

City of Madison, East Johnson Street

North Baldwin Street to First Street

Local Street

Dane County



Public Involvement Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2016

5:30 to 7 P.M.

Festival Foods

810 E. Washington Avenue

Madison, Wisconsin 53703

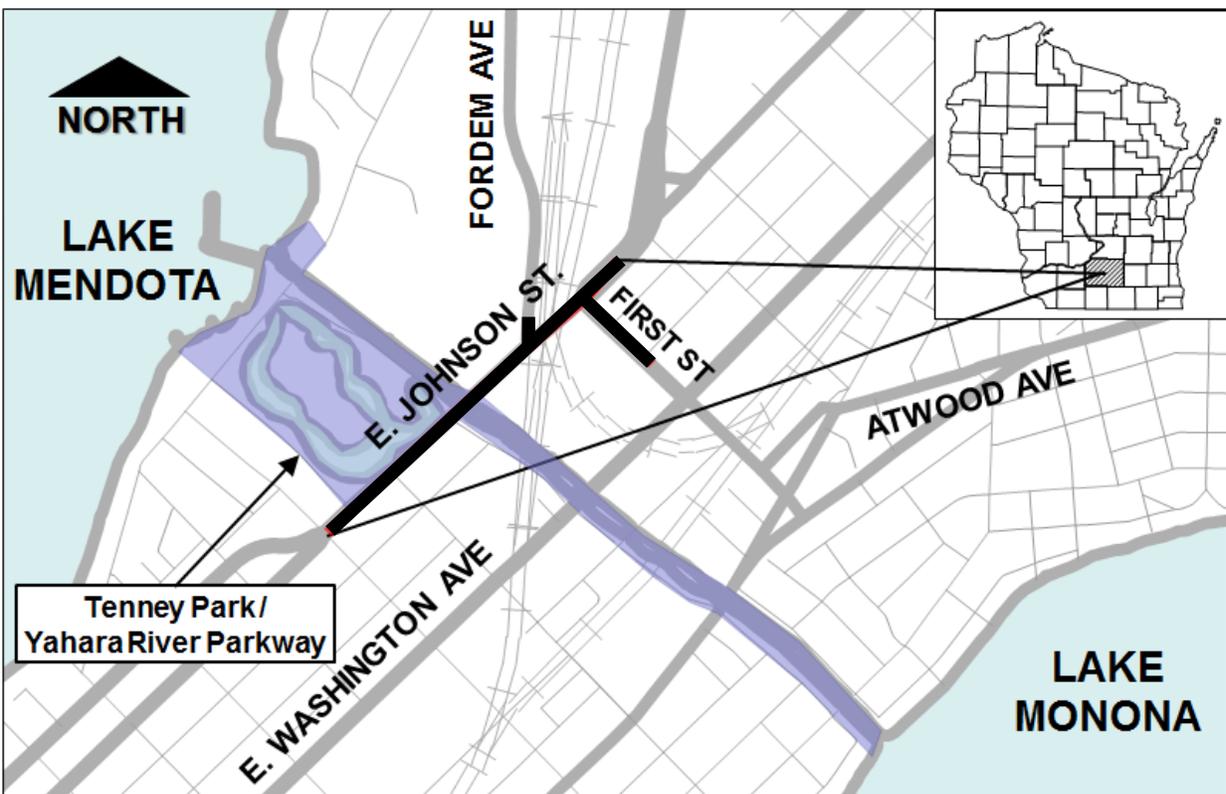
E. Johnson Street Reconstruction Project

Welcome to the Public Involvement Meeting (PIM) for the reconstruction of E. Johnson Street in the City of Madison. The project extends approximately 3,000 feet along E. Johnson Street from N. Baldwin Street through N. First Street. The project also includes about 550 feet of N. First Street from E. Johnson Street to E. Mifflin Street. Representatives from the project team including the City of Madison are available to address your questions and concerns. This meeting is an open house format and a presentation will be given. A third public involvement meeting (if necessary) would tentatively be held in 2017. Prior to the beginning of construction, a final public meeting will be held.

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to update you on changes in the design that are being considered based on the comments received during the first PIM held back in April of 2016. The PIM is also an opportunity to answer questions and listen to your comments, concerns, or suggestions. This is an opportunity for you to offer input into the design process. It also provides an opportunity for you to review the proposed design and the potential impacts.

Location Map



Project Overview

The proposed project will include reconstruction of the existing roadway from just east of N. Baldwin Street to immediately east of N. First Street. The proposed project includes pavement reconstruction, curb and gutter, widening along the west side of N. First Street, existing sidewalk spot replacements and repairs, new multi-use path/sidewalk, Americans with Disabilities Act compliant curb ramps, storm sewer lateral replacement, new street lighting, replacement of sanitary sewer and water main, new pavement

marking, and signing. The project will include fitting existing drainage patterns into the reconstruction. The existing storm sewer system will be used to control stormwater.

The proposed project layout has been revised based on feedback obtained during the first PIM back in April of 2016. On-street bicycle accommodations are no longer proposed as part of the project. Instead, a continuous, off-street, multi-use path for bicyclists and pedestrians is proposed between Baldwin Street and First Street. West of the Yahara River, the existing multi-use path on the north side of E. Johnson Street between Baldwin Street and the Yahara River would be used (this includes the existing path through Tenney Park). At the Yahara River, the path crosses E. Johnson Street via the existing underpass on the west side of the river. After crossing E. Johnson Street via the underpass, a connection to the south side of E. Johnson Street will be provided at which point the path would travel along the south side of the existing Yahara River bridge. To the east of the Yahara River bridge, the multi-use path would widen out to provide a 6-foot wide sidewalk and a 10-foot wide multi-use path to First Street. At First Street the path would connect to the Demetral Path heading east.

In conjunction with the removal of the on-street bike lanes and providing a continuous multi-use path, it is proposed to narrow the travel lanes for the length of the project from 11 to 10 feet wide. Narrowing the travel lanes to 10 feet helps minimize impacts to Tenney Park, existing terrace trees, sidewalk and railroad signal/gate equipment. It also provides space for an 8-foot wide roadway median adjacent to Tenney Park which is wide enough to provide pedestrian refuge for the crosswalks at Dickinson Street and Thornton Avenue. Also, the reduction of the travel lane width may serve as a traffic calming measure.

Other notable changes since the first PIM include the addition of a right-turn lane at Fordem Avenue and the addition of a median island at the First Street intersection to provide refuge for the crosswalk across the southern approach of the intersection.

Pedestrian accommodations currently exist and will be maintained on both sides of the roadway.

Anticipated Project Schedule

First Public Involvement Meeting	April 2016
Public Involvement Meeting No. 2	November 2016
30 Percent Design Completion	Winter 2016
60 Percent Design Completion	Summer 2017
Public Involvement Meeting No. 3 (if necessary)	Summer 2018
Anticipated Design Completion	August 2018
Public Meeting Prior to Beginning of Construction	Early 2019
Anticipated Construction Commencement	Spring 2019

Traffic Control

During construction, E. Johnson Street will be open to one lane of traffic in each direction. Maintaining one lane of traffic in each direction during construction avoids the need for temporary pavements, increased costs, and impacts to maintain two-lanes of traffic in both directions.

Right of Way

Right of way acquisition primarily in the form of temporary limited easements are anticipated along portions of the corridor to facilitate grading and matching the roadway construction into adjacent properties. Widening of the roadway will occur along N. First Street and at the intersection of E. Johnson Street and N. First Street. This widening will require right of way from city of Madison owned property located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection. Widening is also required to accommodate multiuse path bump outs at the railroad crossings along E. Johnson Street.

Public Park Areas [Section 4(f)] and Historical Resources

Tenney Park and the Yahara River Parkway (including the Yahara River Bridge) are adjacent to and cross the project and considered public park areas [Section 4(f) properties] and/or are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and are City of Madison Landmarks. Impacts are anticipated to these properties; however, these impacts are not anticipated to be adverse. Temporary easements are anticipated to accommodate grading in Tenney Park and the Yahara River Parkway. The project will not be reconstructing the Yahara River Bridge, however the pavement and sidewalk on the bridge is proposed to be reconstructed to accommodate a multi-use path crossing the bridge as discussed above.

In addition, the apartment complex located at 1429-1433 E. Johnson Street has been determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. No impacts are anticipated to this property.

The project team is seeking input on any concerns individuals may have with how the project is impacting these resources.

Assessments

Property owners adjacent to the project will be assessed for the project's local share in accordance with City policy.

Public Comments

We encourage you to share your comments and concerns about the project. A comment sheet is included with this handout for your convenience. Please submit your comments in the comment box at tonight's meeting or mail any comments before November 25. If mailing your comments, please remember to fold the comment sheet on the lines shown, tape it shut and place a stamp on it.

Project Website and Contacts

For more information regarding the project you can visit the project website shown below:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/johnson-st-east>

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