



S. Franklin Avenue, Ridge Road, & Sylvan Avenue Construction

Public Information Meeting
City of Madison Engineering Division
July 20, 2026

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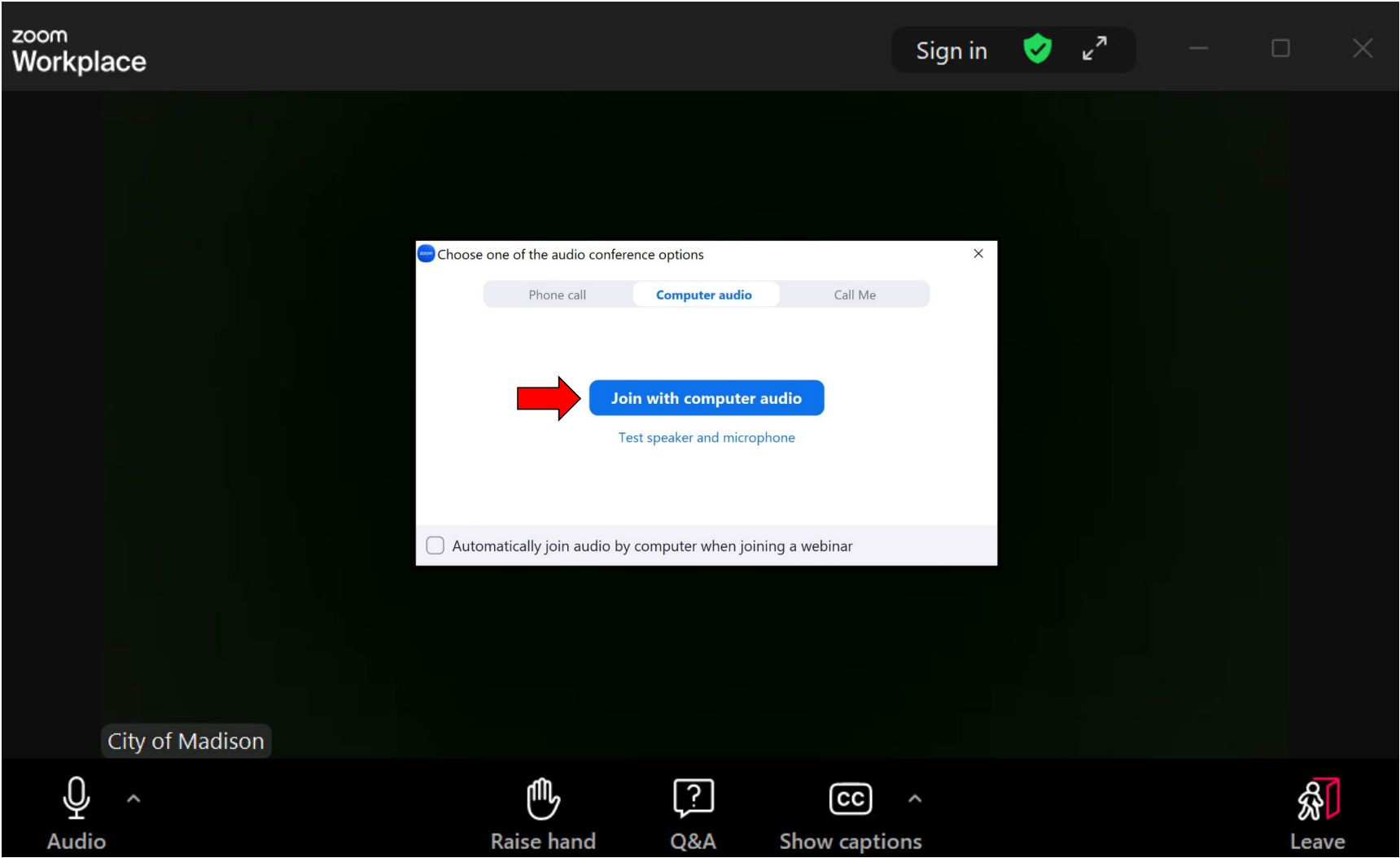
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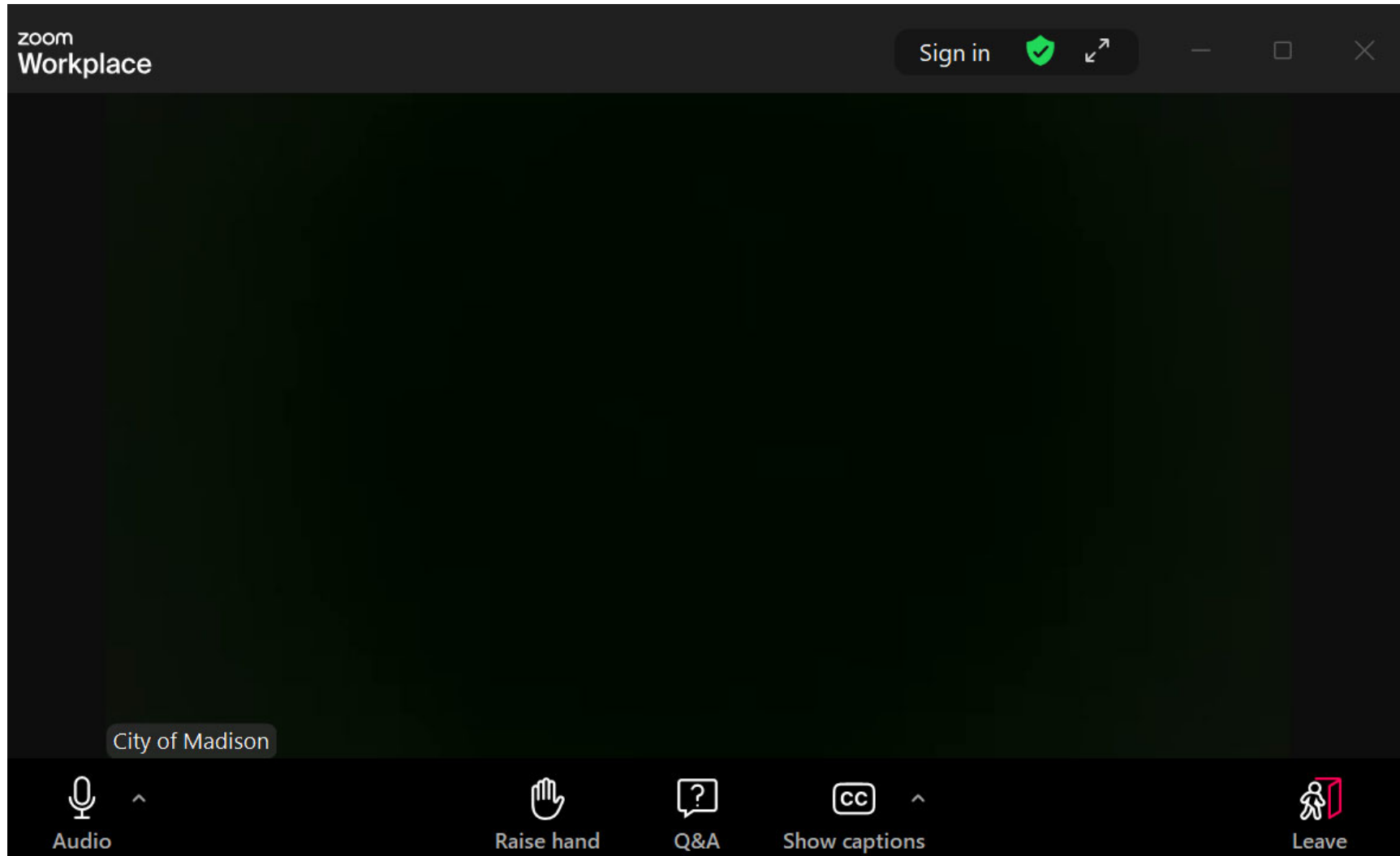
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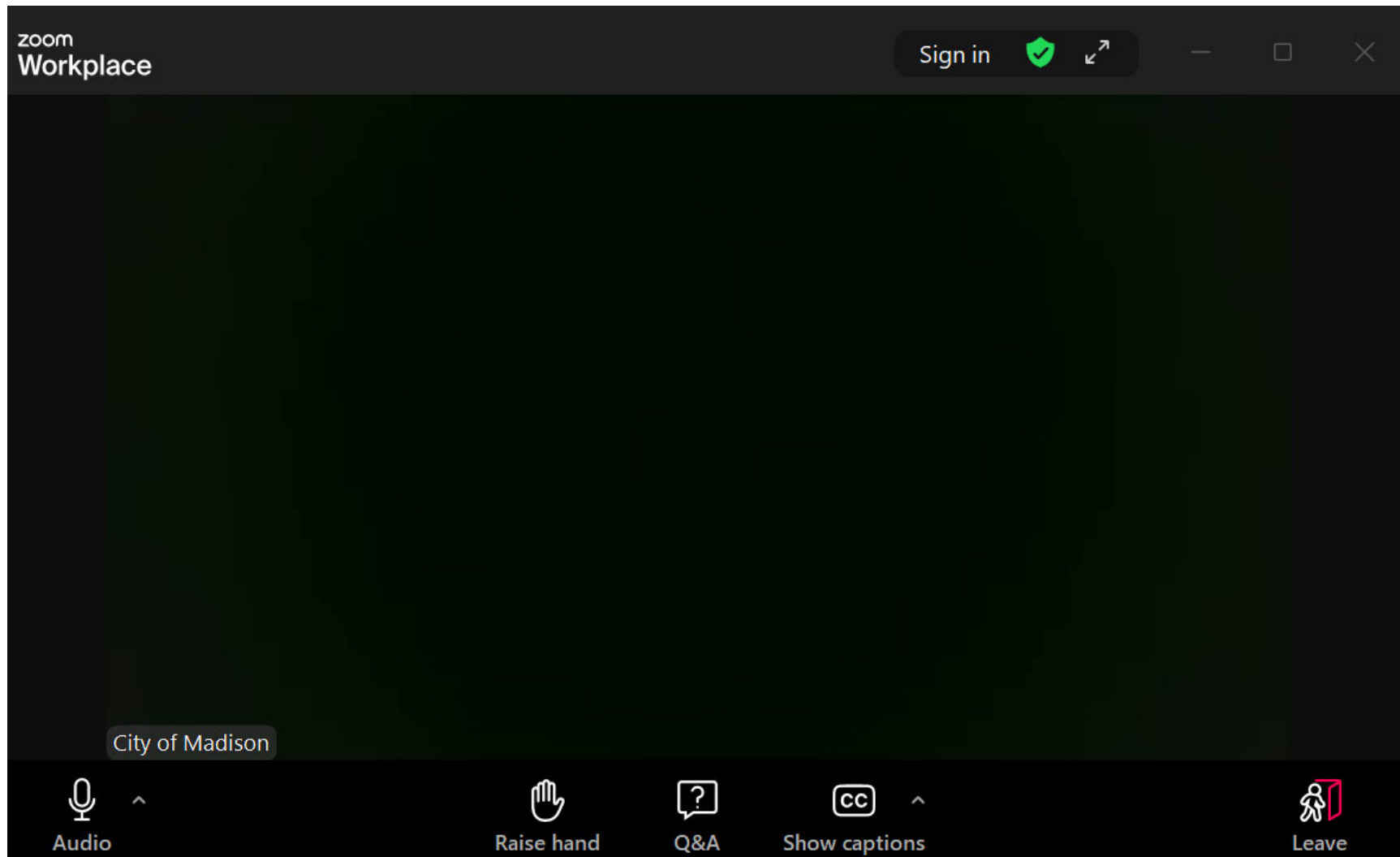
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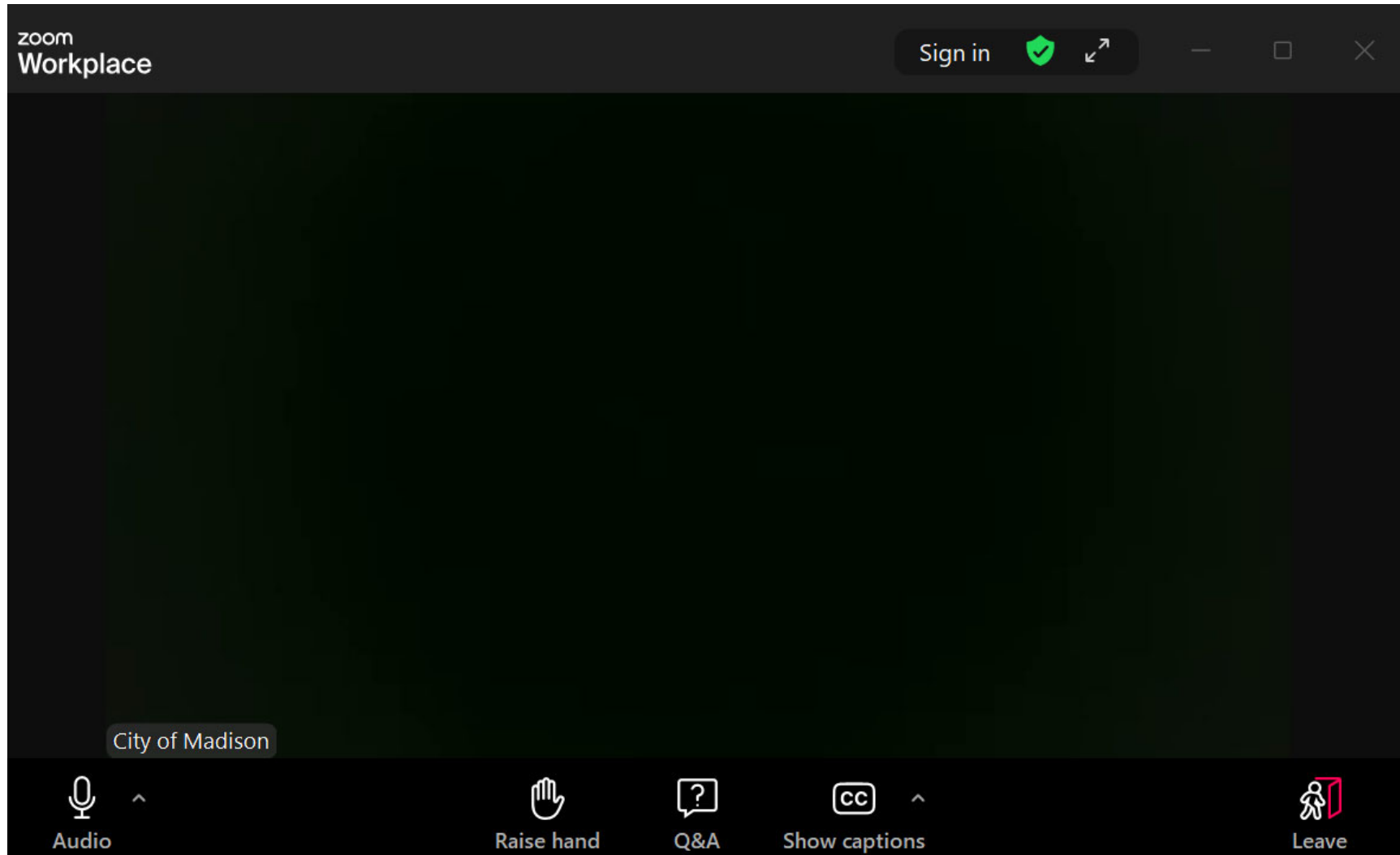
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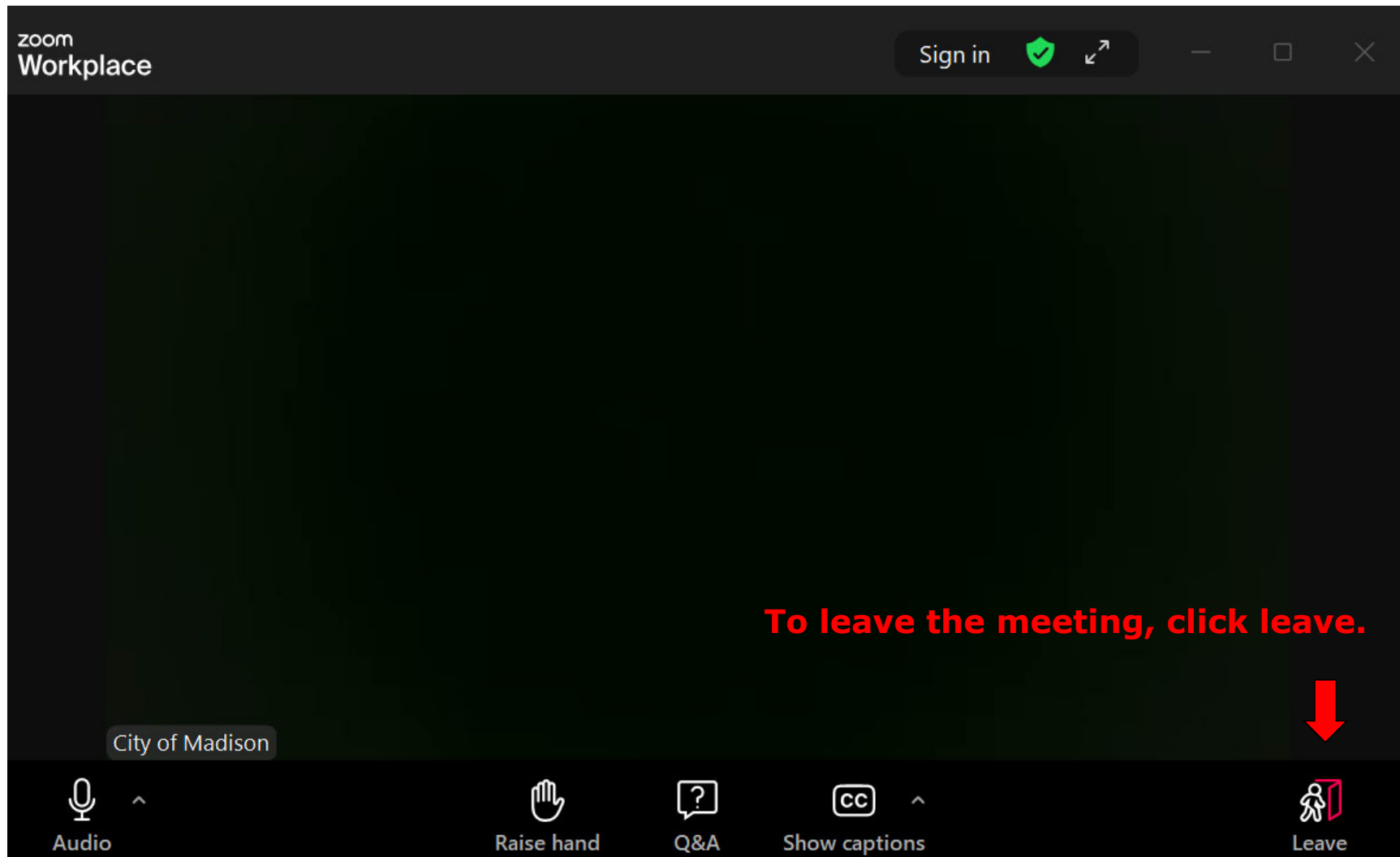
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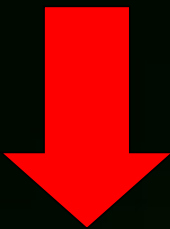
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Presentation Overview

Thank You for participating!

- Welcome (Hannah Mohelnitzky, Public Information Officer, City of Madison)
- Introduction (Alder Vidaver, District 5)
- Presentation (Andrew Zwieg, P.E.)
- Q&A (facilitated by Hannah Mohelnitzky)
 - Assisted by:
 - Grecia Izquierdo-Torres, Project Manager, City of Madison
- Presentation available on the website
 - cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/south-franklin-ave-ridge-road-sylvan-ave-reconstruction

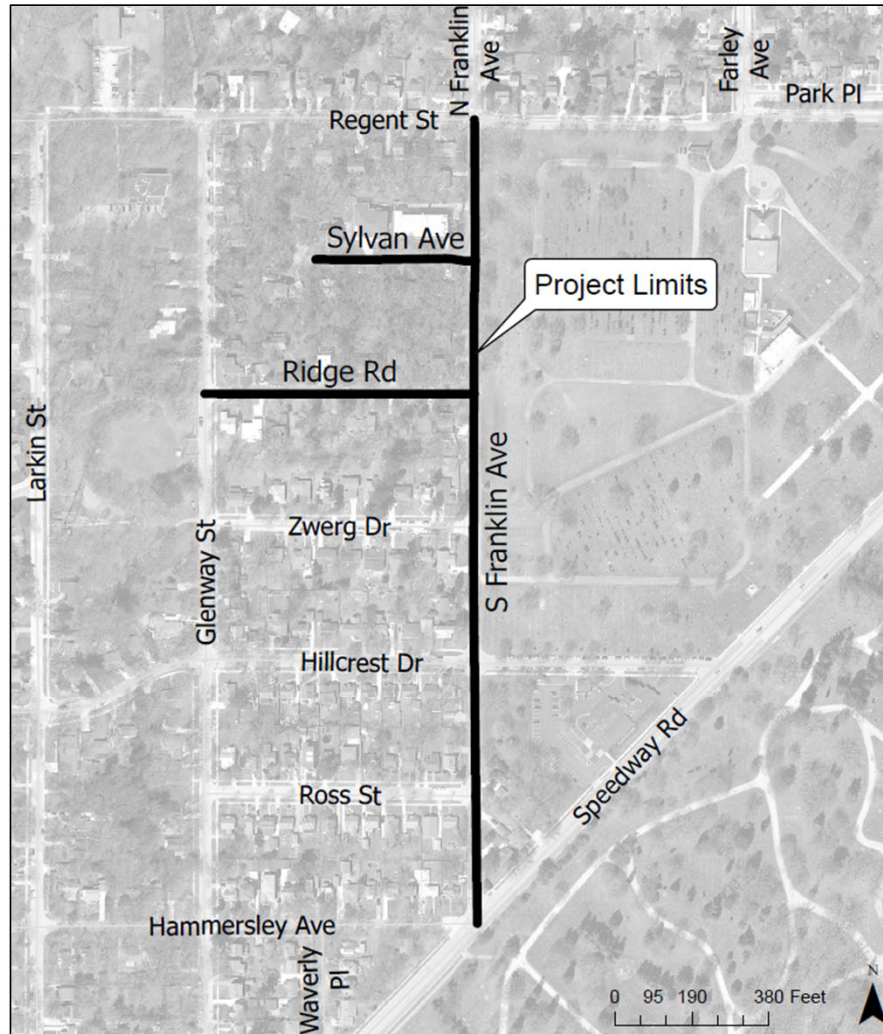
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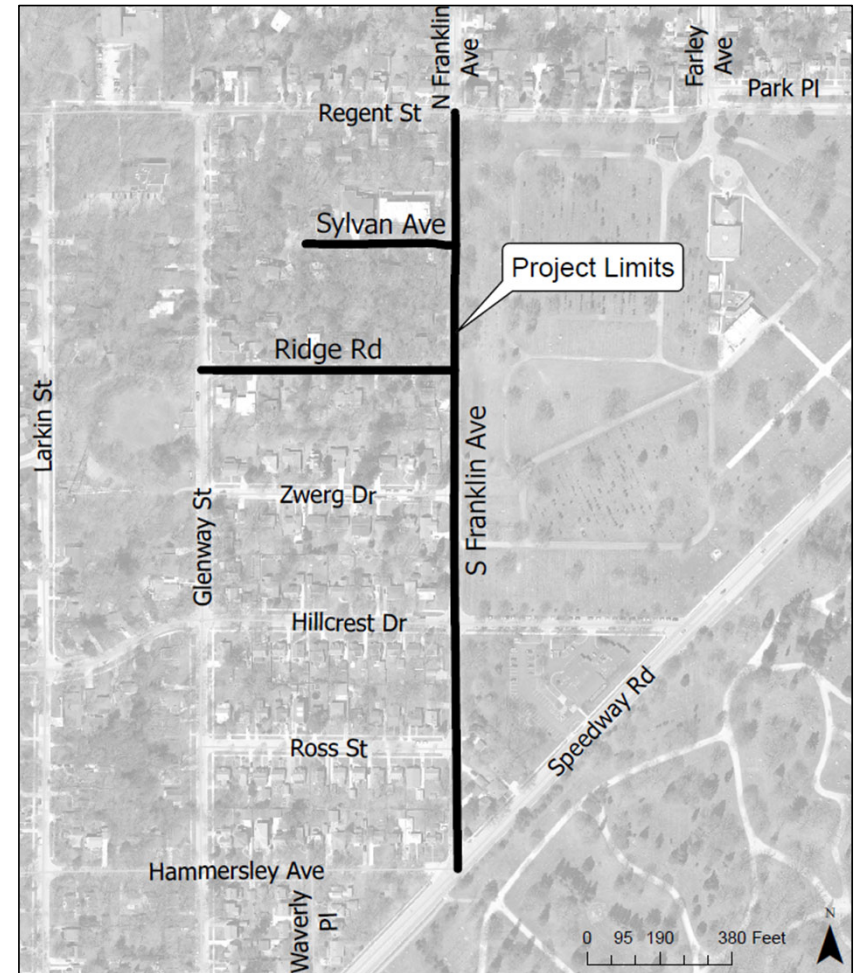


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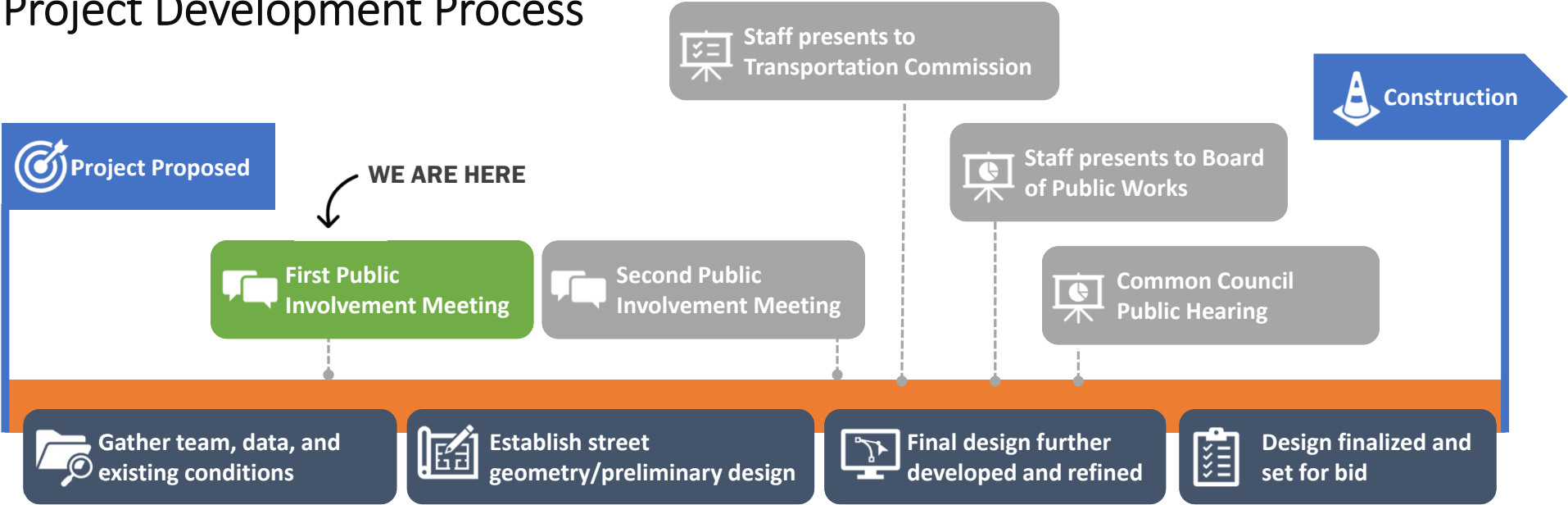
Meeting Purpose

- To inform the public about the project scope
- Explain the City's policies and process for determining the proposed street geometry.
- Communicate the City's assessment policies and how they apply to the project.
- Discuss the project's, including preliminary design, PIM #2, committee approvals, & final design



Meeting Purpose

Project Development Process

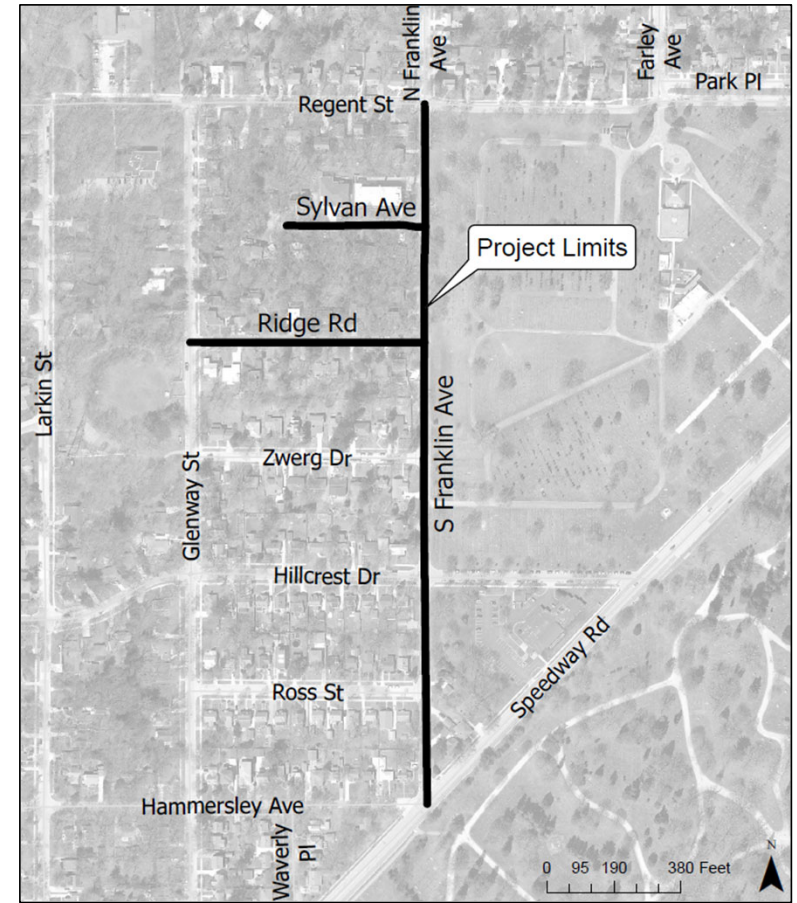


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Project Scope

- Street reconstruction
 - S Franklin Ave / Ridge Rd / Sylvan Ave
 - Street design will include replacement of asphalt pavement, gravel base, installation of curb & gutter, and replacement of driveway aprons
 - Sidewalk will be considered
 - Sanitary sewer main and water main will be reconstructed
 - Storm sewer and stormwater features will be added



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Existing Conditions – S. Franklin Ave

Item	Existing Condition
Last Surfaced	Seal Coat 2015
Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating	4/10
Curb Rating	No Curb
Width	Varies, 24' Typical
Surface	Asphalt
Sidewalk	None
Sanitary	6" Clay 1940s
Water	6" Iron 1940s
Storm	12"-24" Concrete 1970s

Existing Conditions – Ridge Rd

Item	Existing Condition
Last Surfaced	None Orig. 1955
Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating	4/10
Curb Rating	No Curb
Width	Varies, 24' Typical
Surface	Asphalt
Sidewalk	None
Sanitary	6" Clay 1940s
Water	4" Iron 1930s
Storm	None

Existing Conditions – Sylvan Ave

Item	Existing Condition
Last Surfaced	None Orig. 1948
Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating	4/10
Curb Rating	No Curb
Width	Varies, 24' Typical
Surface	Asphalt
Sidewalk	None
Sanitary	6" Clay 1940s
Water	4" Iron 1940s
Storm	None

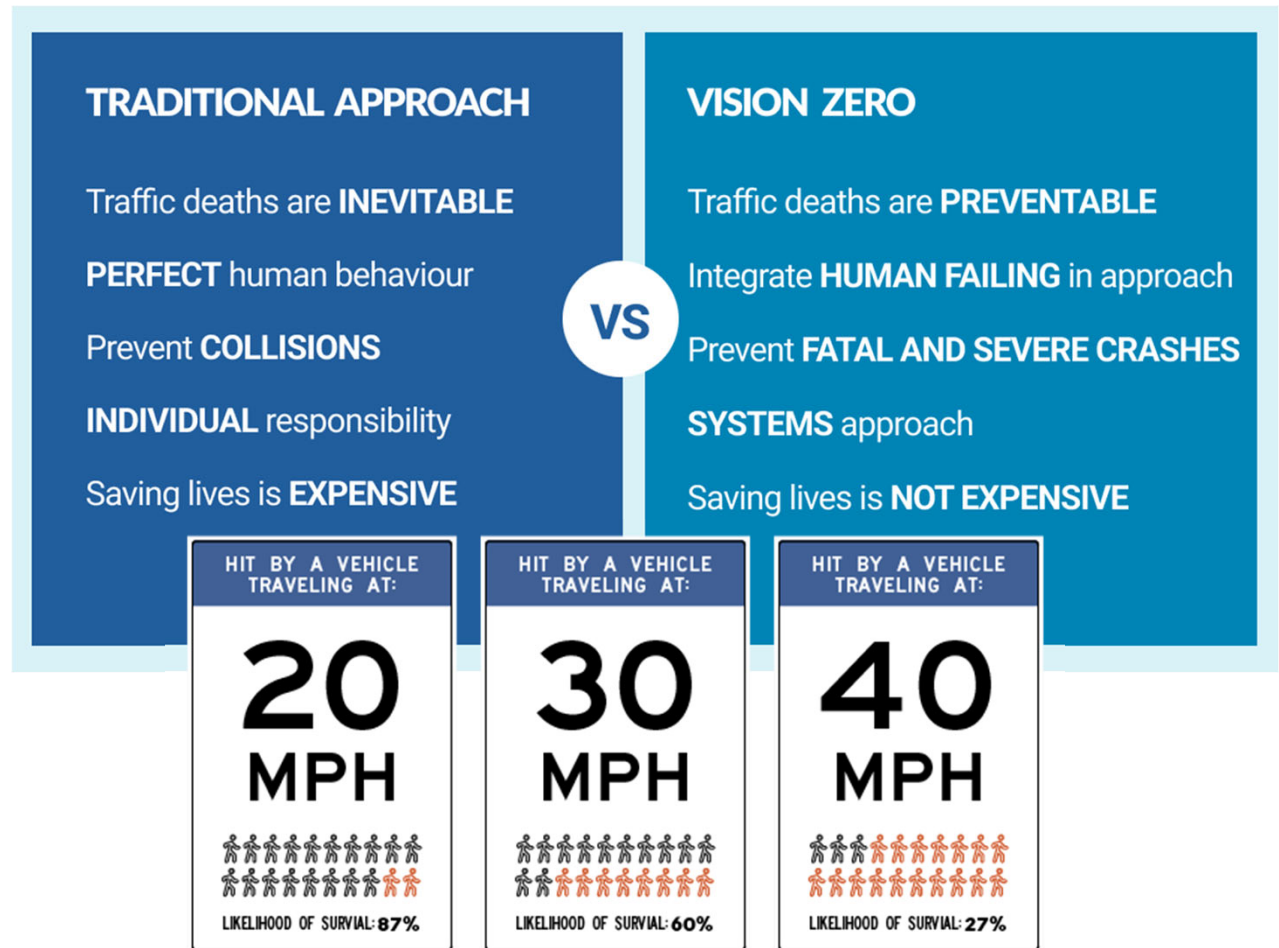
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Vision Zero

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.



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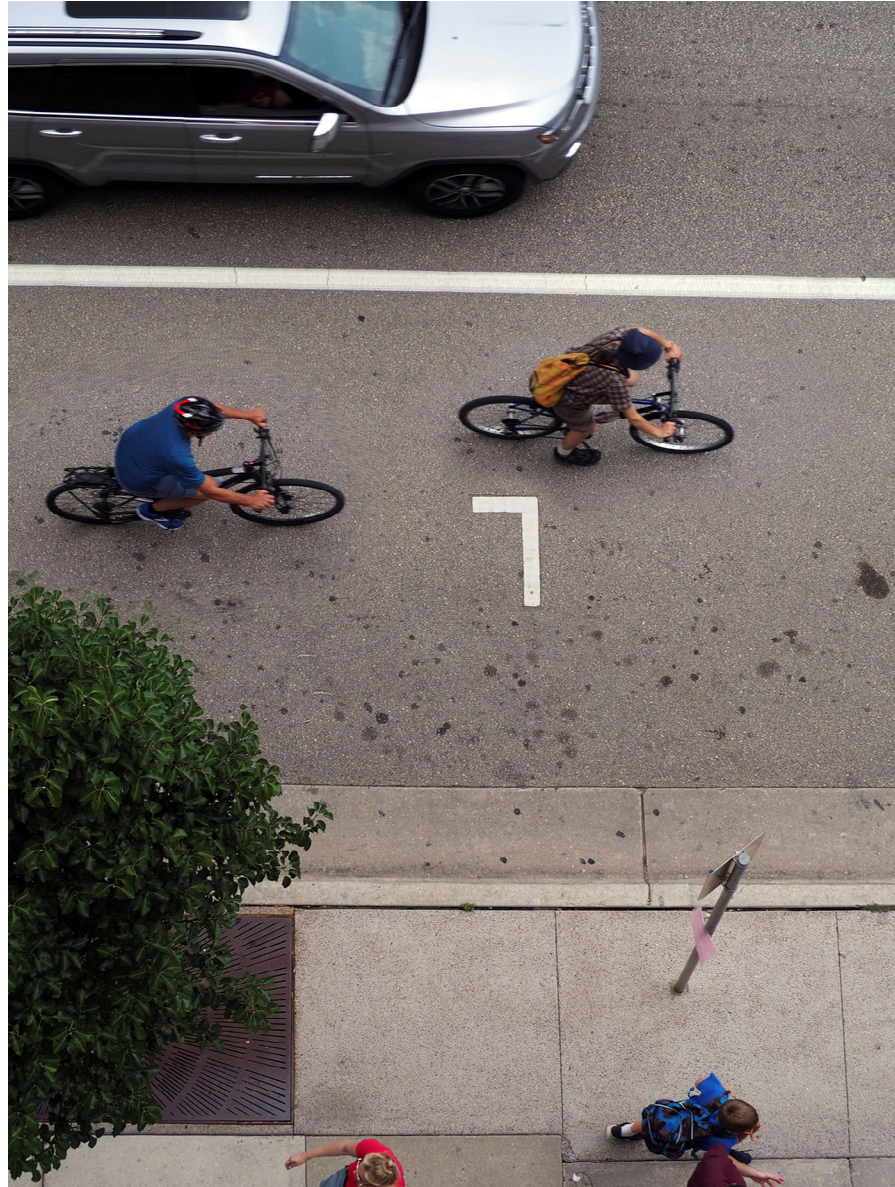


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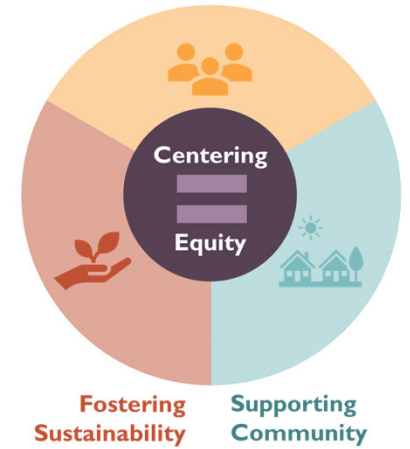
City of Madison Complete Green Streets Guide

Approved January 6, 2023

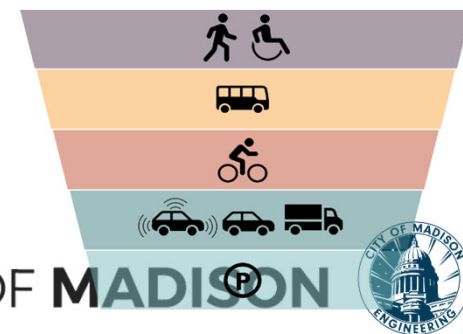


STREET VALUES

Putting People First



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.

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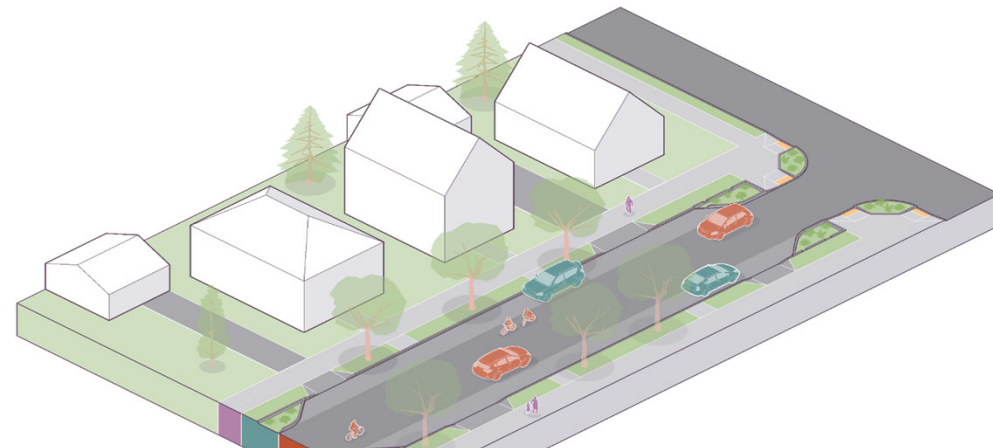
COMPLETE GREEN STREETS – STREET TYPE

Existing S. Franklin – 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



Zone Priorities and Preferred Elements for Each Zone

Walkway High Priority	Flex Zone Medium Priority	Travelway Low Priority'	Additional Considerations
Standard sidewalks, with landscaping between the sidewalk and homes or buildings. May shift closer to or farther from the street to avoid impacting canopy trees.	Landscaped terrace with street trees. May straddle the walkway when the walkway is close to the street to avoid impacting existing canopy trees. On-street parking on one or both sides common.	Two-way travel without lane markings. No dedicated bikeway unless traffic volumes are above 3,000 ADT.	Speed management, parking demand to determine type and amount of on-street parking.



Complete Green Streets

- Street reconstruction
 - S. Franklin Ave
 - Street Type: Existing Neighborhood Street (CGS Page 31 – 2025 – Street Type Map)
 - Allows to two drivers to pass each other without stopping
 - CGS Page 56 – Street Type Space Requirements Table
 - Total travel way width 18'-22'
 - Measured from edge of pavement to edge of pavement
 - Total flex zone width 10'-15'
 - Measured from edge of sidewalk to edge of travel way
 - Includes parking, curb & gutter, and terrace area

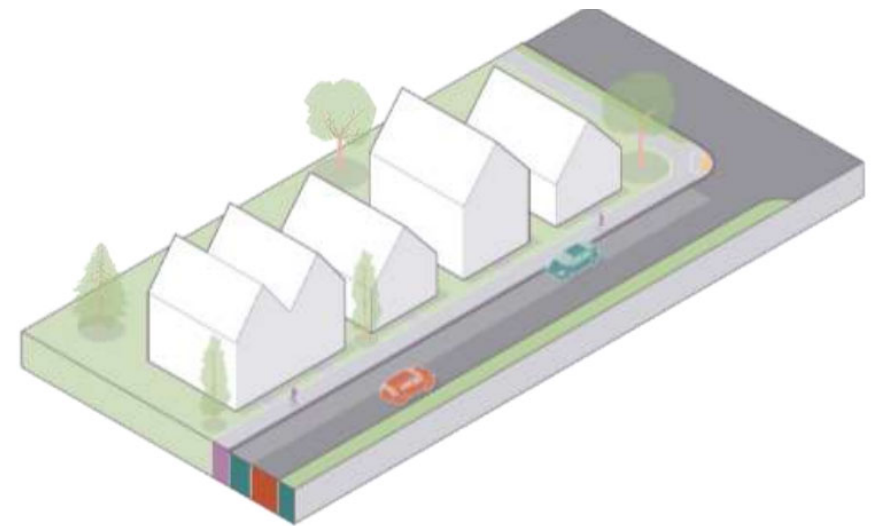
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Existing Ridge & Sylvan – Neighborhood Yield Street

Context: Residential neighborhood

Description: Many older neighborhood streets fall within this street type. May allow parking only on one side. Does NOT allow two drivers to pass each other (one must give way) when parked vehicles are present, which provides a traffic calming effect.

Target Speed: 20 mph or less



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Complete Green Streets

- Street reconstruction
 - Ridge Rd/Sylvan Ave
 - Street Type: Neighborhood Yield Street
 - May allow parking on only one side. Does NOT allow two drivers to pass each other (one must give way) when parked vehicles are present
 - CGS Page 56 – Street Type Space Requirement
 - Total travel way width 14'-16'
 - Measured from edge of pavement to edge of pavement
 - Total flex zone width 10'-17
 - Measured from edge of sidewalk to edge of travel way
 - Includes parking and terrace area of pavement

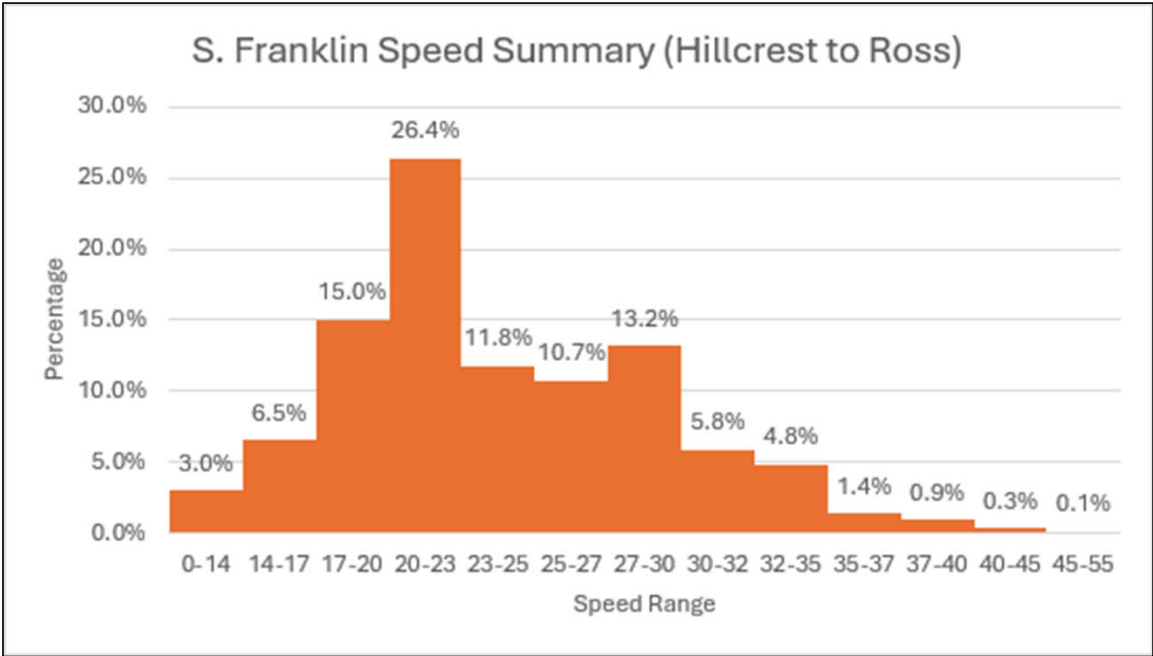
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Speed Study – S. Franklin Ave

Traffic Volume

- S. Franklin Ave (south of Hillcrest Dr)
 - Approx. 2,800 vehicles per day

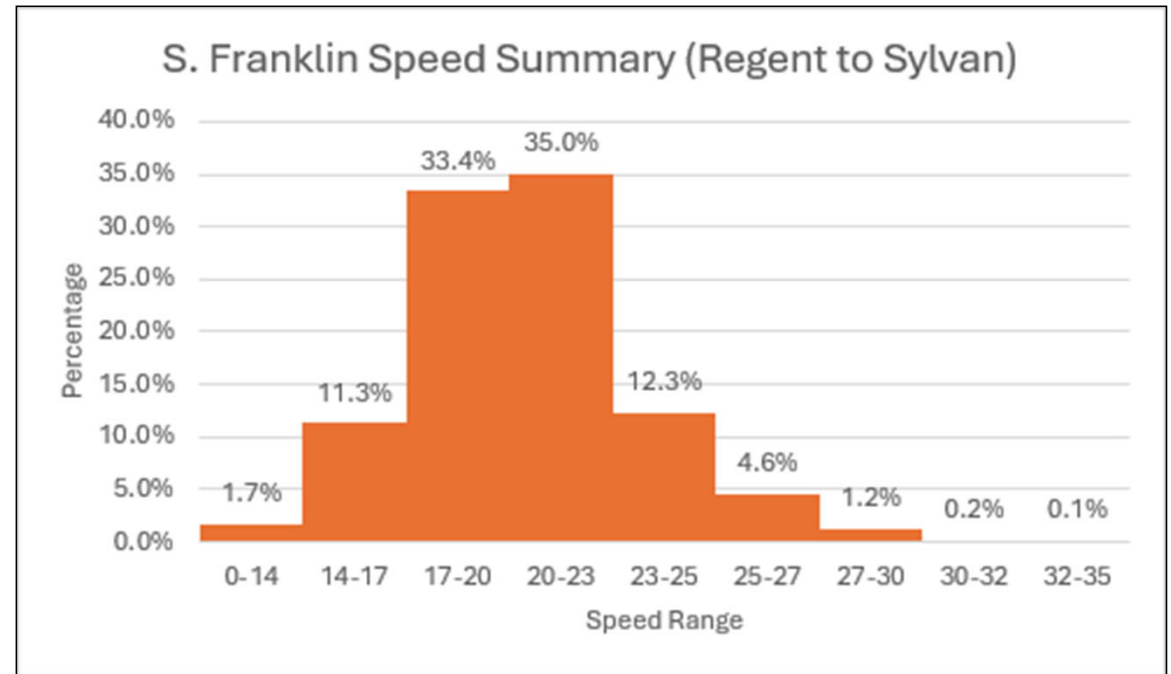


Speed	0-14	14-17	17-20	20-23	23-25	25-27	27-30	30-32	32-35	35-37	37-40	40-45	45-55	Total
Vehicles	85	184	423	746	333	302	372	165	136	39	26	9	3	2,823
Percentage	3.0%	6.5%	15.0%	26.4%	11.8%	10.7%	13.2%	5.8%	4.8%	1.4%	0.9%	0.3%	0.1%	100%



Speed Study – S. Franklin Ave

- Traffic Volume
 - N. Franklin Ave (north of Hillcrest Dr)
 - Approx. 2,200 vehicles per day



Speed	0-14	14-17	17-20	20-23	23-25	25-27	27-30	30-32	32-35	Total
Vehicles	38	256	755	792	279	104	28	5	3	2,260
Percentage	1.7%	11.3%	33.4%	35.0%	12.3%	4.6%	1.2%	0.2%	0.1%	100%

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Proposed Design

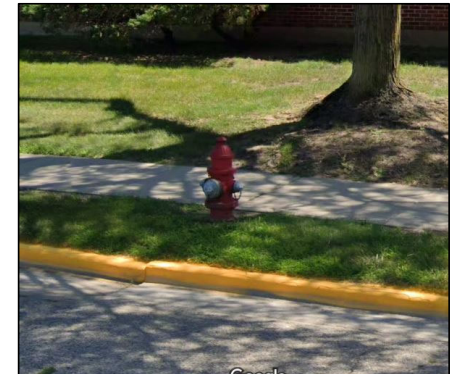
- Street reconstruction
 - S. Franklin Ave/Ridge Rd/Sylvan Ave
 - Design to review the CGS existing street type (*Neighborhood Street*) along with traffic calming measures added to the street like median islands, curb extensions, on-street parking areas
 - Install curb & gutter
 - Starting point for design is to install new sidewalk on both sides of all streets
 - Will evaluate impacts (trees, private property) as part of design
 - Install new concrete driveway aprons between curb & sidewalk
 - Replace gravel base and asphalt pavement
 - New pavement marking & signs

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Proposed Utility Design

- Replace sanitary sewer main & lateral in the street
 - Replace sanitary laterals from main to right-of-way
- Replace water main & reconnect water services in the street
- Replace & improve new storm sewer system in the street & at intersections
 - New pipes up to 54-inches in diameter



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Proposed Utility Design

- Potential Madison Gas & Electric (MGE) existing high-pressure 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 & sidewalk
 - Existing street lighting is on MGE poles
 - Maintained by MGE
 - No additional lighting to be added
- Potential impacts to AT&T overhead and underground facilities
 - Overhead facilities on MGE poles
 - Coordinating with AT&T to resolve potential conflicts between existing underground facilities and proposed City underground utilities



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Stormwater Requirements

- ▶ What is Stormwater?
 - Rain and melting snow that flows off street, house rooftops, driveways, and lawns
- ▶ Treating stormwater may be a WDNR requirement for the reconstruction project
 - WDNR may require potential treatment for rural to urban street changes
 - Possible installation of terrace bioretention basins
 - Maintained by City
 - Underdrain installed
 - Connected to storm sewer
 - Capture sediment and pollutants coming from the street
 - WDNR goal for the project is 40% reduction in sediment
 - Possible installation of terrace rain gardens
 - Maintained by property owner
 - No underdrain installed
 - Only if requested

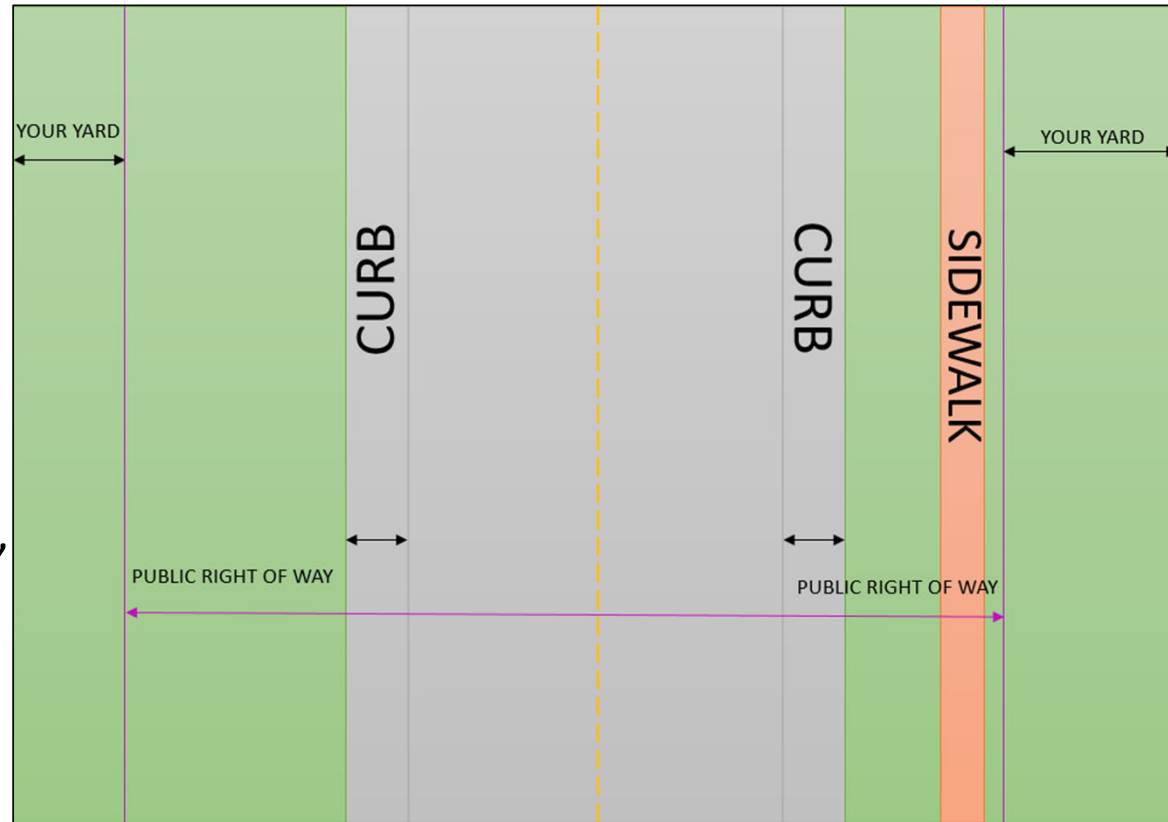
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Public Right-Of-Way

- Space of property that extends typically from the curb into the homeowner's yard.
- Homeowners are responsible for maintaining the public right-of-way.
- The City uses this portion of the yard to improve utilities or other infrastructure the public uses.
- S. Franklin Ave – Existing Right-of-Way 66'
- Sylvan Ave – Existing Right-of-Way 60'
- Ridge Rd – Existing Right-of-Way 56'

General Right-of-Way Exhibit



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Forestry Information

- City Engineering will review the project with City Forestry
 - A Forestry representative will work with the City design team, City Construction Inspector, and Contractor during construction
- Existing Trees within right-of-way will be identified and evaluated based on health
- Tree priority score
 - 100 tree equity score, <https://www.treeequityscore.org/>
 - 64% canopy cover
 - Planting new trees
 - Moderate priority
 - Preserving existing trees
 - High priority
- Trees within Right-of-Way not planted by City Forestry will be reviewed for removal
- Shrubs within Right-of-Way potentially removed

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Assessment Policy & Costs

- Special charge for work being done that has a direct benefit to the property
- Preliminary assessment mailed during design phase
 - Based on estimated quantities of driveway aprons, terrace walks, & sanitary laterals
 - Unit prices for driveways, pavement reconstruction, and terrace walks based on street improvement rates
 - Rates are an average of last 3 years of construction costs
 - Unit prices for sanitary laterals and private storm sewer connections based on estimated prices
 - This is not a bill, but rather an estimate intended to help property owners prepare for the final cost.
- Typically Assessments can be paid in lump sum or typically over 8 years with the 2026 rate (2027 to be determined) at 4% interest
- Final assessment billed after project completion
 - 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
 - Bills mailed to property owners year after construction is completed

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 (New)	0%	100%
Intersection Curb & Pavement	0%	100%
Sanitary Sewer Main	0%	100%
Sanitary Laterals	25%	75%
Water Main	0%	100%
Water Main Services	0%	100%
Storm Sewer Main	0%	100%
Private Storm Connections (if any)	100%	0%

*Assessed per linear ft as 10-ft. of street width across the property frontage & 50% discount for single or two-family corner lots fronting two streets

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Construction & Access

- Streets closed to through traffic, local traffic only
- Approximately 6 months to complete all work
 - Start spring/summer 2027 – fall 2027, potential for work carrying to Spring 2028
- **Property owners should anticipate the full right-of-way will be disturb & restored**
- Residential driveways 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 installed
- Allowed working hours are 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday-Saturday, & 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Sundays

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Next Steps

- Upcoming opportunities for public involvement
 - Sign-up for project email updates on the website
 - Second Public Information Meeting timing to be determined
 - Inform about the proposed project geometry (layout of proposed street width, curb/sidewalk location, and any added traffic calming)
 - Transportation Commission – feedback/approval on geometry (public can attend)
 - Timing to be determined
 - Board of Public Works public hearing meeting
 - Design staff to recommend approval of the plans, specifications, and assessments as well as authorization for contractor bids when the design is final
 - Timing to be determined
 - Common Council public hearing meeting
 - Timing to be determined
- Public notified via website updates and/or mailing
- Visit Project Website
 - cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/south-franklin-ave-ridge-road-sylvan-ave-reconstruction

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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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○ Engineering

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- Hannah Mohelnitzky, Public Information Officer, 608-669-3560, hmohelnitzky@cityofmadison.com

○ Project Website: *cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/south-franklin-ave-ridge-road-sylvan-ave-reconstruction*

○ Sign-up for project email updates on the website

- Updates on closures & work progress will be posted to the project website
- Recording of this presentation will be posted on the project website

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