



# E. Rusk Ave Shared-Use Path (Street Reconstruction)

Public Information Meeting  
City of Madison Engineering Division  
February 9, 2026

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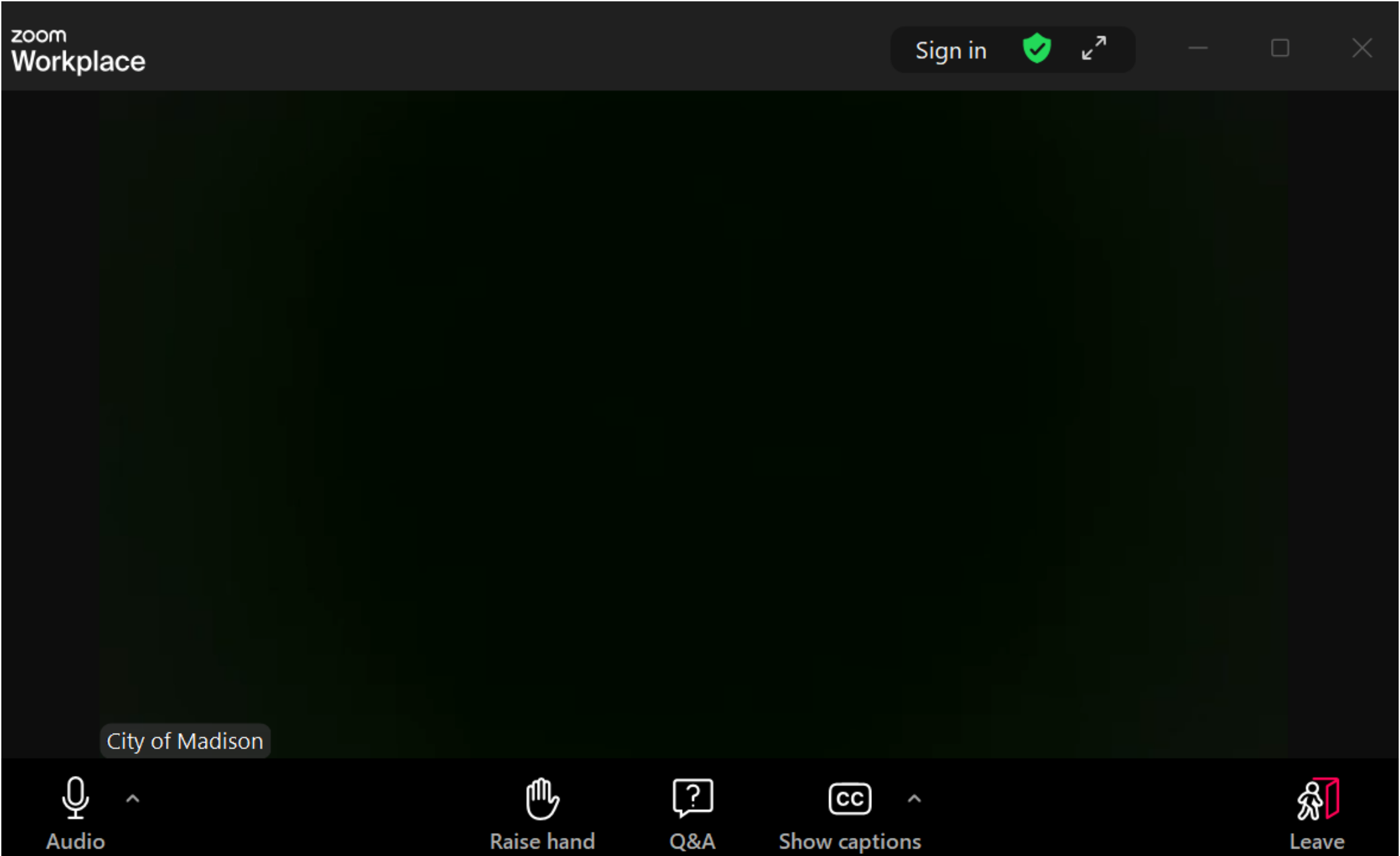
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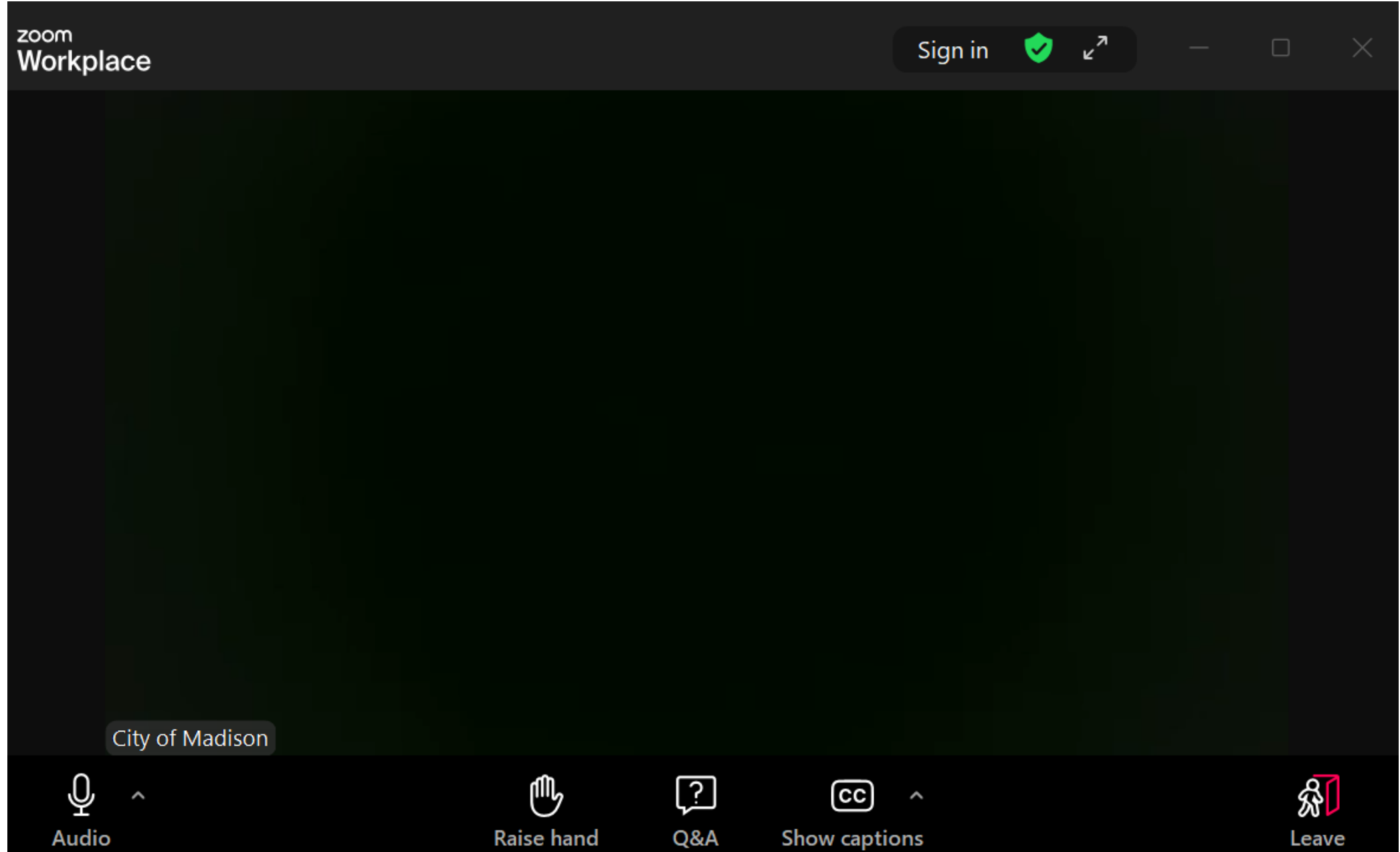


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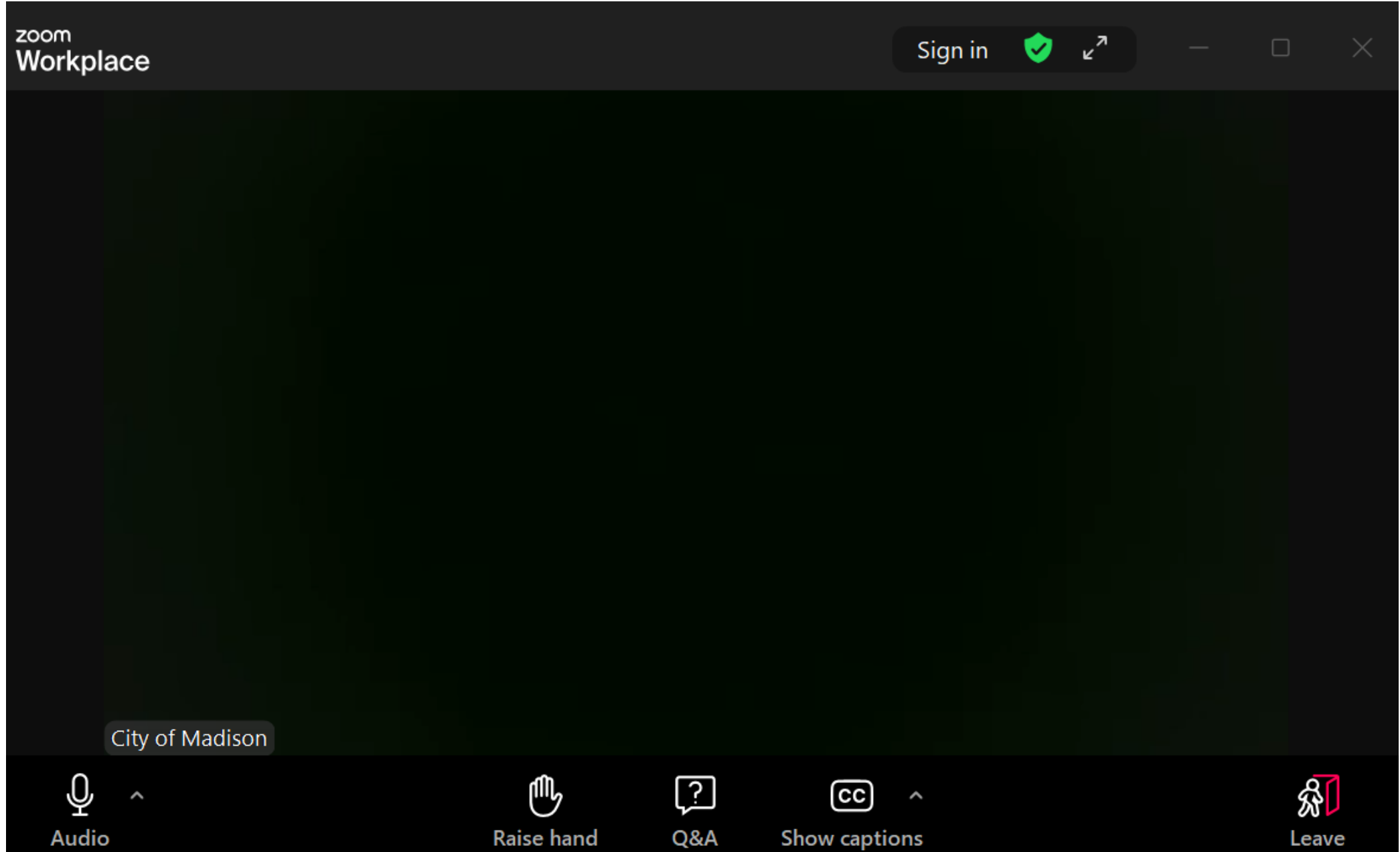


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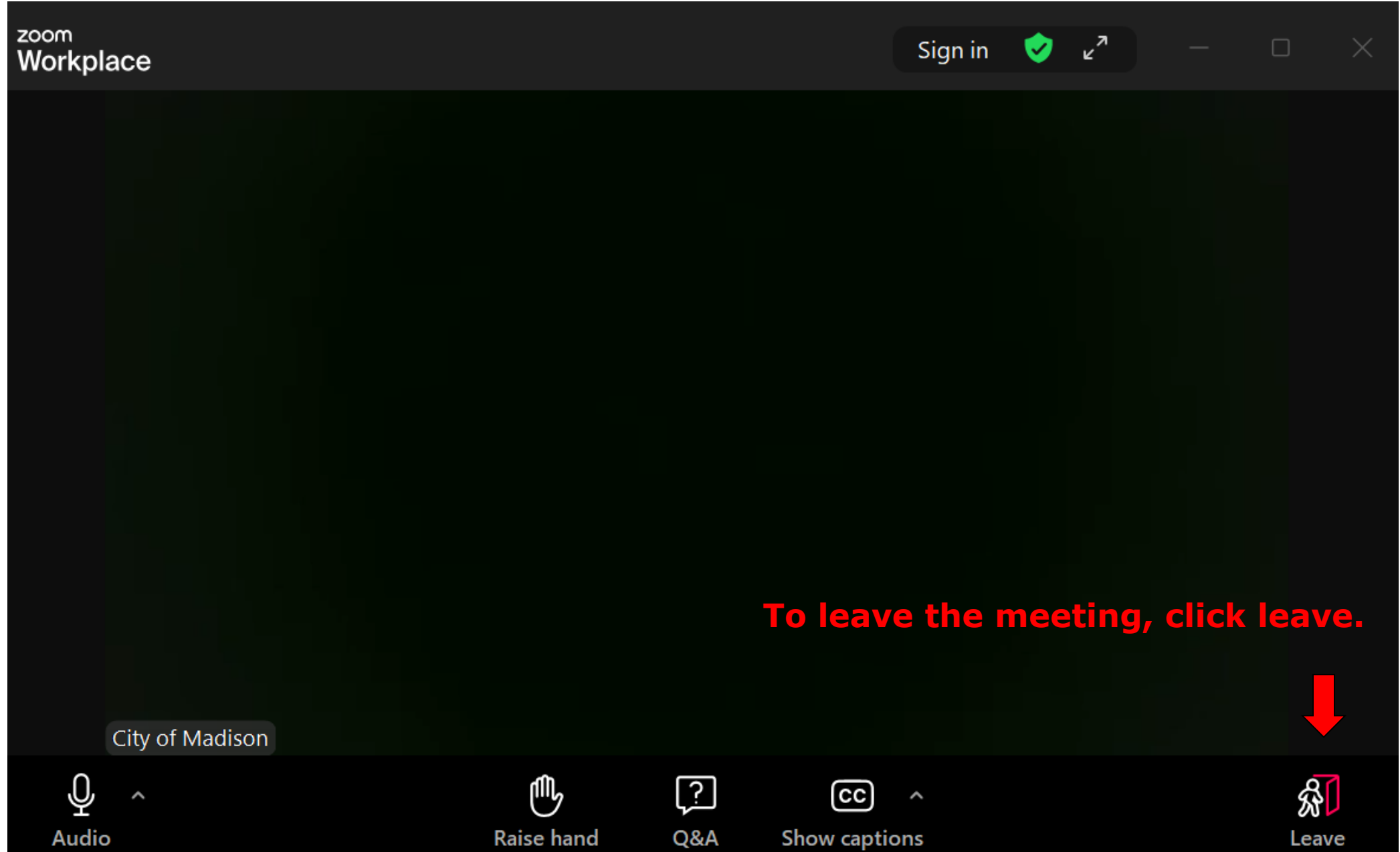
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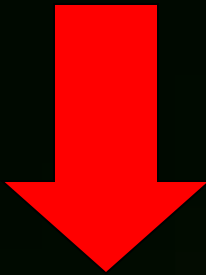
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# Presentation Overview

**Thank You for participating!**

- Welcome (Hannah Mohelnitzky, Public Information Officer, City of Madison)
- Introduction (Alder *Knox Jr.*, District 14)
- Presentation (*Reid Stiteley, Project Engineer*)
- Q&A (facilitated by Hannah Mohelnitzky)
  - Assisted by:
    - *Eric Cefalu – Storm and Sanitary Sewer Engineer*
    - *Jeremy Nash – Traffic Engineer*
    - *Ryan Newman – Water Utility Engineer*
- Presentation available on the website
  - <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/e-rusk-ave-shared-use-path>

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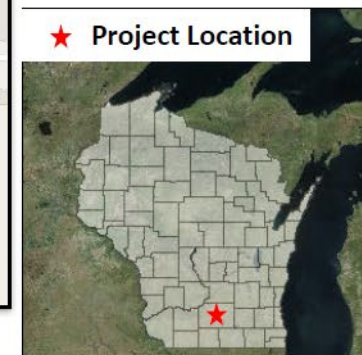
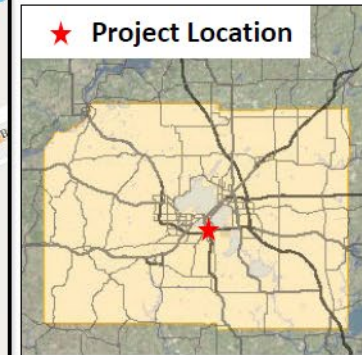
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# Project Location



### Project Location

Project ID: 5992-02-00  
E. Rusk Ave Shared-Use Path  
N. Rusk Ave to Rimrock Rd  
Non-Highway  
City of Madison  
Dane County, Wisconsin



Project Limits: E. Rusk Ave (N. Rusk Ave to Rimrock Rd)

# Project Scope

- The E. Rusk Ave Shared-Use Path project will create a 10-ft wide and approximately 2,500-ft long, shared-use path along the northwest side of E. Rusk Ave between N. Rusk Ave and Rimrock Rd. This existing section of E. Rusk Ave currently has no bicycle accommodations and is a gap in the low-stress bicycle network. The proposed project will fill this gap by connecting the existing shared-use path located on W. Badger Rd and N. Rusk Ave with a planned shared-use path on Rimrock Rd.
- The proposed off-street asphalt shared-use path will replace the existing sidewalk on E. Rusk Ave, and the street will be partially reconstructed and narrowed to fit the new path within existing City of Madison Right-of-Way. All existing vehicular travel lane configurations will remain but shifted slightly to accommodate the path and no street parking will be allowed on the street.
- Proposed improvements on E. Rusk Ave will include realignment of curb and gutter along the northwest side of the street, sidewalk removal, clearing and grubbing, asphalt paving, driveway aprons, curb ramp improvements as needed, bus pad installation, and pavement markings. The project will also include new path lighting, underground sewer and water utility improvements as needed to accommodate the realigned curb and gutter, and soil amendments for future tree plantings.

# Existing Conditions

Item	Existing Condition
Last Surfaced	Surfaced 2007
Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating	Asphalt Surface. Longitudinal and transverse cracking. Rating 5
Curb Rating	Rating 7
Width	36 feet curb-curb
Sidewalk	On north/west side of street
Sanitary	8 inch vitrified clay pipe installed 1960-1988 (CIPP lined 2025)
Water	12 inch ductile iron pipe installed 1969. Rating 9 10 inch ductile iron pipe installed 1988. Rating 9 6 inch ductile iron pipe installed 1969. Rating 6 6 inch cast iron pipe installed 1960. Rating 3-6
Storm	12, 15, 18, 24 & 30 inch RCP installed 1988



# Proposed Design

- This project plans to connect into existing and proposed path segments on W. Badger Rd and Rimrock (Badger Rusk Shared-Use Path Constructed 2025 and Dane County Rimrock Rd path and resurfacing to be constructed 2026/2027)
- Residents on both sides of the beltline will have improved access to businesses along E. Rusk Ave, Alliant Energy Center and Capital City Trail.
- Safe, Continuous Multi-Use Path for ALL Ages & Abilities
- Consistent with Adopted South Madison Plan, Vision Zero, & Complete Green Streets
- Receiving Federal Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funding
- Facilitated by Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)

# Proposed Design – E. Rusk Ave

## ➤ Street Construction

- Stay within existing City Right-of-Way.
- Narrow the street and Replace the existing sidewalk along the north and west side of E. Rusk Ave with a 10-ft wide, off-street, shared-use path.
- Replace and realign the curb and gutter on the north side of W. Badger to narrow the street. (26-ft face to face, no parking, 2-way traffic)
- Asphalt pavement resurfacing as needed
- Install concrete drive aprons & replace curb ramps
- Install new pavement markings and signage

## ➤ City Utility Reconstruction

- Sanitary – Replacements as necessary for path construction. Recently CIP lined.
- Storm – Replace storm sewer main and inlets along realigned curb to adequately drain street.
- Water – No water work is planned with this project.
- Lighting – Install new lighting along shared-use path.
- Signals – Adjustments as needed at Rimrock Rd intersection.

## ➤ Additional Coordination

- Madison Gas and Electric – Private utility relocations as needed

E. RUSK AVE SHARED-USE PATH  
WISDOT PROJECT ID: 5992-02-00/87  
CITY OF MADISON PROJECT ID:15131  
E. RUSK AVE (NON-HIGHWAY)  
N. RUSK AVE TO RIMROCK RD  
CITY OF MADISON  
DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

CONNECT INTO PROPOSED  
SHARED-USE PATH  
(2026 CONSTRUCTION)

INSTALL CURB RAMP  
IMPROVEMENTS

### INSTALL BUS PAD

E. RUSK AVE

070936205016  
110 E Rusk Ave

070936204018  
101 E Bunk Ave

070936201080  
2157 Rilmrock Rd

070936201056  
2161 Blinrock Rd

070936205032  
200 W Belline Hwy

REMOVE EXISTING SIDEWALK AND REALIGN CURB  
AND GUTTER ALONG NORTH SIDE OF E. RUSK AVE  
INSTALL 10-FT WIDE SHARED-USE PATH AND PATH  
LIGHTING ALONG NORTH SIDE OF E. RUSK AVE

CITY FORESTRY TO PLANT NEW TERRACE TREES  
AFTER CONSTRUCTION

EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY

070936205040  
250 W Beltline Hwy

S. BELTLINE CT.

070936205115  
302 W Beltline Hwy

070936205123  
310 W Beltline Hwy

070936205131  
320 W Beltline Hwy

N. RUSK AVE

CONNECT INTO EXISTING  
SHARED-USE PATH  
(2025 CONSTRUCTION)

CTH MM / RIMROCK RD (SR)

CTH MM / RIMROCK RD (NB)

W. BELTLINE HWY/USH 12-18 (WB)

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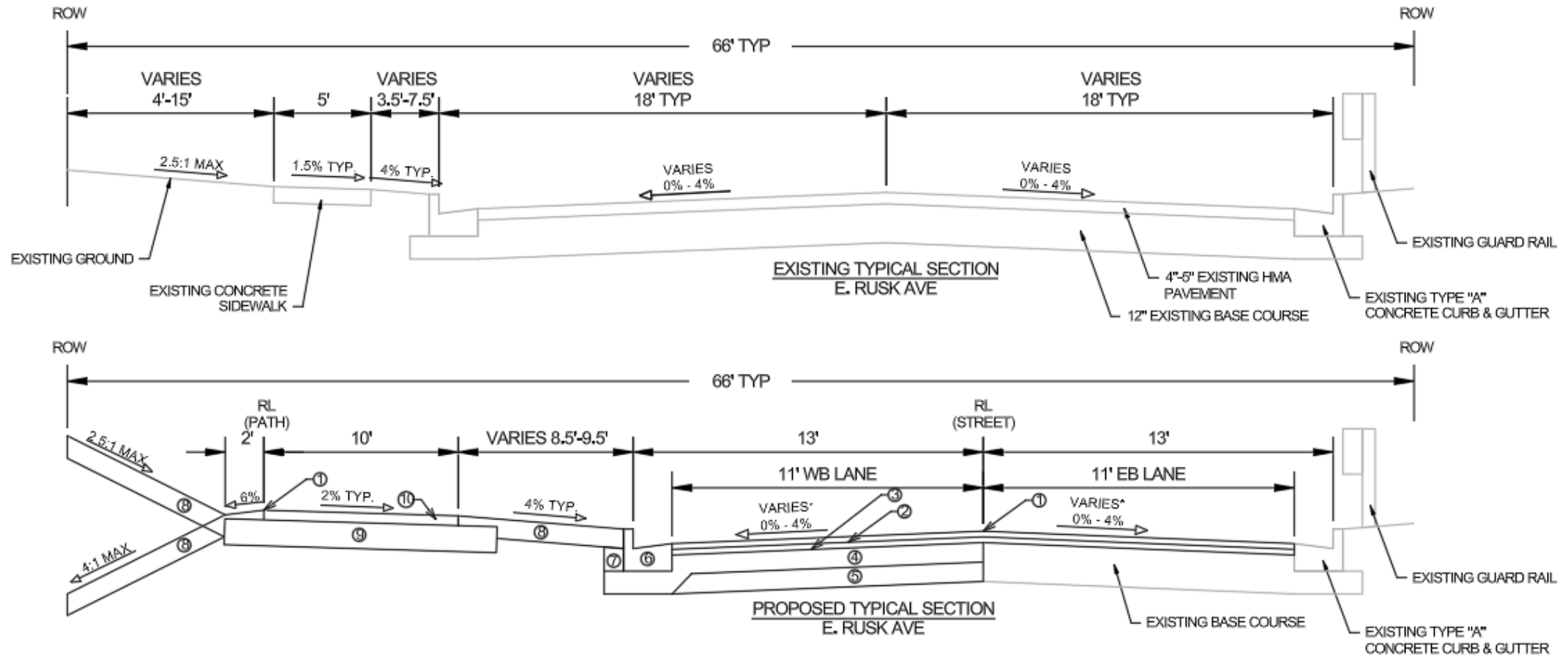
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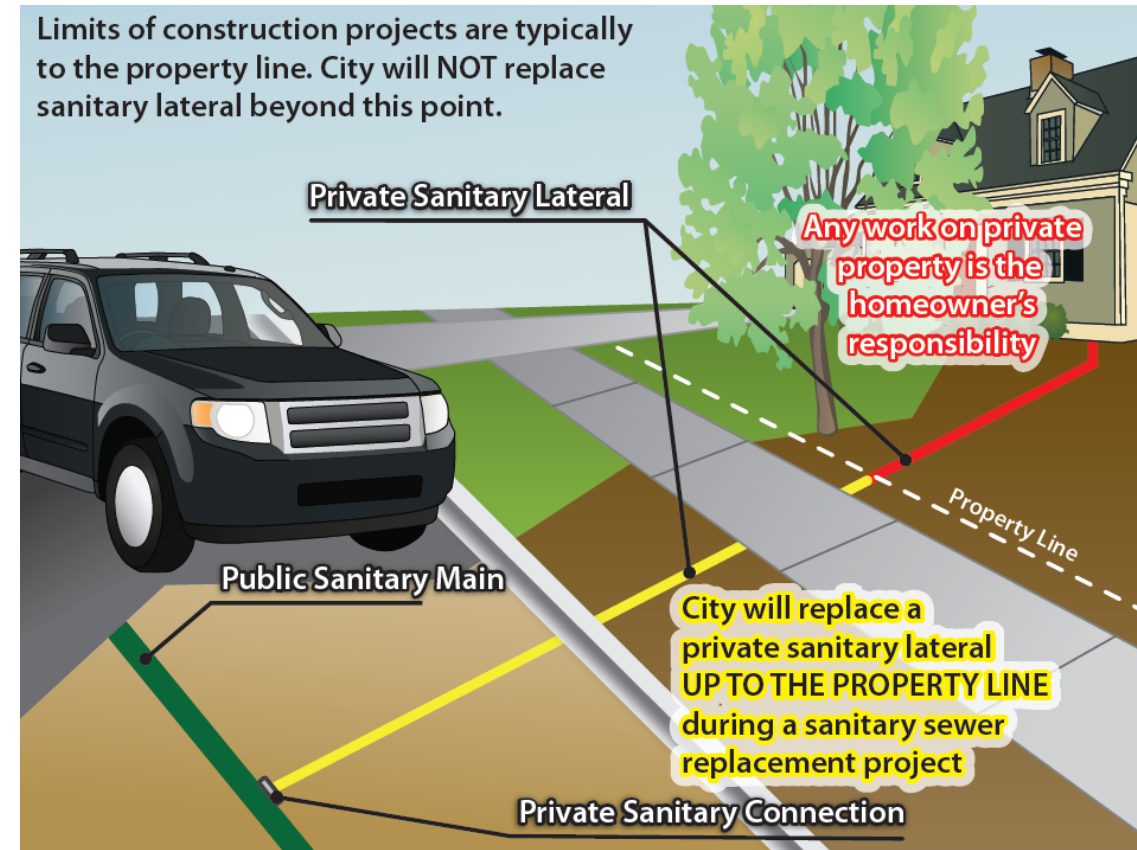
# TYPICAL SECTION





# Public Right-Of-Way

- Public ROW width is 60 feet (typical)
- Public ROW extends 30 feet from the street center line
- Public ROW line is typically 1 foot behind sidewalk
- The new sanitary lateral gets connected from the new sanitary sewer main to the property line
- Any inspection and/or replacement of the sanitary lateral within private property is the owner's responsibility and is not done by the City



# Forestry Information

- City Engineering will review the project with City Forestry and a Forestry representative will work with the contractor and inspector during construction.
- City Forestry will perform tree pruning prior to construction in order to provide the required clearance above the street.
- After the project is complete, City Forestry will evaluate the new terraces within City right-of-way for new and replacement planting sites
- The minimum terrace width for planting is 5 feet
- Tree removals are anticipated along E. Rusk Ave due to conflict with proposed path
  - 12 tree removals planned within existing street terrace.
  - 100 E. Rusk Ave (6), 200 W. Beltline Hwy (4), 302 W. Beltline Hwy (1), 320 W. Beltline Hwy (1).

# Assessment Policy & Costs

- Special charge for work being done that has a direct benefit to the property
- Property owners will receive an estimate of their assessment prior to construction
- Final assessments will be calculated based on historic bid prices (3-year weighted average) and actual measured quantities
- Final assessments will be mailed in the summer of the year following completion of the project
- Final assessments are payable as a lump sum or over 8 years with 4.5% interest (annual assessment rate for 2026)
- Corner lots (single or two family residential) receive 50% assessments for pavement replacement
- For items associated with the path that are assessable, the assessment rate is reduced for property owners as a result of the federal funding

# Assessment Policy & Costs

Assessment Policy Item	City Share	Property Owners' Share
10-Ft Pavement Resurfacing*	0%	100%
Pavement Resurfacing- Remaining Width	100%	0%
Shared-Use Path	100%	0%
Driveway Aprons & Terrace Walkways	50%	50%
Curb & Sidewalk*	100%	0%
Sidewalk Ramps	100%	0%
Sanitary & Storm Sewer Main	100%	0%
Sanitary Laterals to Property Line	75%	25%
Private Storm Sewer Connections	0%	100%
Water Main	100%	0%

\*Assessed per linear feet of frontage



# Approximate Project Schedule

- June 2026: Transportation Commission
- July 2026: Mail Estimated Assessments & Public Hearing Notice
- July 2026: BPW Approval Public Hearing
- August 2026: Common Council Approval Hearing
- May 2027: WisDOT Project Approvals
- July 2027: Advertise for Bids
- October 2027/March 2028: Anticipated Start of Construction
- July 2028: Anticipated End of Construction

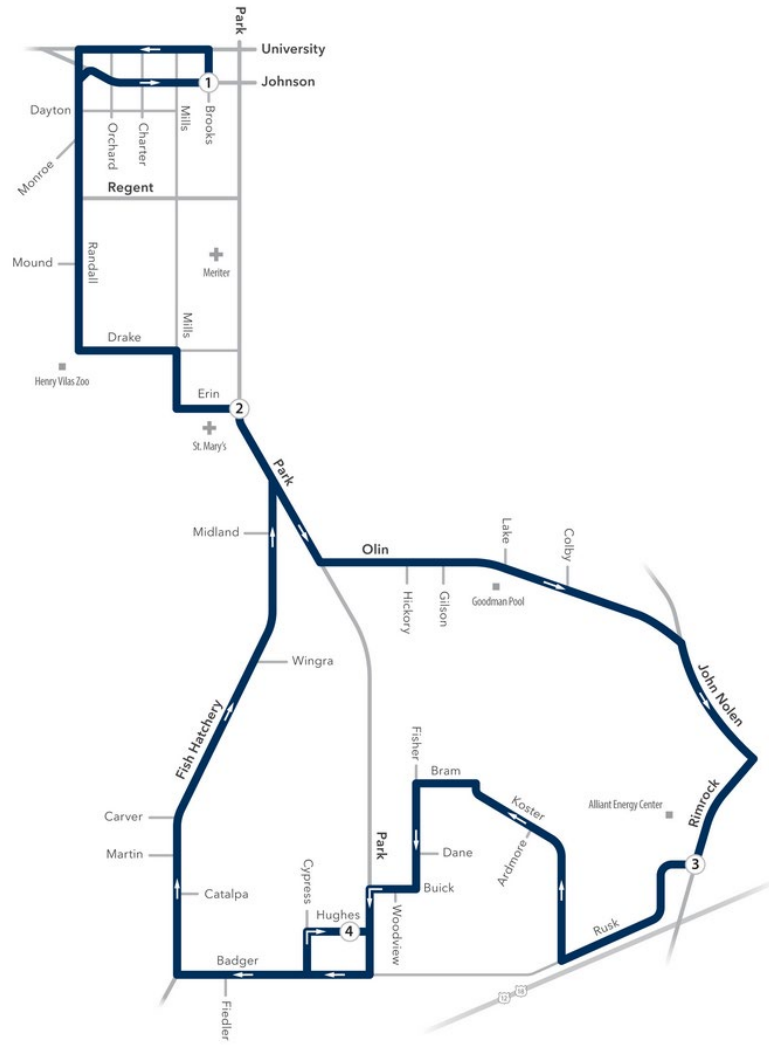
# Construction & Access

- Residents will be notified at least 2 weeks prior to start of construction
- Allowed working hours are 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday – Saturday and 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Sundays
- No street parking allowed on E. Rusk Ave
- Commercial driveway access maintained throughout project
- The Contractor will notify impacted residents prior to their driveway access being closed for an extended period of time (e.g. underground utility work, concrete drive apron curing)
- The contractor is responsible for daily street sweeping and dust mitigation

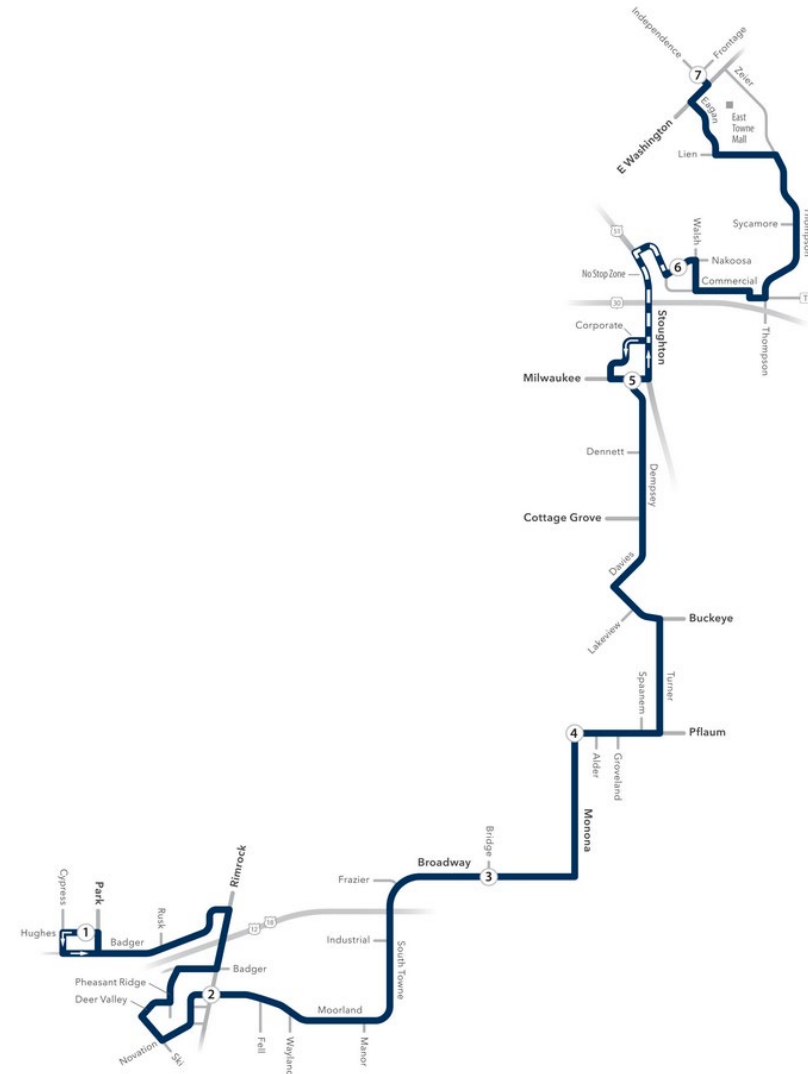
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- Construction will be phased to maintain access for local traffic (residents) and Metro buses on E. Rusk Ave whenever possible.
- Traffic on E. Rusk Ave will be reduced to one-way (westbound) between N. Rusk Ave and Rimrock Rd.
  - Right turn (eastbound) from easternmost 101 E. Rusk Ave (Heartland Credit Union) driveway to Rimrock Rd will be maintained when possible.
  - Left turn (eastbound) from 102 E. Rusk Ave (William H. Ferris Center & Spark by Hilton Madison Central) driveway to Rimrock Rd will be maintained when possible.
- Existing Metro bus stops within the project limits will be temporarily relocated.
- Westbound Metro Transit routes G and O will be maintained between N. Rusk Ave and Rimrock Rd. Eastbound busses will be detoured utilizing the Beltline between Park St and Rimrock Rd.

# Construction & Access - Metro



Route O



Route G

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# Construction & Access – Water Shut-Offs

- An average of two water shut-offs are expected for each property within the project limits.
- A minimum of 48 hours of notice will be provided prior to the shut-offs.
- Each shut-off may last up to 8 hours, but typically last about 4-6 hours.
- At the start of construction, the existing main will remain in service until the new main is installed and connected to.
- Emergency shut-offs may occur if the existing main is damaged during construction.

# Construction & Access – Refuse Collection

- Contractor's responsibility to allow for refuse collection to continue during construction
- Mark your address on your cart to make sure it is returned if moved
- Have your cart out by 5am on day of pick-up or put out the night before collection.
- Expect brush collection operations to be postponed for the project duration

# Construction & Access – Right Of Way Encroachments

- An encroachment is any unauthorized object partially or wholly within the public right of way
- It is the responsibility of property owner to remove any ROW encroachments prior to construction
- Typical items include: brick/stone pavers, fencing, terrace plantings, bushes/shrubs, landscaping rocks, retaining walls, and signs
- Encroachments will be removed by the contractor if left in place
- Encroachments will not be replaced following construction
- Contact the project manager if you want to schedule a site visit to review
- Please plan ahead and be proactive

# Next Steps

- Upcoming opportunities for public involvement
  - Sign-up for project email updates on the website
- The public is encouraged to attend the following three City committee meetings and provide written or verbal feedback:
  - Transportation Commission Meeting
  - Board of Public Works Meeting
  - Common Council Meeting
- Public notified via website updates and/or mailing
- <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/e-rusk-ave-shared-use-path>



# Contact Information & Resources

Project Manager	Reid Stiteley	608-266-4093	rstiteley@cityofmadison.com
Sanitary & Storm Engineer	Eric Cefalu	608-243-5894	ecefalu@cityofmadison.com
Traffic Engineer (Electrical)	Jerry Schippa	608-267-1969	jschippa@cityofmadison.com
Traffic Engineer	Jeremy Nash	608-266-6585	jnash@cityofmadison.com
Water Utility Engineer	Ryan Newman	608-261-9640	rnewman@cityofmadison.com
Forestry Specialist	Zac Eckberg	608-266-4892	zeckberg@cityofmadison.com
Pedestrian & Bicycle Administrator	Kevin Luecke	608-266-6225	kluecke@cityofmadison.com
Public Information Officer	Hannah Mohelnitzky	608-669-3560	hmohelnitzky@cityofmadison.com

- Project Website: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/e-rusk-ave-shared-use-path>
- Sign-up for project email updates on the website
  - Updates on closures & work progress will be posted to the project website
  - Recording for this meeting will be posted on project webpage



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## ▶ Engineering

- *Project Manager Reid Stiteley, 608-266-4093, rstiteley@cityofmadison.com*
- Public Information Officer, Hannah Mohelnitzky, 669-3560, hmohelnitzky@cityofmadison.com

## ▶ Traffic Engineering

- *Traffic Engineer – Jeremy Nash, 608-266-6585, jnash@cityofmadison.com*

## ▶ Project Website: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/e-rusk-ave-shared-use-path>

## ▶ Sign-up for project email updates on the website

- A PDF of the presentation, design information, & construction progress will be posted to the project website