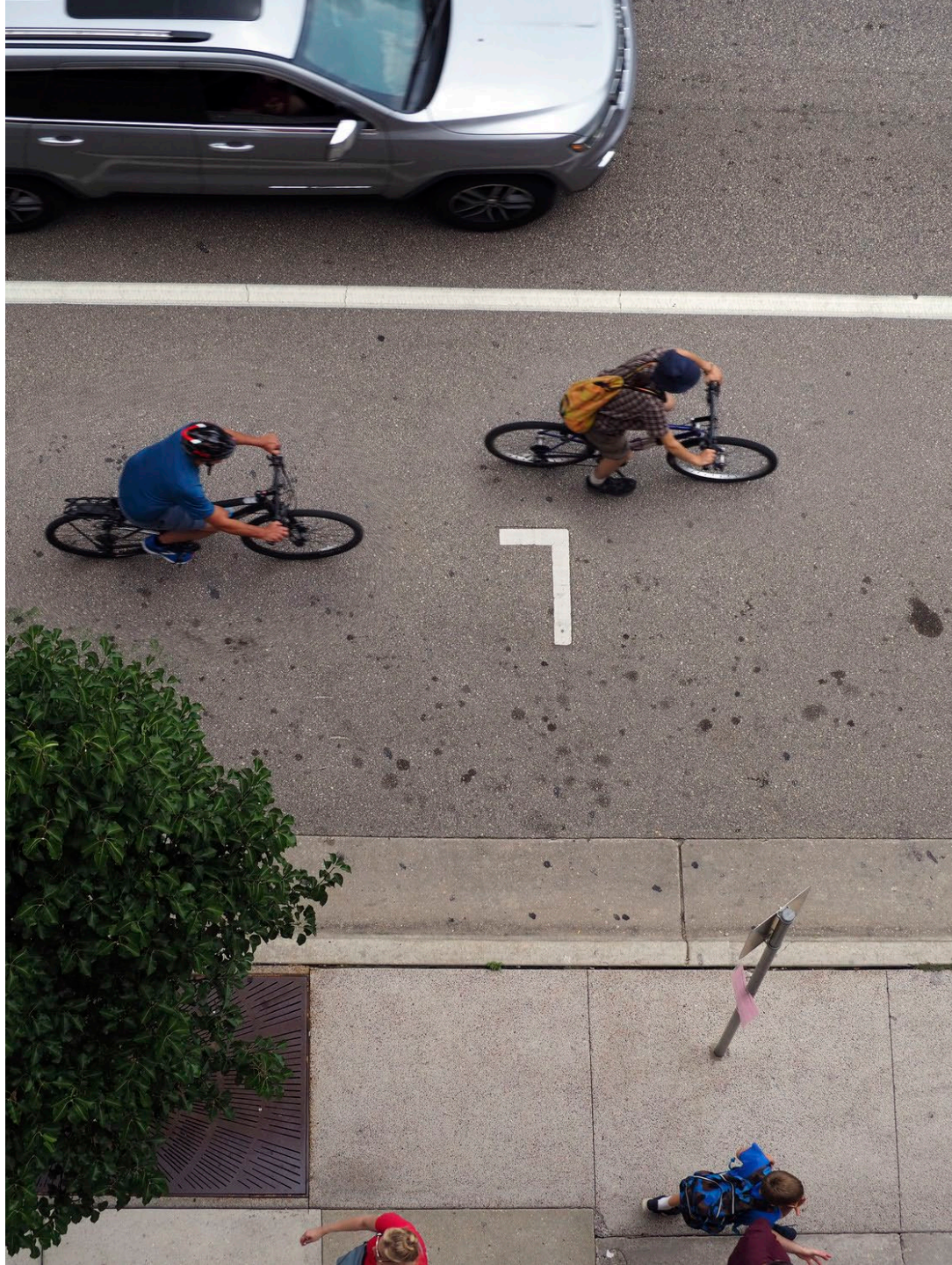
- Project Location
- Complete Green Streets + Vision Zero
- Background Info: West Towne Path Corridor
- Proposed Design + Overview
- Utility Work
- Project Schedule
- Construction & Access
- Contact Information & Resources
- Question & Answer



# Project Location

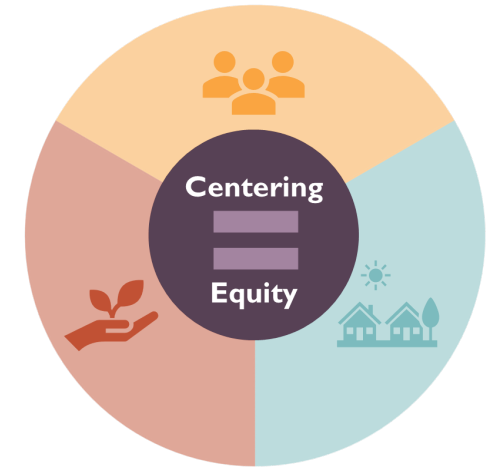


# City of Madison Complete Green Streets Guide



## STREET VALUES

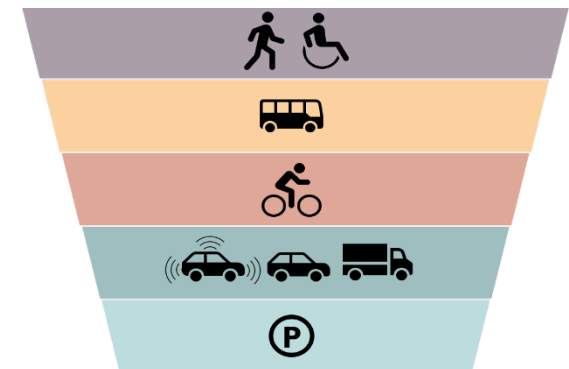
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Fostering  
Sustainability

Supporting  
Community

## MODAL HIERARCHY



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# 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**

## VISION ZERO

Traffic deaths are **PREVENTABLE**

Integrate **HUMAN FAILING** in approach

Prevent **FATAL AND SEVERE CRASHES**

**SYSTEMS** approach

Saving lives is **NOT EXPENSIVE**

VS

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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# Bicycle Network – West Towne Path Corridor



Legend

- Existing Shared-Use Paths
- West Towne Path Ph2b (this project)



# Bicycle Network – West Towne Path Corridor

- Connect Far-Westside Neighborhoods to Downtown Madison
- Safe, Continuous Shared-Use Path for *All Ages & Abilities*
- Consistent with Adopted City Policies
  - Vision Zero
  - Madison Bike-Ped Comprehensive Plans
- Funding through the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)
  - Facilitated by Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)
  - Limited Funds
  - 4(f) Resources Identified

# Existing West Towne Path Sections

**End of WTP: Phase 2a – Looking east towards future route for Phase 2b (this project), W Beltline Hwy on the right**



**Recently Completed West Towne Path: Phase 2a – Looking West towards S High Point Rd, W Beltline Hwy on the Left**

# West Towne Path Ph2b: Proposed Design

- 0.43-mile-long, 10-ft-wide asphalt path extension, parallel to W Beltline Hwy
- Path proposed on private property easements & WisDOT Highway Right-of-Way
- Potential path connections to MSCR and Mall properties (easements required)
- New shoulder barrier along W Beltline Hwy needed (likely guardrail)
- Retaining wall & security fence between path and Beltline will be installed
- Storm sewer and ditches to maintain drainage patterns
- Path lighting along new path limits

# West Towne Path Ph2b: Existing Conditions

Looking west towards existing path underpass under S Gammon Rd, future path to connect to underpass



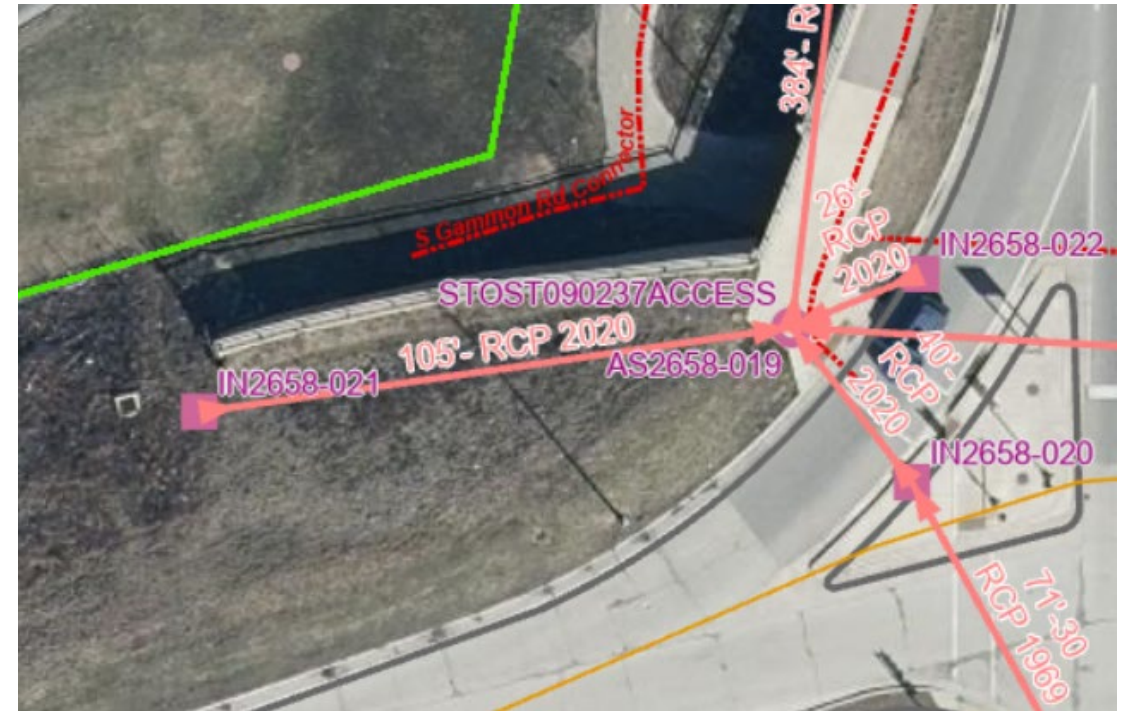
Looking west towards future route of path adjacent to W Beltline Hwy

# West Towne Path Ph2b: Proposed Design



# West Towne Path Ph2b: Proposed Utilities

- No Sanitary Sewer work
- No Water Main work
- Storm Sewer + alley curb with inlets along path
- Ditch between beltline and path for drainage
  - Minimize sheet flow from Beltline across path
- Path Lighting included along new path
  - 3000k color temperature
  - Full cut off LED fixture
  - Dark Skies compliant



# Project Schedule

- Public Informational Meeting: April 9, 2026
- Transportation Commission: Summer 2026
- Board of Public Works: Summer/Fall 2026
- Common Council: Summer/Fall 2026
- WisDOT Final Approval: November 2027
- Advertise WisDOT Contract for Bidding: March 2028
- *Tentative Construction: Summer/Fall 2028*



# Construction & Access

- Construction in Summer/Fall 2028
- Any impacts and traffic control to W. Beltline lanes/shoulder will be coordinated with WisDOT
  - Potential to coordinate beltline impacts with planned DOT pavement management work
- Commercial driveways and mall businesses will remain open at all times
- Standard work hours 7am-7pm Mon-Sat; 10am-7pm Sun
- Impacted nearby residents and businesses will be notified of construction timeline prior to start
- No Assessments
- Project is receiving Federal Funds through the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) – facilitated through WisDOT



# Contact Information & Resources

- Project Manager/Designer, Aaron Canton, (608) 242-4763, [acanton@cityofmadison.com](mailto:acanton@cityofmadison.com)
- Traffic Engineering, Jeremy Nash, (608) 266-6585, [jnash@cityofmadison.com](mailto:jnash@cityofmadison.com)
- Storm Designer, Todd Chojnowski, (608) 266-4094, [tchojnowski@cityofmadison.com](mailto:tchojnowski@cityofmadison.com)

- City Project Webpage:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/west-towne-shared-use-path-phase-2b>

- Sign-up for updates on road closures & work progress
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# Q & A

