



Milwaukee Street Construction Project 2027

Public Information Meeting
City of Madison Engineering Division
July 30, 2026

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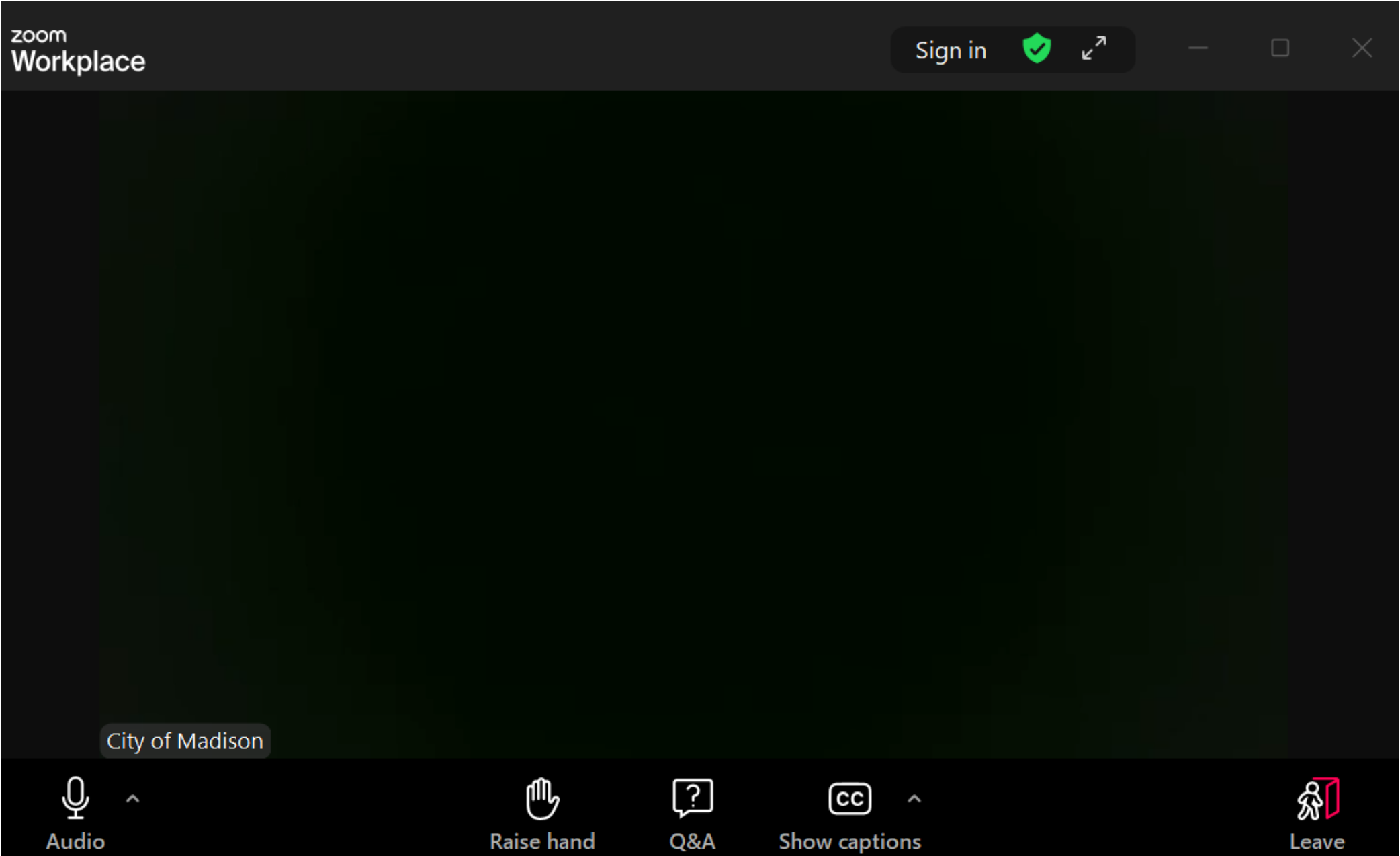
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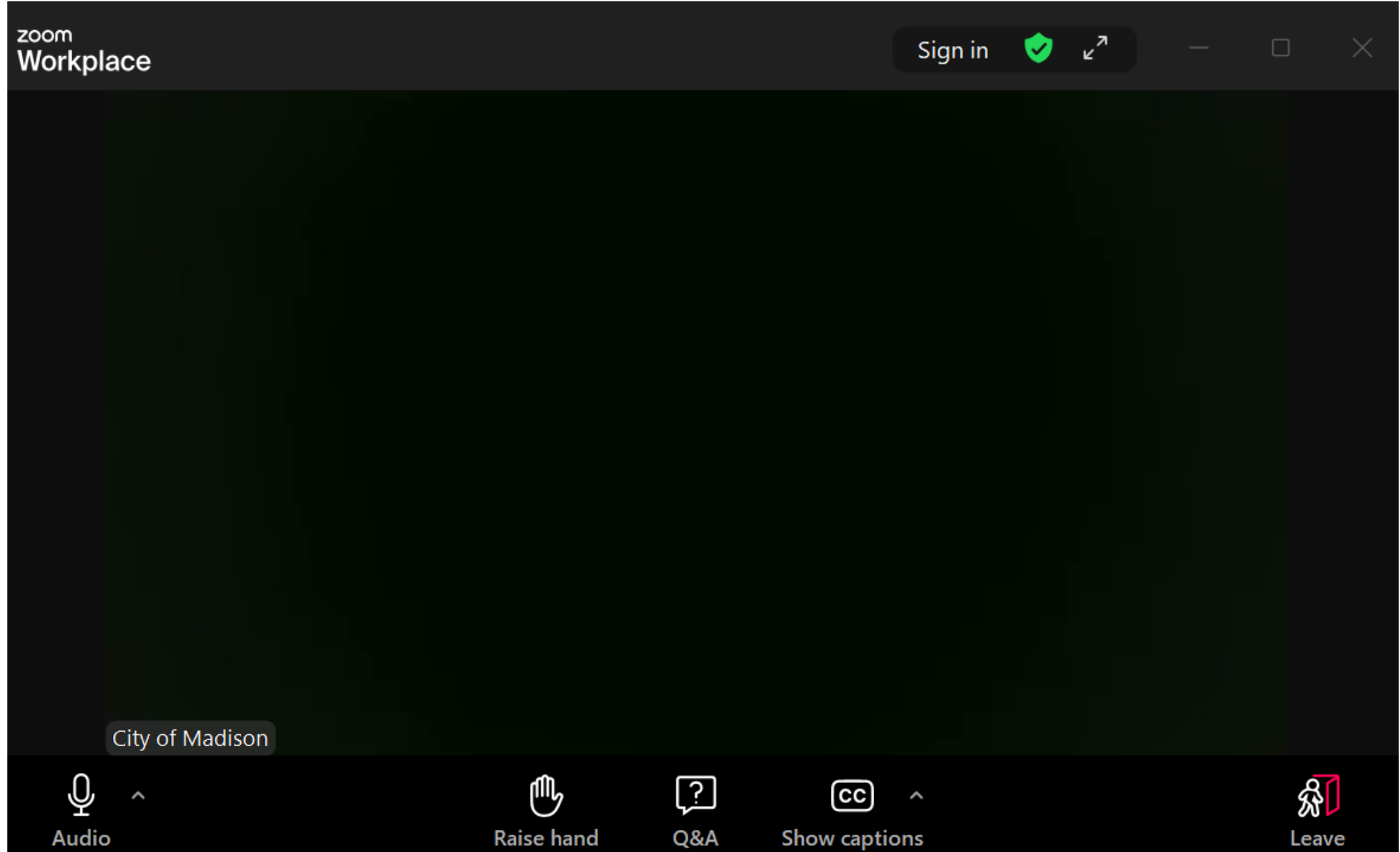


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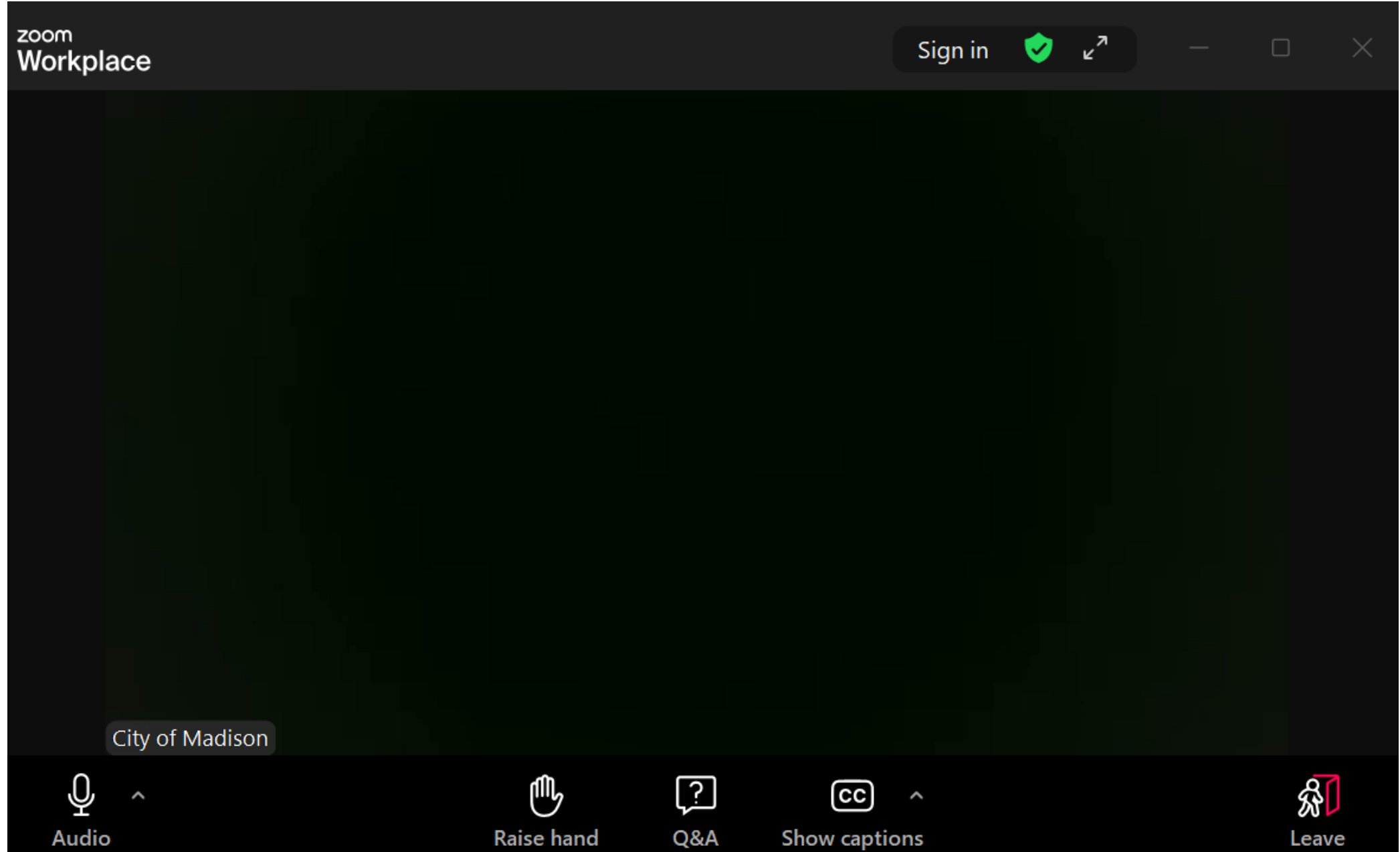
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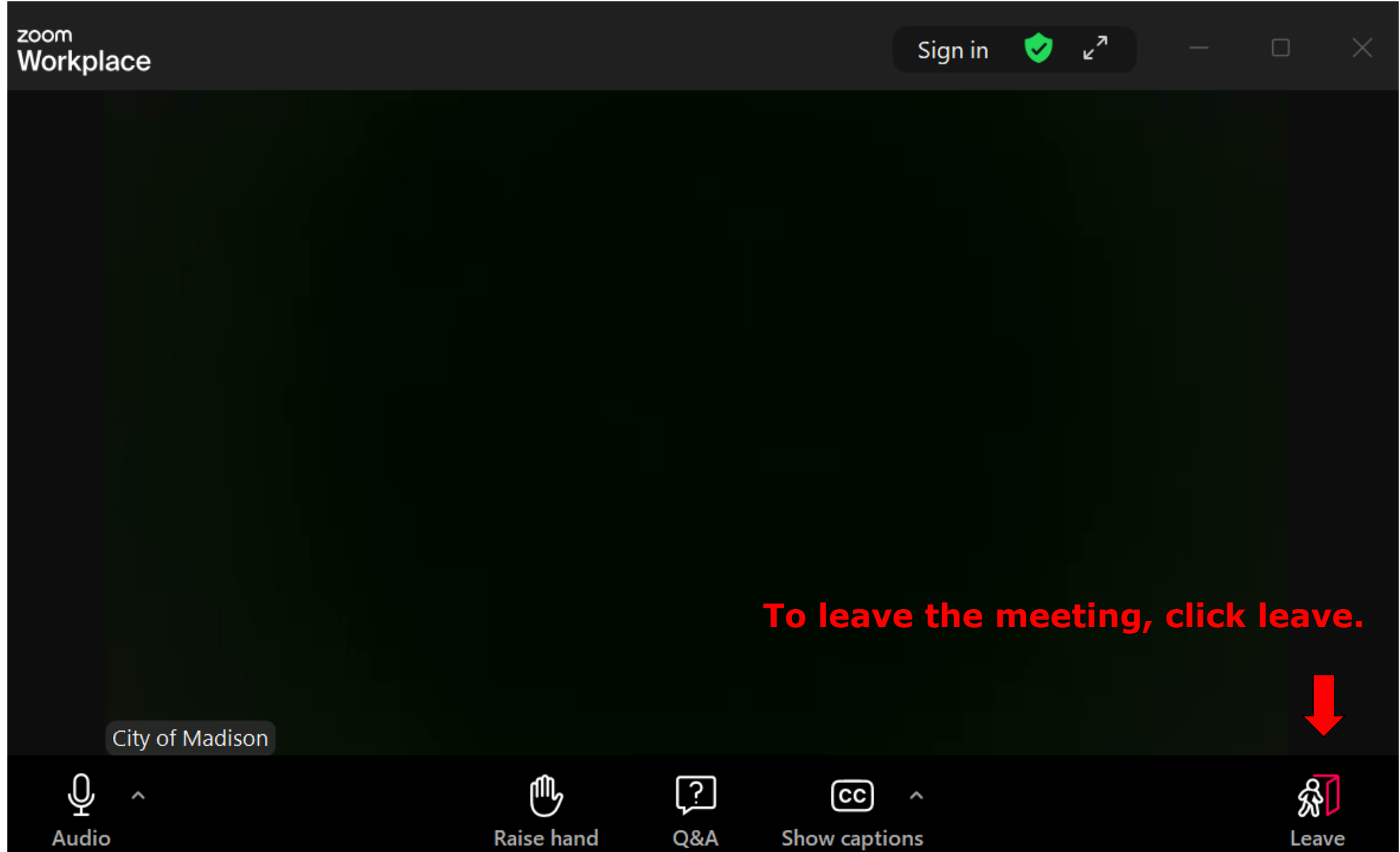
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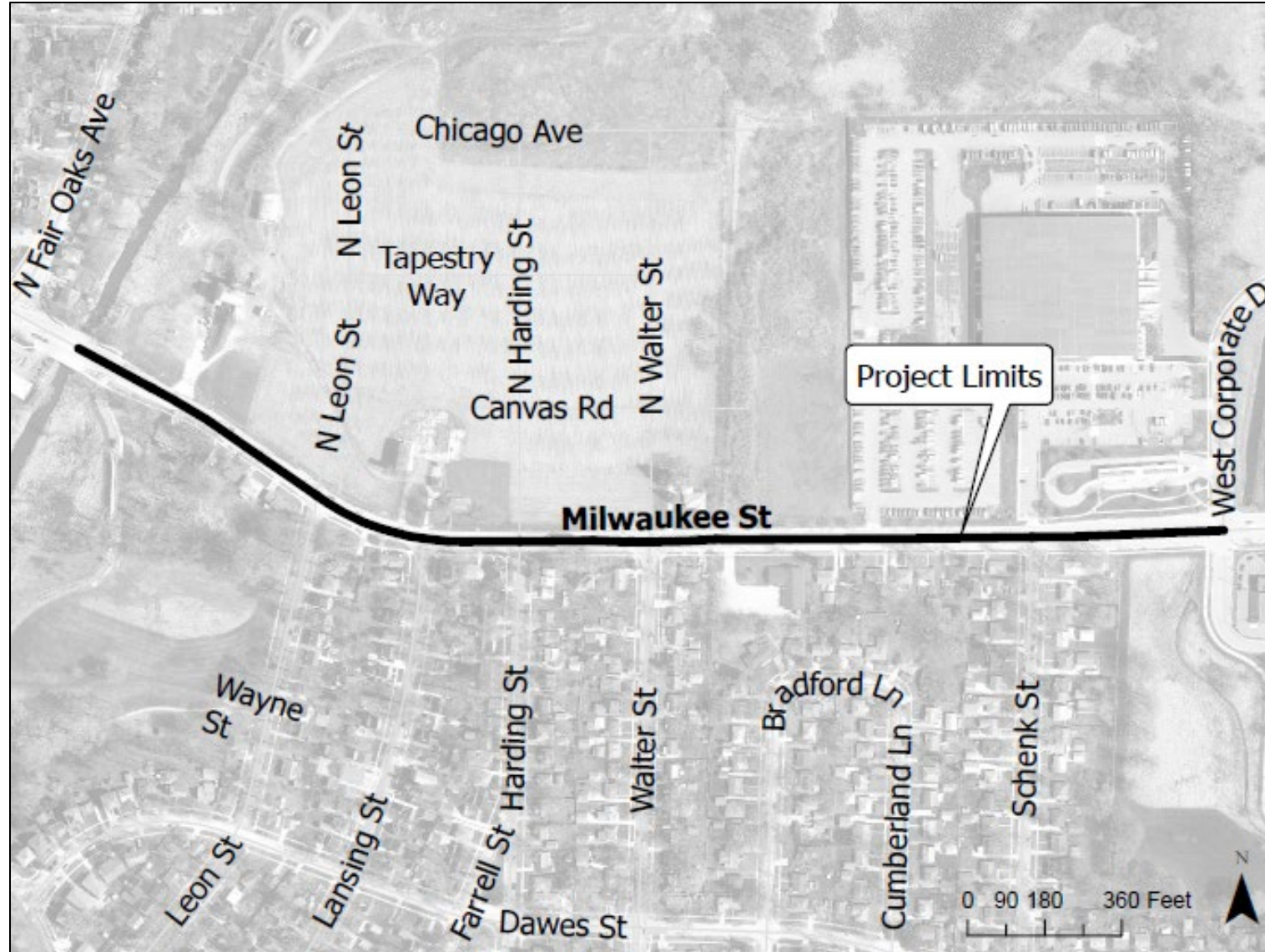
Thank You for participating!

- Welcome (Hannah Mohelnitzky, Public Information Officer, City of Madison)
- Introduction (Alder Martinez-Rutherford, District 15)
- Presentation (Grecia Izquierdo Torres – City of Madison)
- Q&A (facilitated by Hannah Mohelnitzky)
 - Assisted by:
 - Chris Petykowski, Assistant City Engineer, City of Madison
 - Erin Geter, Sewer Engineer, City of Madison
 - Tim Pearson, Water Utility, City of Madison
 - Lukas Collins, Traffic Engineer, City of Madison
 - Jerry Schippa, Traffic Engineer, City of Madison
- Presentation available on the website
 - <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/milwaukee-street-reconstruction>

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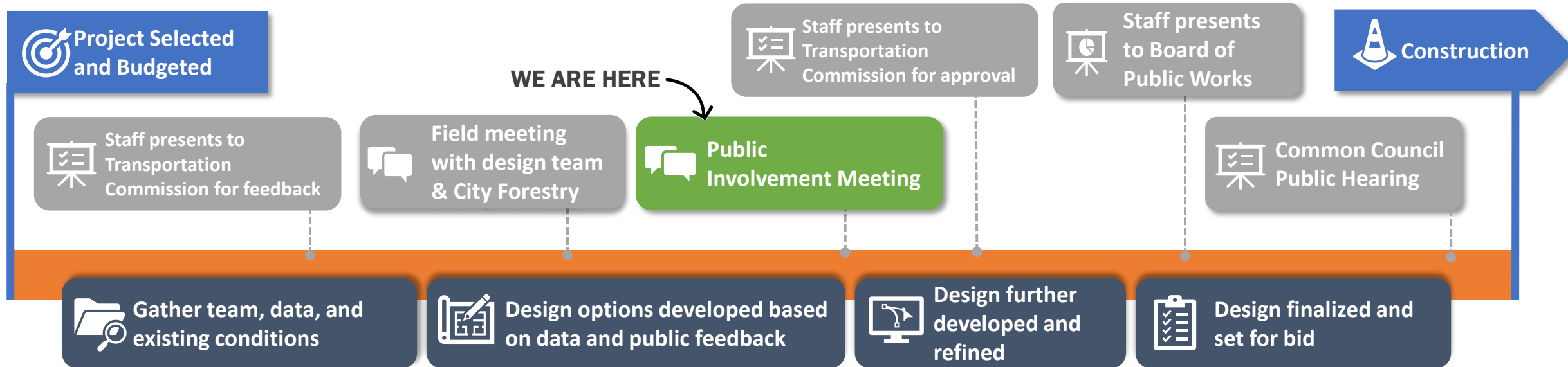


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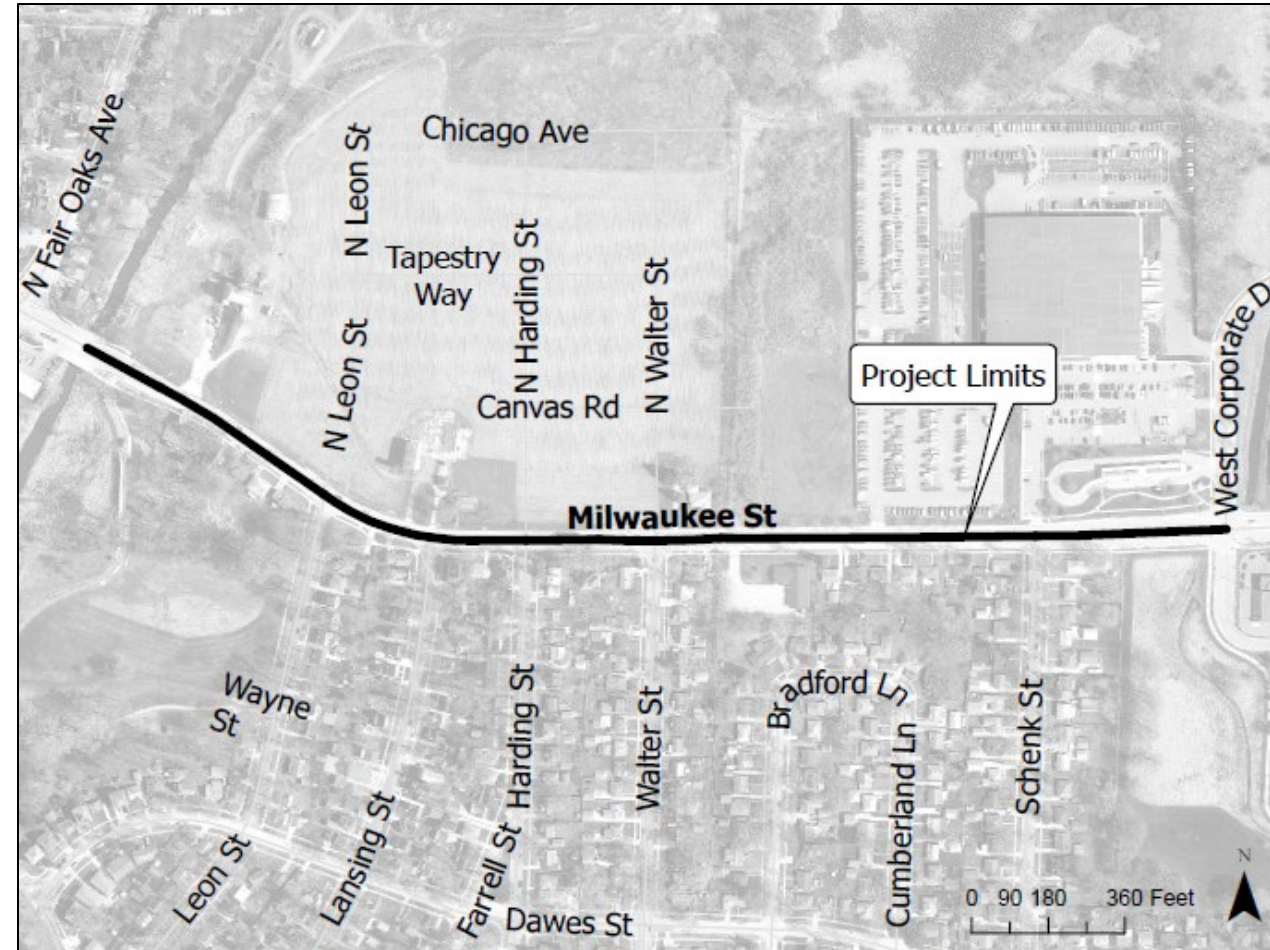
Meeting Purpose (Big Picture)

Project Development Process



Meeting Purpose

- Inform the public about the project scope
- Communicate with residents about assessment policy
- Inform the public on the approval schedule and construction access
- Inform the public about how and where to share their input
- Remind the public to fill out the online questionnaire



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- Proposed Utility Design
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Project Scope

- Milwaukee Street (Starkweather Creek to Walter Street)
 - Partial replacement of sanitary sewer main and laterals
 - Replacement of existing water main
 - Replacement of storm sewer as needed
 - Replace all existing pavement and pavement base
 - Replacement of curb and gutter, driveway aprons, and spot replacement of sidewalk as needed.



Project Scope

- Milwaukee Street (Walter Street to W Corporate Drive)
 - Replacement of sanitary sewer main and laterals, and water main
 - Replacement of storm sewer as needed
 - Replace all existing pavement and pavement base
 - Partial replacement of curb and gutter, driveway aprons, and sidewalk as needed
 - Installation of new shared use path on the north side of Milwaukee St



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Existing Conditions

Item	Starkweather Creek to Lansing St
Last Surfaced	2004
Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating	5/10 (Starkweather Creek to Leon St) – Preservative maintenance required 6/10 (Leon St to Lansing St) – Consider preservative treatment
Curb Rating	7/10 - Good
Width	44ft
Surface	Asphalt
Sidewalk	Southside only
Sanitary	None
Water	10" & 12" Spun Cast Iron (1948)
Storm	None
Parking	Parking on south side



Existing Conditions

Item	Lansing St to Walter St
Last Surfaced	2004
Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating	5/10 – Preservative maintenance required
Curb Rating	7/10 - Good
Width	44ft
Surface	Asphalt
Sidewalk	Southside
Sanitary	8" VCP (1948 & 1949)
Water	12" Spun Cast Iron (1948)
Storm	None
Parking	Parking on south side



Existing Conditions

Item	Walter St to Schenk St
Last Surfaced	1964 (Walter to 150ft east) / 1996
Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating	4/10 – Some full depth joint or crack repair required
Curb Rating	7/10 - Good
Width	44ft
Surface	Concrete
Sidewalk	Southside
Sanitary	8" VCP (1954)
Water	12" Spun Cast Iron (1954)
Storm	None
Parking	Parking on south side



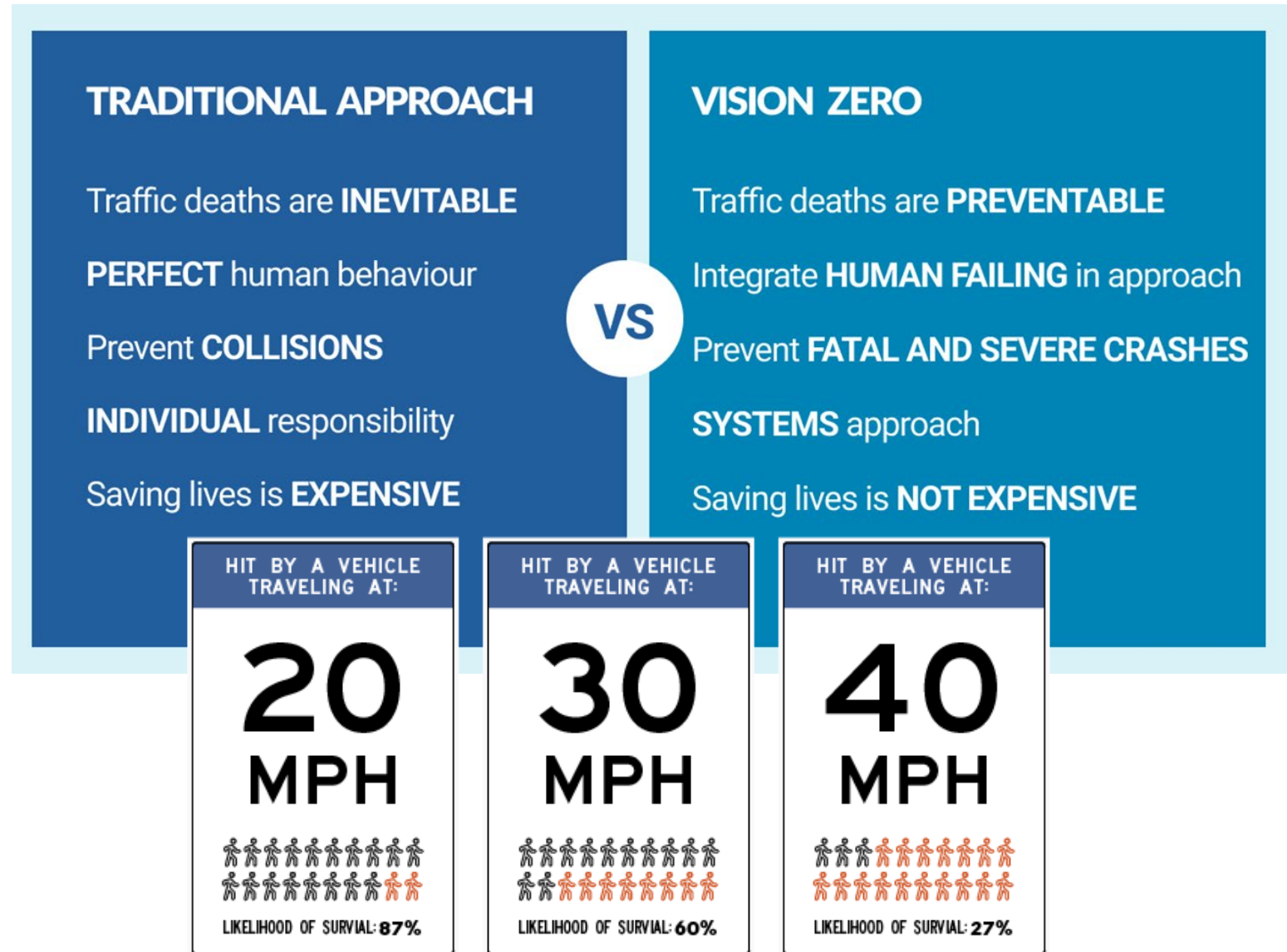
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Vision Zero

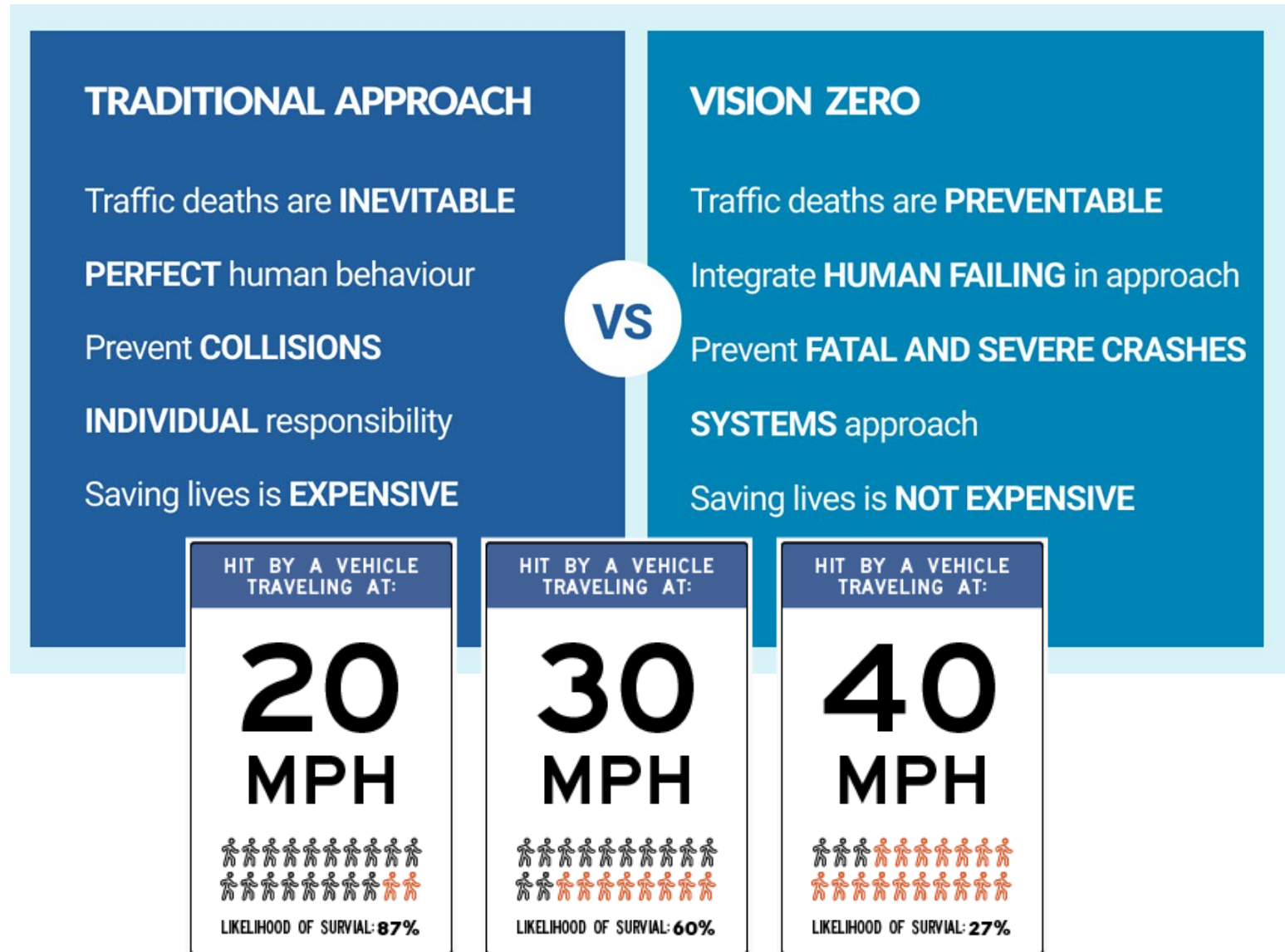
What is Vision Zero?

Internationally-recognized strategy aimed at **eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries** while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all road users in the City by 2035.



Vision Zero

- Current conditions:
 - Sidewalk on one side of the street (south side)
 - Bike lane
 - Routes D1 and L from Metro Transit

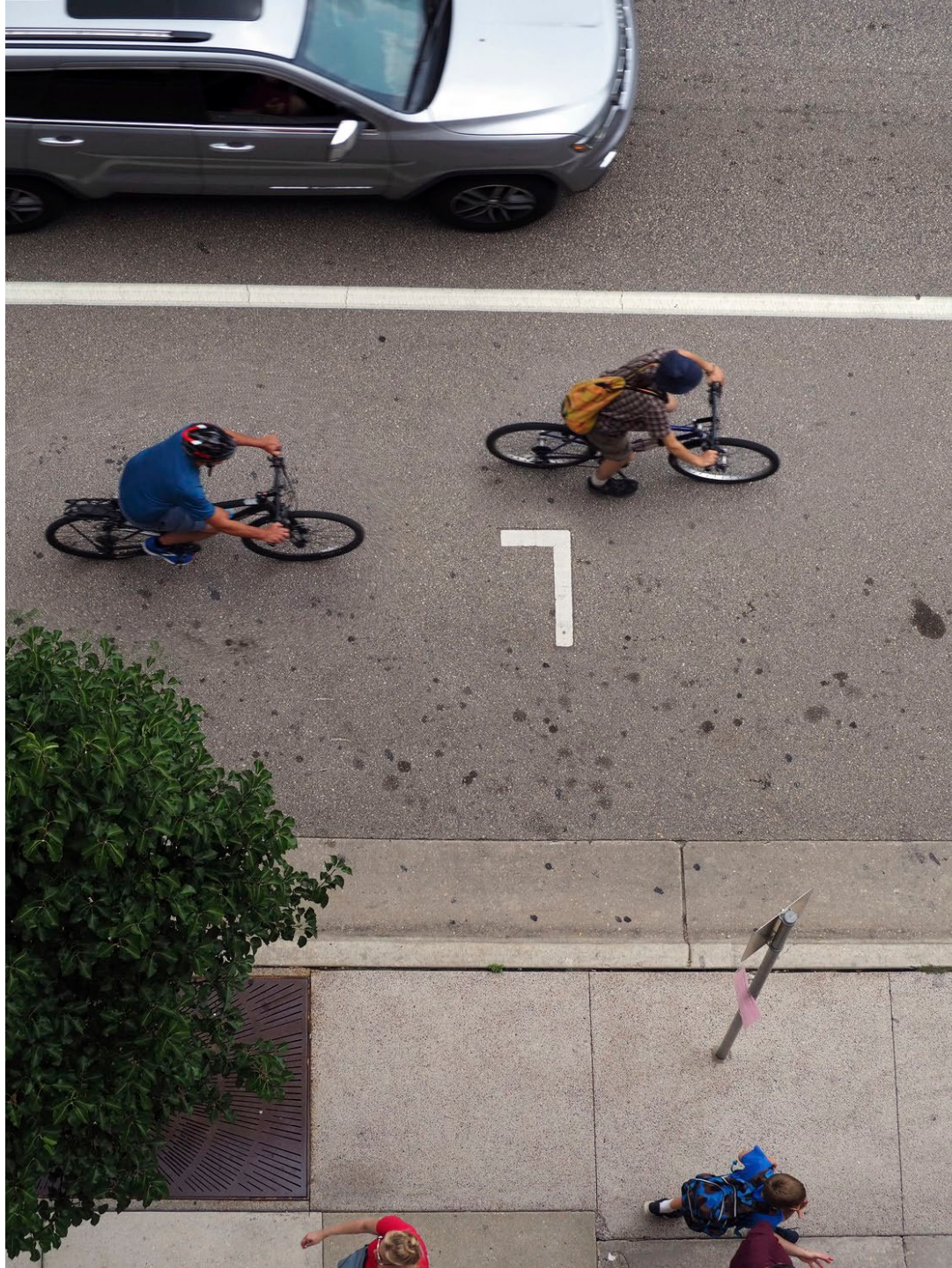


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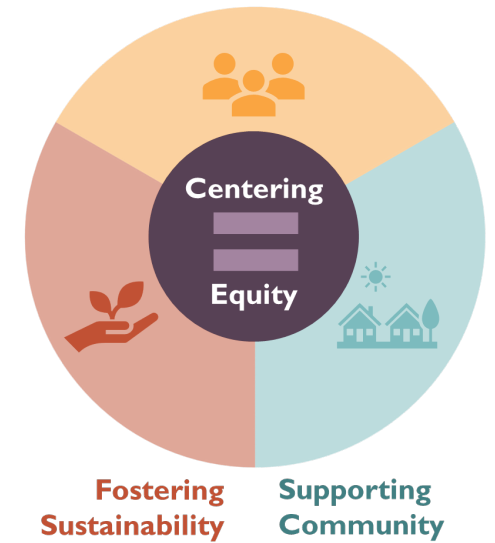
City of Madison Complete Green Streets Guide

Approved January 6, 2023

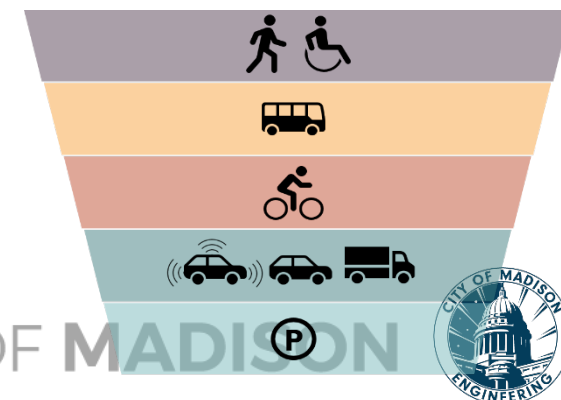


STREET VALUES

Putting People First



MODAL HIERARCHY





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.

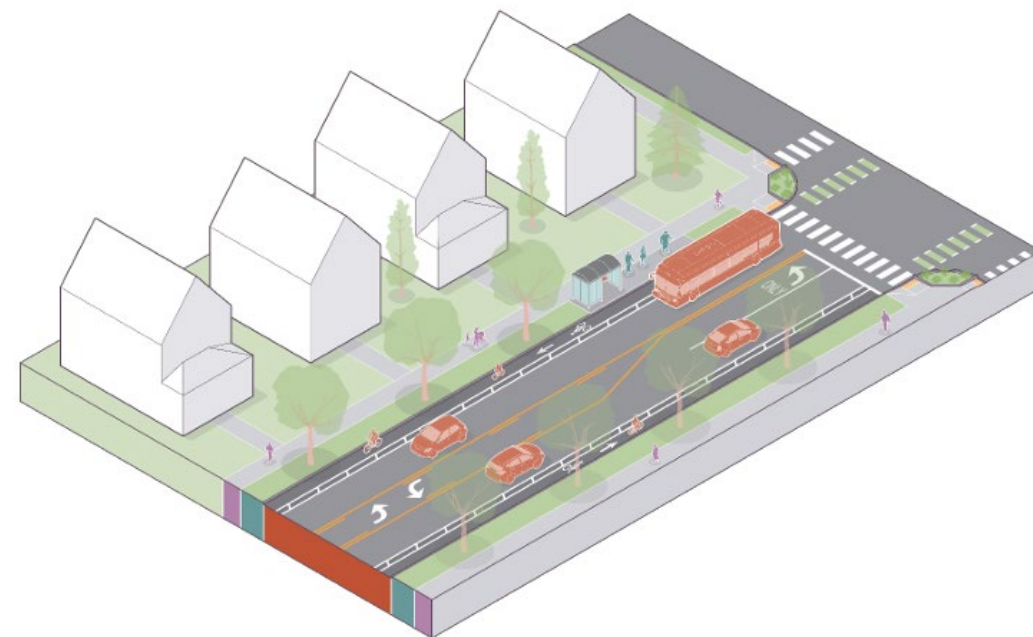
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Existing Milwaukee St – Community Collector Street

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

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

Target Speed: 25 mph or less



Zone Priorities and Preferred Elements for Each Zone

Walk Zone High Priority	Flex Zone Low Priority	Travelway Zone Medium Priority	Additional Considerations
Standard or wider sidewalks with buildings offset from the sidewalk by landscaping (or parking in some already-developed areas). Sidepath (optional) minimum 8', 12' pref.	Landscaped terrace with street trees. On-street parking may be provided in some locations.	1 travel lane per direction, often with medians or center turn lane; on-street bike facilities	Garbage cart storage space, raised crossings, speed management.



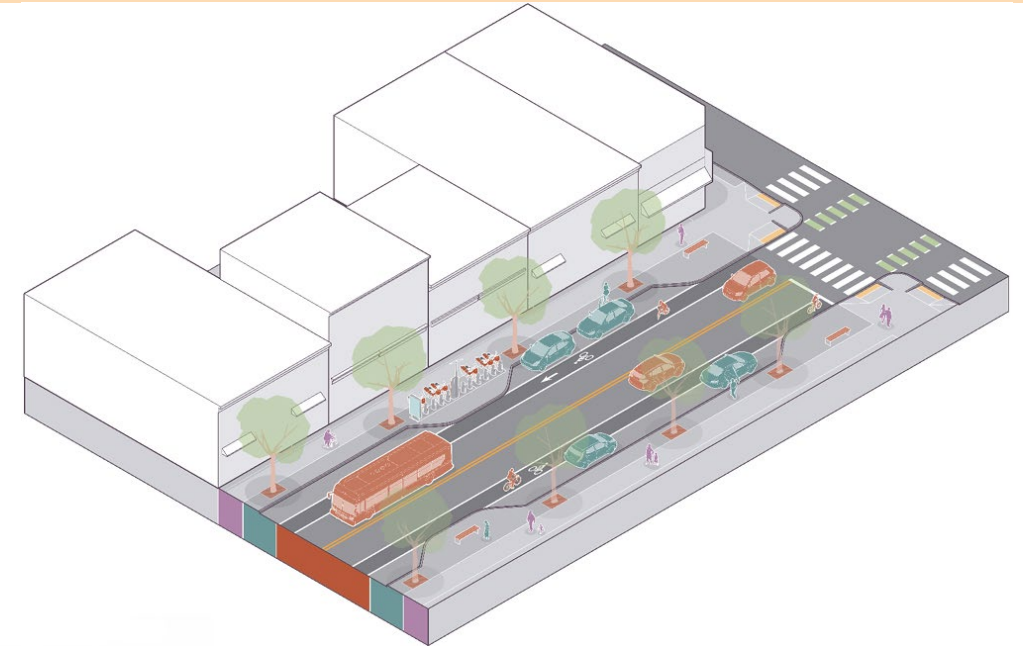
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Proposed Milwaukee St – Community Main Street

Context: Small/medium scale mixed use, many facades/entries for retail/dining/etc.

Description: Destination/shopping street with a strong sense of place. May also carry a fairly large number of people by a variety of travel modes. Typically has larger volumes of pedestrians.

Target Speed: 25 mph or less



Zone Priorities and Preferred Elements for Each Zone

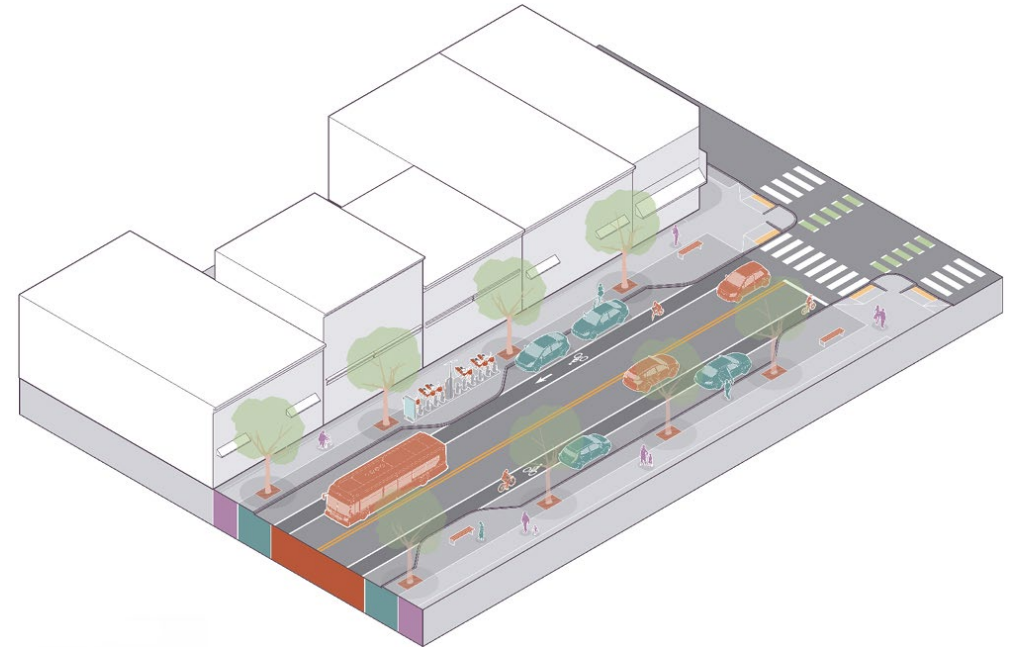
Walk Zone Medium Priority	Flex Zone High Priority	Travelway Zone	Additional Considerations
Wide sidewalks with buildings close to or touching the sidewalk.	Hardscaped or landscaped terrace with street trees, bike racks, enhanced transit stops, and sidewalk cafés. Higher demand for on-street parking more frequent turnover, pedestrian-scale streetscapes and amenities that encourage people to walk. Parking may be a higher priority. Loading zones, if needed, should be provided around the corner on intersecting minor streets.	1 travel lane per direction. Left turn lanes are common at controlled intersections. Bike lanes should be included and may require consideration of parking options on side streets or in structured parking.	Vending locations and micromobility opportunities. Crosswalk enhancements including raised crossings/intersections. Peak hour traffic volumes and need for peak hour travel lane. Snow storage. Accessible parking.

COMPLETE GREEN STREETS – STREET TYPE

Proposed Milwaukee St – Community Main Street

Street Reconstruction

- **Milwaukee St**
 - Street type: Community Main Street (*Complete Green Streets Guide, pp. 44-45, March 2025*)
 - Street Type Space Requirements Table (*Complete Green Streets Guide, pp. 58, March 2025*)
 - Total Walk Zone (per side): 6ft minimum / 9ft preferred
 - Total Flex Zone (per side): 9ft minimum / 18ft preferred
 - Total Travelway Zone (edge of pavement to edge of pavement): 36ft minimum / 36ft typical



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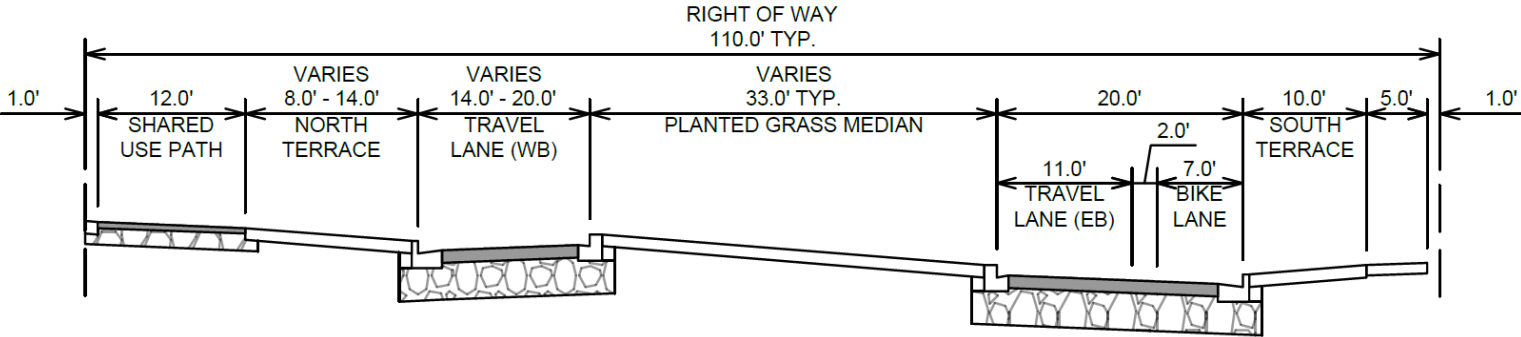
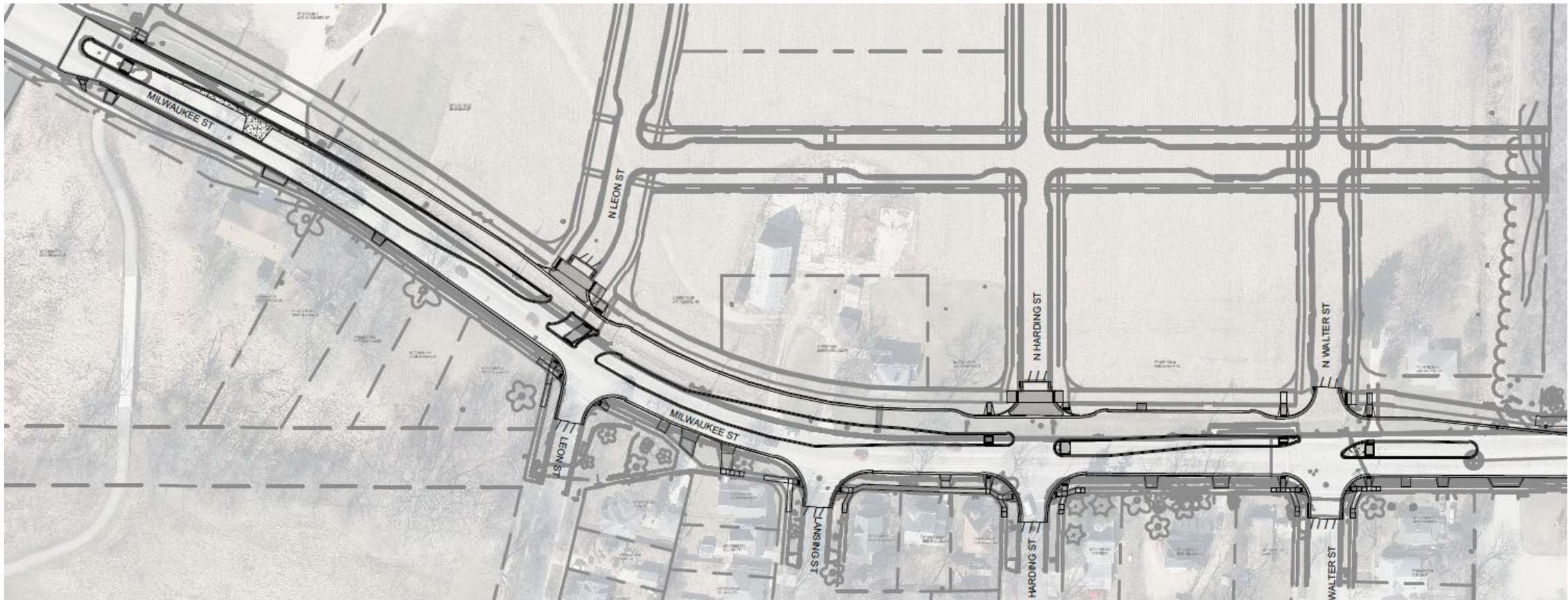
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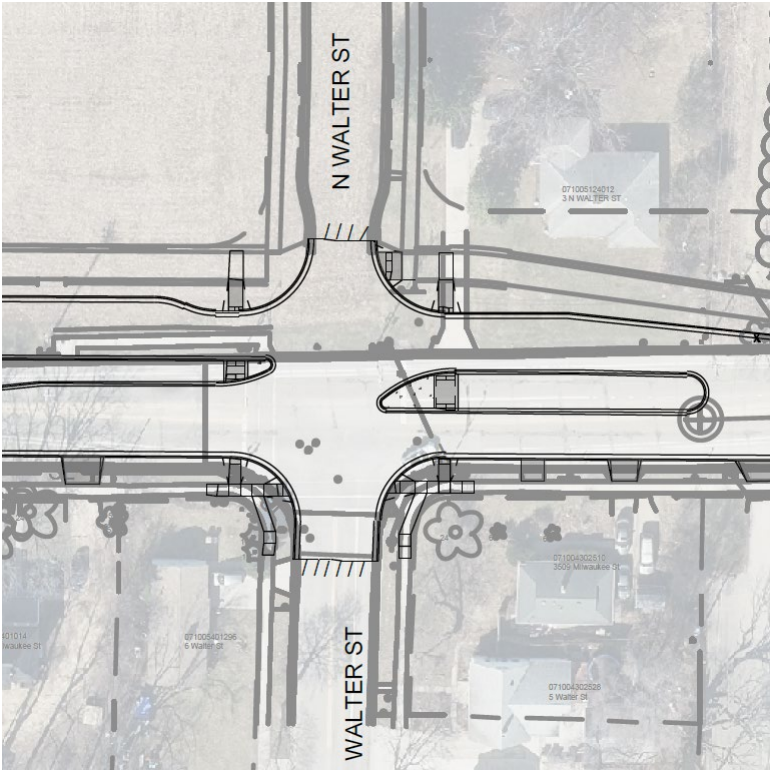
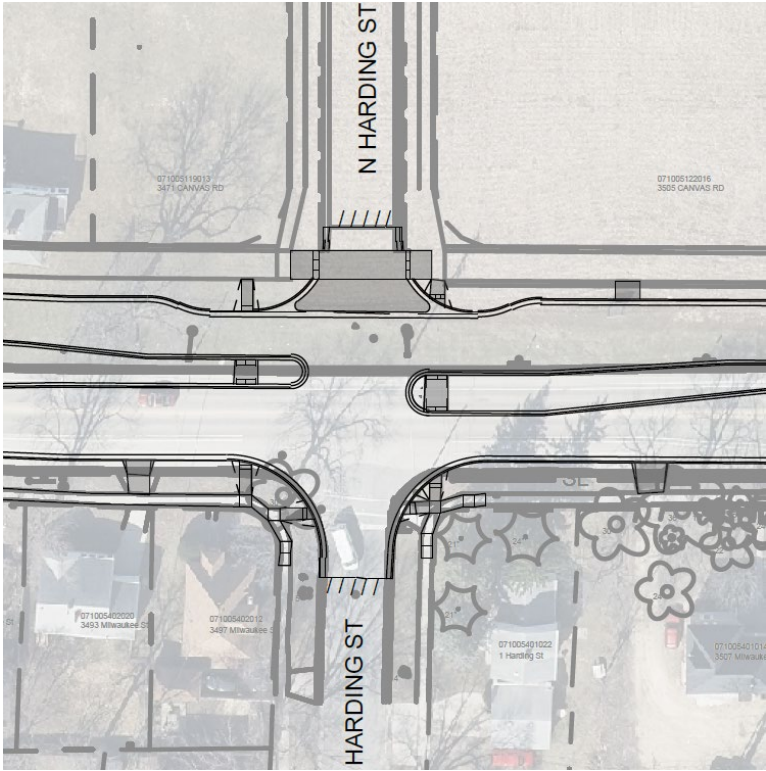
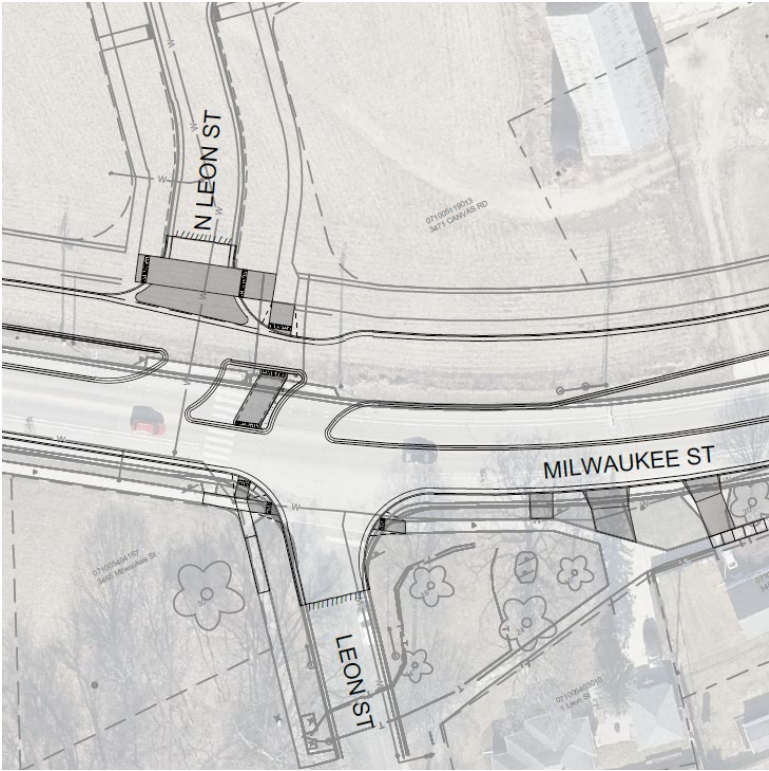
- **Street Reconstruction**
 - Remove and replace asphalt pavement, concrete pavement, and gravel base
 - Full curb and gutter replacement
 - Replacement of driveway aprons
 - Addition of raised intersections (N Leon St & N Harding St)
 - Addition of shared use path on north side of Milwaukee St (from Walter St to W Corporate Dr)
 - Bike lane on south side of Milwaukee St
 - Installation of medians to separate eastbound and westbound traffic
 - Spot replacement of sidewalk due to utility installation or poor condition
- **Walter St intersection traffic signal replacement & modifications**
- **Replace utility street lighting with city street lighting**
- **Pavement Markings**



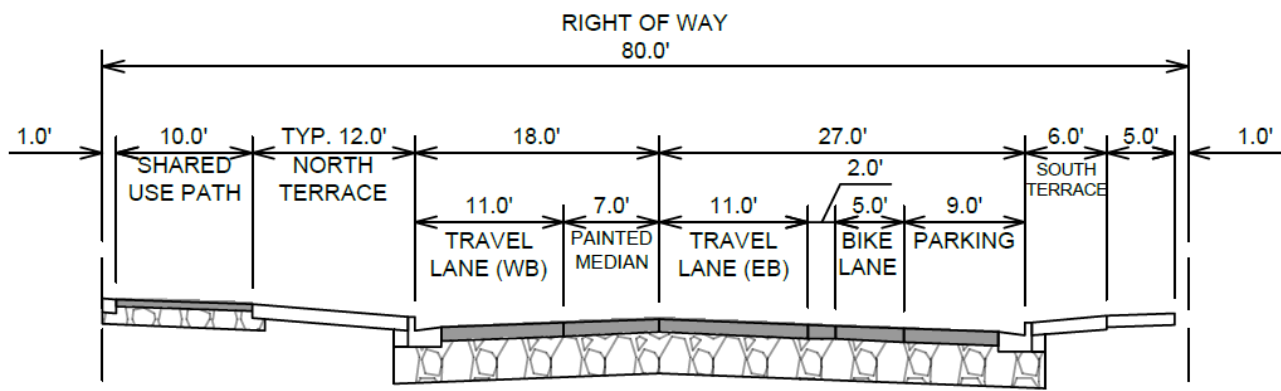
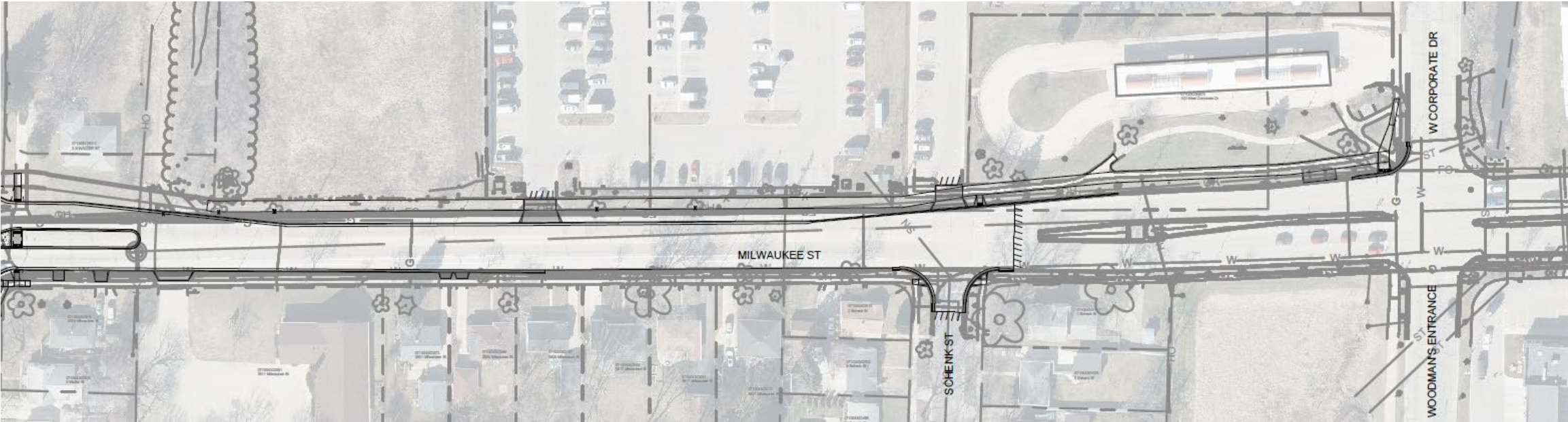
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Proposed Underground Utilities Improvements

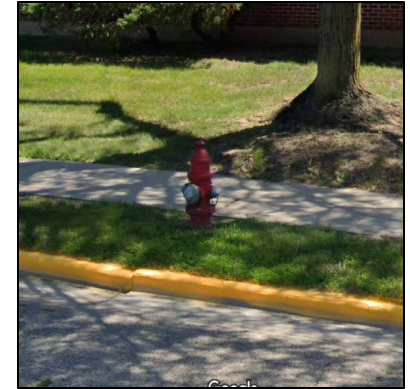
- **Sanitary Sewer**

- Replacement of existing 8" VPC main (1948-1954) with a new 8" PVC sewer main
- Replacement of sanitary sewer laterals from new main to property line



- **Water Main**

- Replace existing 10" and 12" Sand Cast Iron main (1948-1954) with a new 12" Ductile Iron water main.
- Reconnect water services in the street



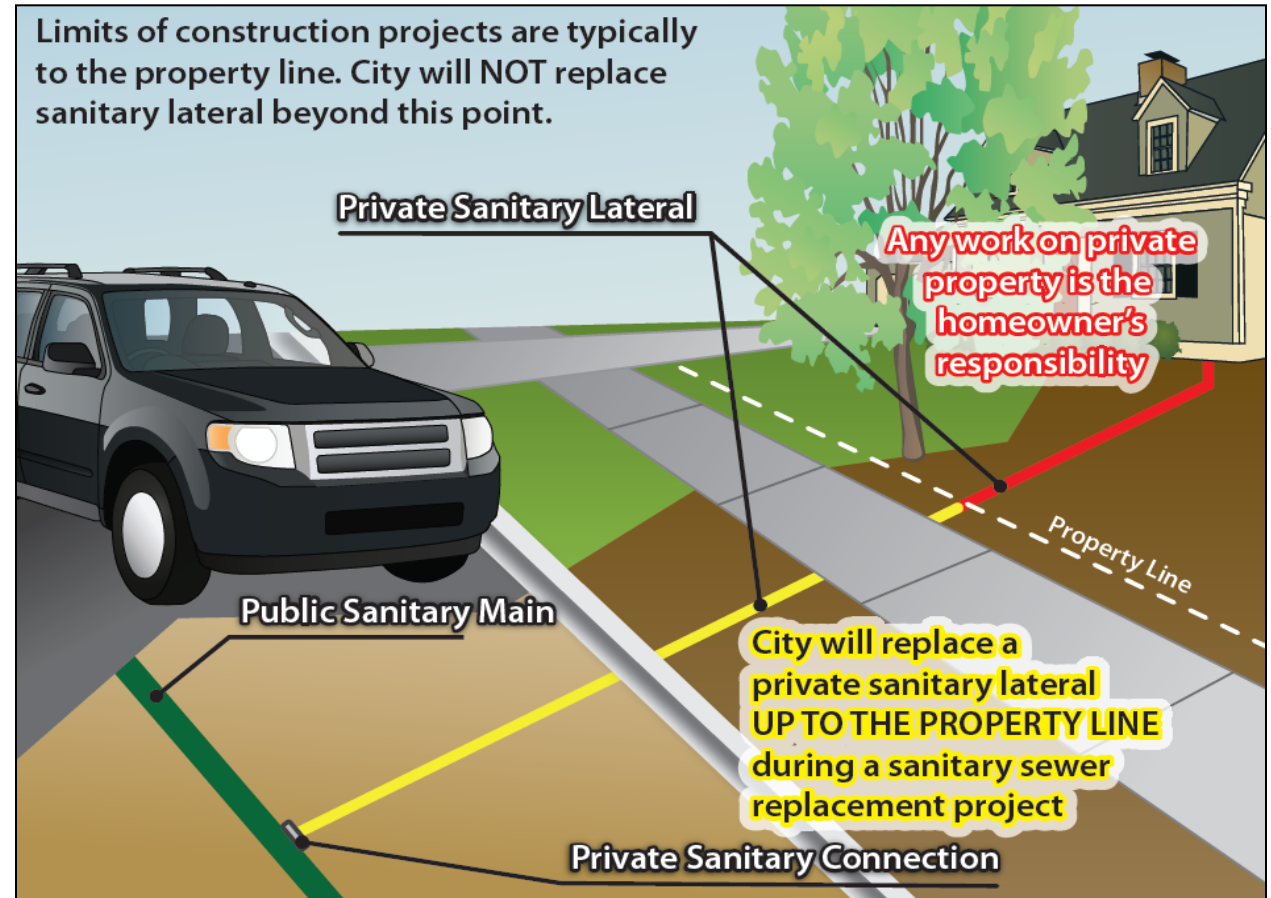
- **Storm Sewer**

- Improve storm sewer system in the street and intersections



Proposed Underground Utilities – Sewer Lateral

- Sanitary Sewer Lateral Installation
 - Replace from the new main to the property line
- Work beyond the property line is the homeowner's responsibility
- Trees may also impact the ability to install
 - Can stop short with approval of owner
 - Owner can provide a Right of Entry to help find an alternate path around the tree



Proposed Utilities Improvements

- Potential Madison Gas & Electric (MGE) gas main to be replaced as needed to accommodate the City project
- Potential MGE relocation/replacement of existing electric facilities
 - Utility poles may need to be relocated
 - Potentially impacted by the new curb & gutter, and shared use path location
 - Existing street lighting on MGE poles
 - Additional lighting to be added
- Potential impacts to overhead and underground communication facilities
 - Overhead facilities on MGE Poles
 - Coordinating with AT&T and MCI/Verizon to resolve potential conflict between existing underground facilities and proposed City underground utilities



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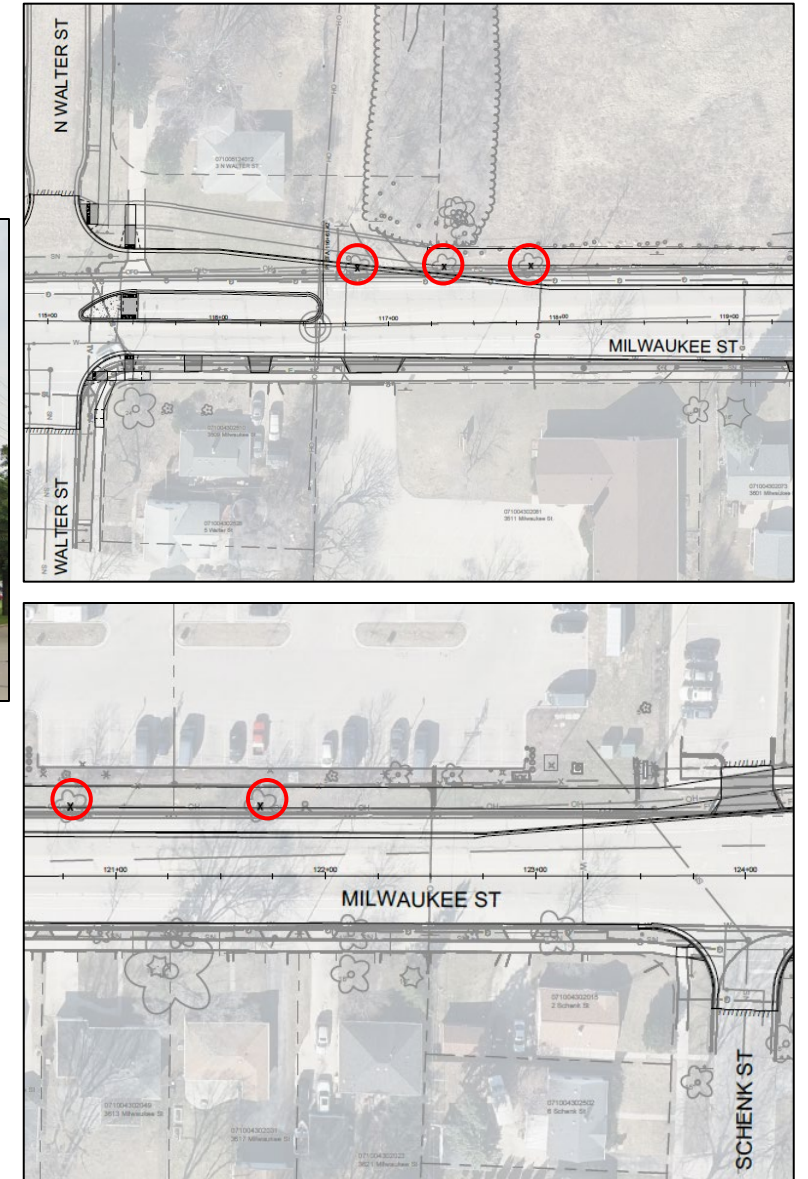
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Forestry Information

- City Engineering has reviewed the project with City Forestry. A Forestry representative will work with the City design team, City Construction Inspector, and Contractor during construction.
- Terrace (area between sidewalk & curb) trees will be pruned prior to construction to provide the required clearance above street.
- Tree priority score
 - 86 tree equity score, <https://www.treeequity.org/>
 - 24% canopy cover, goal 50%
 - Planting new trees
 - Moderate priority
 - Maintain existing trees
 - High priority

Forestry Information

- Locations of known removals (ahead of construction)
 - 3 N Walter St (14" Norway Maple)
 - 3618 Milwaukee St (2 – 14" Norway Maple)
 - 3650 Milwaukee St (2 – 15" Norway Maple)
- Reasons for removal include
 - Poor condition
 - Conflict with new curb location
 - Conflict with proposed shared use path
- Methods of tree protection include:
 - Bends & limits of work for sewer lateral
 - Adjusting curb and sidewalk construction methods
- Initial coordination with Forestry has been completed for potential new planting locations and will continue during design and after project completion
 - New plantings spring 2028



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Assessment Policy & Costs

- Special charge for work being done that has a direct benefit to the property
- Preliminary assessments mailed during the design phase – this is where the project is now
 - Based on estimated quantities of driveway aprons, terrace walk, and sanitary laterals.
 - Unit price for driveways, pavement reconstruction, and terrace walks based on 2026 street improvement rates.
 - Rates are an average of the last 3 years of construction
 - Unit prices for sanitary laterals and private storm sewer connections based on estimated prices.
- Assessments can be paid in lump sum or typically over 8 years with a 4.5% interest rate (2026)
- Final assessments billed after project completion
 - Based on measured quantities of driveway aprons, terrace walks, street lighting, and 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
 - Bill mailed to property owners in 2028 (summer after completion of the project)

Assessment Policy & Costs

Item	Property Owner Share	City Share
10' Pavement Replacement*	100%	0%
Driveway Apron Replacement	50%	50%
Terrace Walk Replacement (between sidewalk & curb)	50%	50%
Sidewalk Replacement	0%	100%
Intersection Curb & Pavement	0%	100%
Sanitary Sewer Main	0%	100%
Sanitary Laterals to Property Line	25%	75%
Water Main	0%	100%
Water Main Services	0%	100%
Storm Sewer Main	0%	100%
Private Storm Connections (if any)	100%	0%
Street Lighting**	100%	0%

*Assessed per linear ft as 10-ft. of street width across the property frontage.

** Only applies to properties which do not already have city circuits in their frontage.

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Assessment Policy & Costs

- Approximate property owner costs for items:
 - Street reconstruction
 - Approx. driveway replacement: \$1,000
 - Approx. 10' pavement replacement: \$46.72 per ft
 - Defined as 10-ft of street width across the property frontage
 - 50% discount for single or two-family corner lots fronting two streets
 - Sidewalk, curb and gutter, and shared use path not assessed
 - Sanitary Sewer
 - Approx. sewer lateral reconnection: \$2,000
 - Approx. sewer lateral replacement: \$35 per ft
 - Storm Sewer
 - Approx. private storm connection: \$3,200
 - Street lighting
 - Approx. assessment: \$65 per ft of property frontage

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Project Approval Schedule

- November 5, 2025: Transportation Commission
 - Traffic Engineering presented design options for feedback
- August 12, 2026: Transportation Commission
 - Engineering staff will present street layout for approval
- August 28, 2026: Mailing of Preliminary Assessments & Public Hearing Notice
- September 9, 2026: Approval of Plans, Specifications, and Assessments (Board of Public Works)
- September 22, 2026: Approval of Plans, Specifications, and Assessments (Common Council)
- Fall 2026: Advertise for Contractor Bids
- Spring 2027: Begin Construction
- Fall 2027: End of Construction

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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Construction Schedule & Access

- Reduced lanes to accommodate utility installation and placement of asphalt pavement and median installation
- Residential driveway access will be maintained during most of construction but 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 is being installed.
- An average of 2 planned water shut-offs are expected for each property.
 - Up to 8 hours, but usually about 4 hours
 - Residents will be notified 48 hours ahead of time
 - Occasionally emergency shut-offs if old main breaks
- Allowed working hours are 7:00am to 7:00pm (Monday-Saturday) and 10:00am to 7:00pm (Sundays)
- Construction could begin as early as Spring 2027
 - Approximately 8 months to complete all work
 - Spring 2027 – Fall 2027

Construction Schedule & Access

- Existing timber, brick, or stone walls behind the sidewalk will not be impacted.
- Existing landscaping within the terrace (between curb & sidewalk) will be impacted
 - If you wish to save any terrace landscaping, it should be removed prior to the start of work in Spring 2027.
- Stone/brick pavers and wood retaining walls within the terrace you wish to save should be removed prior to construction and reinstalled by you after construction is complete.

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Next Steps

- Up coming opportunities for public involvement
 - Fill out the questionnaire
 - 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 (August 12, 2026)
 - Board of Public Works Meeting (September 9, 2026)
 - Common Council Meeting (September 22, 2026)
- Public notified via website updates and/or mailing
 - <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/milwaukee-street-reconstruction>

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- Engineering
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 - Erin Geter, Sewer Engineer, 266-4058, egeter@cityofmadison.com
 - Tim Pearson, Water Engineer, 266-6215, tpearson@madisonwater.com
 - Public Information Officer, Hannah Mohelnitzky, 669-3560, hmohelnitzky@cityofmadison.com
- Traffic Engineering
 - Kevin Luecke, Pedestrian Bicycle Administrator, 266-6225, kluecke@cityofmadison.com
 - Lukas Collins, Traffic Engineer, 261-9625, lcollins@cityofmadison.com
 - Jerry Schippa, Traffic Engineer, 267-1969, jschippa@cityofmadison.com
- Project Website: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/milwaukee-street-reconstruction>
- Questionnaire will remain open until 08/06/2026, 3:00pm
- Sign-up for project email updates on the website
 - Updated on the design process and construction progress will be posted on the website
- A PDF of the presentation, recording of this meeting, design information, and construction progress will be posted to the project website