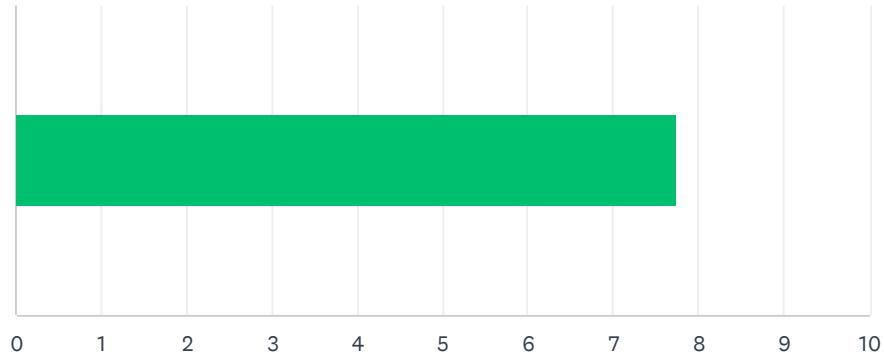


Q1 Vision – The proposed lakeshore park demonstrates the character and values of Madison and fosters a sense of civic pride. It includes innovative and iconic features that provide a memorable experience unique to Madison.

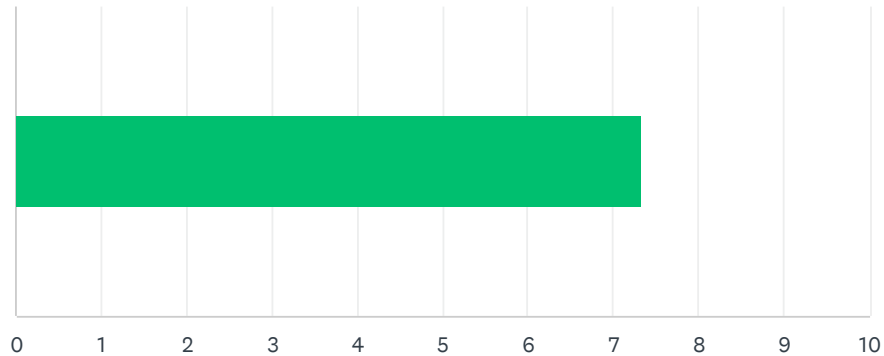
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ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	8	1,037	134
Total Respondents: 134			

Q2 Community – The proposed lakeshore park creates a welcoming destination where people from diverse social, economic, and racial backgrounds feel comfortable. The future lakeshore improvements will foster cultural connections through social interaction, recreation, and scenic enjoyment between all park users.

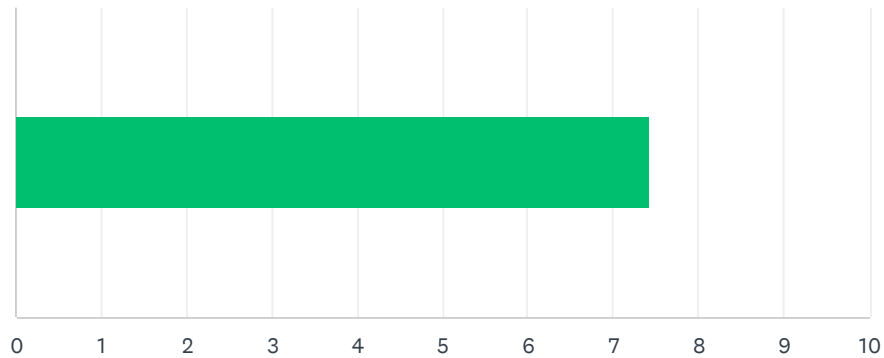
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	7	975	133
Total Respondents: 133			

Q3 Sustainability – The proposed lakeshore park includes a combination of environmental, social, and economic sustainability practices. It promotes sustainability while improving and supporting the existing natural systems.

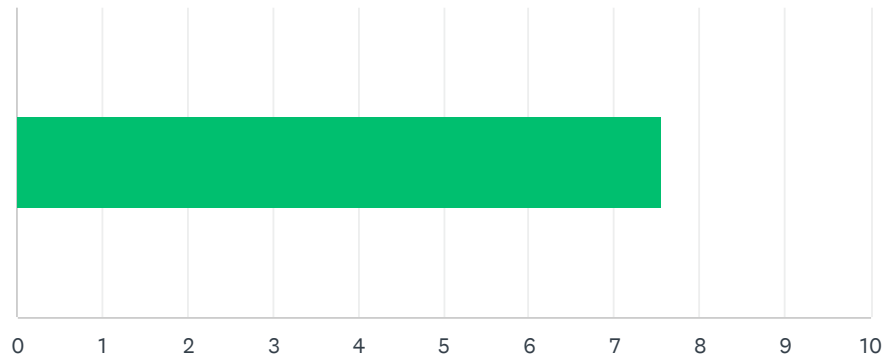
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ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	7	979	132
Total Respondents: 132			

Q4 Public Art – The proposed lakeshore park provides opportunities to integrate and celebrate public art and narrative storytelling in the landscape.

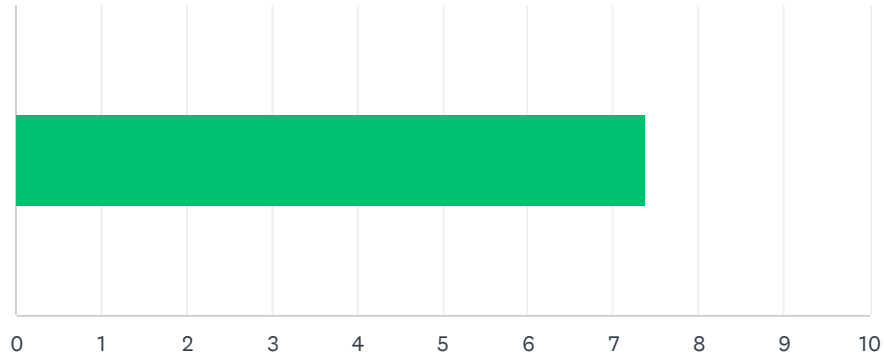
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ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	8	974	129
Total Respondents: 129			

Q5 Park Access – The proposed lakeshore park provides opportunities to engage with nature and enjoy the beauty of Lake Monona. The design provides comfortable access, resting and observation areas to enjoy the waterfront for all visitors, regardless of mode or method of travel.

Answered: 132 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	7	974	132
Total Respondents: 132			

Q6 When reviewing the proposed lakeshore park, are there specific features you like? Why?

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Question 6 Written Responses

When reviewing the proposed lakeshore park, are there specific features you like? Why?

Different types of walkways, interaction with the lake
1) Separating the bike path from pedestrians and joggers; 2) Decreasing the width of John Nolen roadway to give more park space; 3) Adding trees that will still allow drivers to see the iconic Madison skyline view, which our former mayor Dave Cieslewicz once called "the money shot". 4) Very happy that there is not a lot of concrete in the plan.
I like the fact that John Nolen Drive over the causeway will be reconstructed to look more like an urban boulevard instead of a high speed four lane highway. But the city needs to make efforts to keep the traffic moving slowly (30 MPH or less) to keep traffic noise down. Install constantly recording speed detectors that provide a visual display of current, average, and peak speeds over the causeway each day so everyone can see how fast the traffic is moving. Please make real and constant efforts to keep people from speeding!
Overall, really like the proposed lakeshore park and would love to see it go from proposal to reality.
I like the divided walk/run/bike paths and walk outs for viewing and fishing. Is there anyway to make sure this is enforced? Especially fishing in designated areas. Maybe check with people who fish there now to see what they think.
I like the look of all the steps and stairs where many people could sit.
separate paths for walking/jogging and biking, boardwalks, trees
I like the divided bike/pedestrian spaces. I like the places to pause to appreciate the city and learn about its history.
Very much like increasing natural areas, separating walking and biking paths, plans for warfs/piers (hoping there is a way to protect them during freeze/thaw cycles)
Separate paths for walking, biking. The situation is currently dangerous.
Green spaces! And boardwalks to protect lakeside
Bike paths! Use them very often for exercising and enjoying nature.
accessible opportunities to walk, bike, sit, learn. This makes optimal use of the natural beauty of the lake.
The separation of pedestrian and bike paths is crucial and welcome. I love the fishing piers and hope that they are sizeable enough for the many people who fish along this area.
I like the idea of providing more shade along the trails
I am glad to see the wider walking/biking/jogging space, and especially that it will be somewhat separated from JND with trees.
Capitol View Deck. This is an iconic view of the city and needs to be utilized and embraced
Divided pathway, bikes, walkers and joggers each have own path. Safety
I like that hopefully it will provide a more pleasant experience for walkers
The pedestrian accessibility is enticing
Trees
Pleased to see significant green space along the corridor.
Additional space for walkers/joggers/bikers

I like the revamped/improved paths around the lakes, boardwalk, lookouts, addition of public art and cleanup of the area. I walk, bike and skate on the path paralleling John Nolen Drive. It's narrow in parts but serviceable for walking, ok but too narrow on the bridges and HORRIBLE for skating due to cracks, bumps and connecting gaps on the trail bridges. I often go elsewhere, when I'd rather be on this path, because of this. So I'm very excited about proposed improvements. I like the swimming aspects too, IF there's sufficient cleanup of the lake. Also, I love the Brittany underpass. Fantastic!
Improved and safer walking and biking paths
like all features
Piers!!!!
I like the separation of the bike and walking paths. I like the pier extensions into the lake. I like the proposed reduction of speed on John Nolen Dr.
Moving the curbline to give more space to greenery and people is a great idea. The lack of space is one of my least favorite things about the current state of the path. I also like the separation of cyclists and pedestrians.
It looks lovely, BUT -it will cost too much -according to the city we are in debt as evidenced by \$\$ referendums in the last election -we NEED to pay our first responders whose contracts are up soon.
The separated bike and pedestrian paths - definitely an issue currently and I'm glad its been given the attention it deserves! The overlooks are also fantastic - what a great way to highlight the beautiful city we call home! The wave bench is also a creative touch, those little details matter so much
Art deco design elements, separated bike and ped pathways, tree separation from highway. Access to lakeshore and fishing opportunities. Increased emphasis on natural planting and floral biomass on highway.
Different dedicated paths for multi-modal users. Access to the lakeshore. Seating and resting areas. Public art & storytelling opportunities.
Multiple paths (bike/jog/walk) are excellent and necessary.
I really like the boardwalk as a potentially more-intimate look at the lake and its nature while feeling relatively unobtrusive. Additional buffering between trail users and traffic is nice to see, as well as significant natural enhancements to the existing layout, and a more inviting park/trail system for a variety of use types.
The boardwalk, native plants, storytelling, the overall walking experience. Overall, it is an excellent plan.
I love the native plantings off the path!! Also love the fact that it helps separate the path from the busy, loud road where I often feel super unsafe biking along. I love how it creates more space for people- not just cars, along the lake
I really like the separation of biking, walking, and jogging lanes. When I currently jog or walk along the lake, I have to constantly check over my shoulder to make sure I am not going to be hit by a biker or that I am not holding someone up behind me. Separation would allow everyone to traverse without worry.
None.
Increased vegetation and fishing
Nothing really jumps out right now.
Looks lovely. But with homeless filling our streets and even children without decent places to live, why are we spending the money on this?
More green - separate paths for bikers, walkers

I think 12 million dollars could be better spent building a science museum, aquarium, or literally anything else. As a native Madisonian, this is absurd. John Nolan Dr already has a bike path, walking path and access to the lake. Im not buying it and I dont want to pay for it.
Improved accessibility.
adding art, trees flowers . The overhead walkway
I like the separation of bike and pedestrian traffic, the planting of more trees and herbaceous native vegetation, and informational ecological and historical/cultural signage.
Separated paths for bikes, jogging, and walking. Makes all of them more enjoyable. Raised boardwalks are amazing.
dedicated bike path. Also, I like the current design for barrier (horizontal wire fencing)
Separating bike, pedestrian, and jogging paths.
It's all great! I especially like the access from downtown to the lake.
Separate paths for bikes and pedestrians. As both a biker and walker, I don't feel safe on the current shared paths.
Multiple paths for people moving at different speeds. However, see the next item.
I like the separated biking, walking, jogging paths. I've great concern about the speed of some cyclists on the path and that it will not be as friendly to users of varing abilities as you are hoping.
It's along the lake.
Separate spaces for bikes and pedestrians, attention to trees and plantings, boardwalk out over water. Fun and beautiful things!
Nothing.
I am very surprised that this is moving so quickly. I generally pay attention to city happenings, and this one completely passed my notice. I am not happy with the "rush" here.
Piers, they are very stylish
I like that it will be open and provide greater access to the water and views.
I think the whole concept is fantastic! This is the longest stretch of lakefront public access in Madison, and it's a jewel of the city. I like the designated paths for different activities and the sustainability features intended to reduce lake pollution.
Nothing about this project is appealing. The existing lakeshore is not very old. Why waste taxpayers dollars?
The separation of bike, walking and running paths is brilliant
None
I like the separate bike and pedestrian paths. The pier and boardwalks look really nice and will make in an inviting area, instead of an area "go get through" on the way to somewhere else.
More room for pedestrians and bikers. More greenspace and landscaping and separation of pedestrians/bikers from roadways. Suspended Skyline boardwalks over the water. Filtration systems for runoff to improve water quality. Ledge, Lounge and Overlook areas are particularly exciting.
I appreciate the added greenery, which will greatly improve the aesthetics in keeping with how green Madison is as a city in the summer. I like that it narrows JND. Narrowing streets encourages drivers to drive more slowly, which will be safer. I appreciate including multiple paths for faster bike traffic, joggers, and separate overlooks to avoid clogging the main paths while taking in the scenery. This is a really excellent proposal. As someone who lives downtown, I seldom if ever visit this area due to its hostility to foot traffic and limited insulation from John Nolen Drive. I would walk the StoryWalk path daily in its proposed condition.

I like well designed public access to the waterfront
I'm very excited that the mosquito ponds/marsh areas have been removed from the phase 1 plan. The currently proposed elements seem practical and maintainable.
Separated lanes depending on use, right now everything is jammed together and inhibits its use.
I particularly appreciate the emphasis on dedicated paths/trails for different uses, the addition/preservation of canopy trees, the importance of providing pleasant, shaded areas for rest/relaxation, and the possibilities of activating the area throughout the year.
The Boardwalk
Lake park lounge and the ability for more lake access and better walking and lake enjoying opportunities along John Nolen. As it stands, the Monona Terrace area is too built around driving. Bring back the pedestrian and lake enjoyment whilst still showcasing the Monona Terrace beauty!
I like the separate bike and running lanes, the extra shading trees, and all the accessibility features.
Wetlands for birds and aquatic life
Love the separate paths, native plants, seating and viewing areas! Madison desperately needed something like this to celebrate our lakes and be accessible and open for everyone!
Waste of money
Dedicated pathways for various modes of transport.
I just love how much more immersive it is with the lake and nature and how much safer it will feel for all users.
The use of the concept of natural stormwater treatment. The devil will be in the details.
Bike and walking paths, with an occasional scenic overlook.
I love the boardwalks and the separated bike and pedestrian paths.
I liked the tree canopy for shade while biking into work. I liked the large/separate bike/walking lane, the path gets busy and crowded. I like the various viewing areas and boardwalk. I especially like the runoff plans, when it rains hard a lot of pollutants get into the water.
The abundance of trees, which is currently sorely lacking. Many of the trees that were here when I moved to Madison in 2016 were cut down (I assume due to Emerald Ash Borer). I LOVE that there's a separate walking path, since the current multi-use path creates a lot of conflicts. I really appreciate that there will be seating/viewing areas, and I hope the noise from JND will not be too intrusive.
The separation of the walking, biking, and park visiting areas
I like the dedicated bike and pedestrian path and relaxing spaces.
Thank you for bringing up dark-sky lighting! It's a great way to promote ecological and conservation goals and keeping the park welcoming and safe. I'd love it if we could go even further and do things like turn those lights off during impactful periods, like spring migration for birds. Also, thanks for prioritizing accessibility!
Improved hiking and jogging paths
Separate dedicated bike and foot paths. Existing paths are too crowded and lead to bike/pedestrian accidents.
I love all of it.
Keeping Olin pier and improving access important
separate bike and pedestrian path along John Nolan, Erosion/flooding control and efforts to improve water quality Plan to make safe ped and bike crossings to Capitol.
I really like the shared use paths for cyclists and pedestrians

I love the boardwalk--it reminds me of the Boardwalk at Lady Bird Lake in Austin, which is an extremely popular spot that gives people unique experience over the water. I also love the ideas for branding and way finding. It makes it seem more cohesive while also being unique to Madison. The turtle is wonderful and I love the idea of having an identity to the park and lakeshore. I am happy to see the separation of people walking and biking, as currently it gets very crowded and stressful for both people walking and biking. I'm also very glad to see such thoughtful attention to stormwater management and runoff as that will only become more urgent as time goes on.
Separation of bike from pedestrian walkway, the boardwalks, the integration of public art, the beautiful bench with views around the lake, the added tree cover. We just walked back from the art fair on the square and all of these features would have been a HUGE improvement to what exists away. I especially like the branding element including pavers, manhole covers, signage. This when carried through to the other phases will help make this a destination, not just an improved thoroughway.
I love the boardwalk. As someone who went to school in Milwaukee, it is very reminiscent of the riverwalk there, which I absolutely love. I also like the consideration to keep boat access to Monona Bay.
The hardscape run off into green space filtration areas was nice to see.
I love the plants that will clean the air and water, as well as path widths and visuals that deprioritize cars
Separation of the bike path from pedestrians and also a separate jogging path is incredible. Wish all Madison bike paths had separate lanes for bikes and peds. The native planting is excellent and glad that is being included.
I love the split lanes for bikes and pedestrians
The use of extensive and creative methods to improve lake quality. Boardwalks and the pier to improve opportunities to pause along the causeway. Identification of areas for public art
Separated paths. Fishing piers. Boardwalks
I love the wide bike path and the separated biking, walking, and jogging areas. I like the proposed piers and boardwalks. I like the emphasis on native plants and sustainability.
It makes a fairly elegant silk purse out of what is fundamentally a sow's ear.
That multiple uses are planned for and envisioned.
The piers will be incredibly attractive for use. I have a hard time believing they'll stand up to multiple freeze thaws, even though that is the plan. That was the plan with the piers on Lake Mendota too, and it didn't work.
I really like the places to stop and sit and enjoy the view.
I appreciate the multiple separated paths for bicycles, walkers, and runners. Keeping these distinct uses separate is key to maintaining safety and helping all users maximize their enjoyment of this park.
The proposed design parti picks up on the relationship between the city and lake - this should be reflected in the public art to be proposed and selected for the project.
It's great to make this area a place to linger, as opposed to just passing through

Q7 When reviewing the proposed lakeshore park, are there specific features you do not like? Why?

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Question 7 Written Responses

When reviewing the proposed lakeshore park, are there specific features you do not like? Why?

There should be a space for an amazing quality lakeshore cafe or restaurant. Food trucks don't cut it. Lakeshore dining is so lacking and needed in Madison and this would be the perfect addition.
Don't paint anything that people walk on. We have a lot of new pavement paint in Madison in the last couple of years, and much of it is chipping away and running into the lakes.
Don't like the proposed Silva Cells! They will be costly to install and maintain. The Silva Cells are made with recycled plastic. They will not hold up to the heavy equipment that will be necessary to access the causeway shoreline to maintain and repair the engineered shoreline, piers and boardwalks in the years after initial construction. The bike trail asphalt surface will break up more quickly with the Silva Cells installed beneath it due to occasional heavy equipment loading that will occur over the years to access and repair damage caused by wave and ice action on the shoreline and on the proposed boardwalks and piers over the water.
Not enough has been done to reduce speed and noise on John Nolan Dr. If this isn't rectified, it will make large chunks of the lakeshore park inhospitable. I really liked the design that covered more of JND on both sides of Monona Terrace. If that can't be done, more traffic calming is needed to make it more a drive and less a speedway dangerous to walkers and bikers.
Very very minor item. I saw a turtle on the sewer cover and not sure on the fish art. But if they could be focused on local wildlife would be great. I think that was a point made, but noticed that and possibly the fish sculptures not sure if dolphins or local type fish.
Every step/stairs area should have plenty of handrails so people with minor mobility issues can still go all the way down to the water - on both sides and down the middle.
I think it's important for John Nolan Drive to be a safe artery between the Beltline and downtown and am worried about the consequences of narrowing the road. I'm not a traffic engineer, so it would be helpful to hear that we understand the likely implications to car traffic.
While I like color-coding way-finding, some of the illustrations seem very intense/lots of zig-zaggy lines... and I wonder if that could be a problem for some folks with brain/balance issues?
Bottle necks of different activities (people and activities) in concentrated areas
I have some concern that the amount of night-time lighting planned will accommodate people's expectations rather than wildlife's needs.
Too much seating. We already have issues in the area - no parking, bad driving, homeless, crime, ... Exactly why do we want to attract more people to the area?
I fear the area will transform from a natural area to a Disneyfied version
Investing in a park next to a highway (J Nolan Dr) is foolish. Let's not make this about a vision for motorists. Other parks like Warner, Vilas, James Madison, Tenney have much easier lake access and are more deserving of public money

Would like to see additional effort to reduce Madison lakes algae problem in conjunction with this significant development.
Funds should support directly cleaning the lake as a priority. A viewing area of weeds and algae will be disappointing.
My biggest concern is that not enough will be done to clean up the lake. I'd like to swim in the lake at sites included in the new plan, but so often there's algae and other unpleasantness in the water, that I never have and, it takes away from the beauty of the area. It looks like a lot is being taken into account to clean up and keep the lake clean. If that isn't done, many of the proposed benefits won't be realized - who wants to look out on a lake when the first thing you see is algae and gunk.
access to lake
More high quality public art that is really integrated into the landscape and design. Madison has always been lackluster with public art and this is a great chance to really take it to the next level! More places to tie up a canoe or boat! Places to have ice cream or a drink right away in the first phase.
The main problem is access. The proposal to cover the railway is a problem for our condo as well as a tremendous cost that may or may not be financed in our lifetime.
I like the boardwalk section for pedestrians. However, I'm a little concerned about how it will perform in winter. Will it need to be shut down because of icy conditions or snow? If snowed over, will snow plows be able to clear it. Still like it, but I'd like answers to this.
Cost, especially at the expense of first responders whose contracts are up soon
There's little I don't like - a note though would be that I'm a huge fan of anything over the water itself; while I'm sure it's expensive, using suspended surfaces where needed to ensure separation of those admiring the view, joggers, pedestrians, and bicyclists, is critical to ensuring a safe, efficient pathway.
Skyline pier, not enough shade or seating and access to water from it. Bench is impractical.
Is there enough seating along the way?
Some slides still refer to a single "Trail for all speeds". If this is still under consideration, it is a terrible idea. Some slides show pavement painting. While I suspect this will be more durable with foot/bike traffic, I note that the red paint on BRT lanes (particularly on the square) is already coming off in chunks. I don't want to be a "brand". This is my hometown and not my brand. Please de-emphasize the notion of "branding".
I like the general design elements of the LakeWay, but I'm not sure how they connect to existing Madison imagery. I don't mind there being some unique design elements here, and in fact that's probably a good idea, but I'd like to see a little more obvious overlap with Madison's symbology to make it feel like a cohesive part of the City rather than its own separate thing.
Too many trees, not enough prairie and native aquatic plants. The viewing pier is a bit angular in comparison to the graceful curves of the boardwalk.
This is not a dislike, but the jogging path seems a little narrow at only 2' wide.
The lake is so dirty and smelly. How do you fix that when it's all built
It is a gross waste of taxpayer monies.
The cost is incredibly high and inappropriate at this time of budget issues.

In times when city and county budgets are expecting shortfalls and each entity is threatening layoffs or furlough for employees it's a "what are you thinking" moment. Too much wasteful spending on a wish list and not taking care of the important stuff like public safety, roads and public health.????
It just look like money. Pavement. Hard surfaces and glitzy and glam. I like green spaces trees and natural paths
If cost is an issue prioritize natural features and plantings - the harshness of the roadway in this section is really apparent now and more green space is sorely needed
Put it on a referendum
I fear that some of the areas will be a place for street people to gather like the corners of State and Vets museum , area across the street, park at around the 600 block. Also people will bring dogs or other pets which annoy non dog people and area would depend on people to pick up after their dogs. Should dogs be allowed? Madison is a dog loving place
I am unsure how the boardwalks would function in the winter. I would hate to see the use of salt directly over the lake where chloride pollution is a pressing issue.
N/A
Bike racks and kayak access in the middle of the causeway make no sense to me. What is the destination, a fishing pier? Stormwater Management Observation Area? Why would you sit to view that? The causeway is not a good place to hang out, it is too far from parking, bathrooms, amenities. Would be used mostly by joggers or people who walk more than a mile. Fishing areas need to be near affordable parking. The lakes smell bad on many days, expecially in summer. It will take a decade or more to lower phosphorus levels to improve this. Put more effort into preventing farm runoff, before building boardwalks. Boardwalk winter maintenance will be too expensive. Effigy mounds are not visible from the causeway. Calling out views of them seems like cultural tokenism. Ironman is in September, which is warm season, not cool season.
No mention of cost. I think that's important.
I think some of the features are manufactured to be environmental that are not actually natural in their makeup.
Not enough trees
No
20 feet of paths and zero about vehicles. Typical for the lot that has come to occupy Madison.
I am also not happy with the way the common council has handled this project. Sorry, but I can't get past the issue with "Process" here to look at what is going on. I read bert Zipperer's facebook post about the Monona Terrace controversy - I fully agree with him. Look it up on his FB page. I'm very concerned about the direction the city staff, the common council, and the Mayor are taking this city. I'm a long time resident.
Too many trees which take away the view of the lake. Compare that to Milwaukee's lakefront where it is an unobstructed view of the lake.
I worry that it will disrupt the natural lakeshore
N/A
I don't like tearing up the existing land AGAIN! Who's paying for this?

All
Not really. The wave of greenery over the skyline boardwalks is excessive design.
Honestly, nothing. I'm sure there are nitpicky ways you could improve something here or there, but above all I think we need to plow ahead and make this a reality ASAP. Madison is already such a beautiful, outdoorsy city, and this will vastly improve a drastically underutilized space.
From the presentation, it is not clear that fish habitat will be compatible with the fishing access. The presenters seemed to downplay the value of shoreline habitat restoration and how it might relate to the fishing access in the design. The optics might be great, but the actual fishing unproductive and ultimately not used.
I honestly doubt we need such a large skyline viewing area, but maybe I'm wrong and this will be a more inviting section of the path to linger in once all the plantings and trees are in. I do wonder how you're going to keep all the birds making pooping on it.
The separation of the piers from the water. People love visiting the Student Union on Mendota because of the closeness in which one can interact with the water, it would be nice if there were more of that on the other side of the lake.
I don't like the smaller "Y" shaped piers. They seem small and could fill up quick compared to the long flowing paths over the water.
There are many people who enjoying boating and sailboat racing on Lake Monona. There seems to be no provision for boats to dock at a pier and disembark to enjoy shore amenities. There should also be access to launch boats from the shore.
The banners on light poles I think is visual clutter for the skyline and natural elements, and would age poorly & need replacements. Fisher-people don't seem to have a great space, and they will be there regardless of "zone"and may take up a lot of the viewing and pausing areas along boardwalk.
Waste of money
Nothing stands out. I'm very happy with the proposed plans and excited to see it play out. As a Madison native, I have lived here most of my 62 years and I am hoping I can enjoy the project myself.
At grade crossing of JND is problematic. There seems to be no comprehensive thought given to accessibility. What are the relationships to the bigger transportation issues like auto parking, transit connectivity, issues related to the elderly and the handicapped. Have you coordinated with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Cane County?
The design lacks park-like features such as places to wade or swim, grill, throw a football, Frisbee or baseball. It is not a place to spend an afternoon or evening recreating. Such areas attract a wide variety of patrons.
Low railings aimed at inclusivity might be too easy for my young kids to fall over.
The features all looked good, the language of inclusion was a little cheesy.
I can't really think of anything. The bar is so low - the existing conditions are terrible, anything would be an improvement.
This is a pass through zone still. It does not have a destination for people to go to that will draw more people there. I would like to see food options or swimming or something that makes it a destination rather than just a more beautiful way to commute.

I would like as much separation from the car traffic as possible. Current path is very noisy and it would detract from the relaxing nature of any park along the road.
I'm concerned about the proposed scale of branding. I like the turtle logo, but I don't think we should add lots of bright colors and bold imagery to this space. While I understand that it's not a shoreline restoration project, I see it as a way to celebrate Madison's natural beauty, and I think subtle features like inlaid art and natural colors and materials are a better fit. The wave pier is bigger and more intrusive than I expected it to be. It might just be a matter of me not being experienced with reading design documents, but I'm worried that it's going to consistently attract the eye from the Monona Terrace side, especially if it's the brown-orange color in the mockups.
Disruption & elimination of existing game fish habitat along Nolan Drive. Bass, walleye, and musky frequent those areas now and no ecological impact study has been done.
Boardwalks that go out over the water. What sort of supports do the boardwalks have? Are the supports able to withstand the lake freezing over? How will the boardwalks be maintained in Winter? Will existing bike path plows be able to plow the boardwalks? What about the ice fishermen? How will they use the boardwalks in Winter?
No, I just wish phase two was actually phase one
Do NOT need a beach. review entire Law Park, Monona Terrace plan- too extravagant, Need to scale down, it became too expensive.
I'm lukewarm on how close it is John Nolen, but I do think it is an obvious improvement
1. The kayak launch/retrieval is very poorly placed. It belongs in Olin Park. 2. There doesn't seem to be sufficient accommodation for parked bicycles. 3. Check with fishing people about the facilities for them. Are the fishing locations even on the most useful side (inner vs outer) of the boardwalk?
I agree with what others said that traffic noise is significant. However, I think with the narrower roadway that will slow speeds and decrease the road noise. Anything that can be done to muffle the sound without adding giant walls would be most welcome.
Not under parks, but wish bridges had more elevation under them.
I love it all for this Phase!
The vehicle roadway lanes decreasing in size and proposed decreased speed limit; would have preferred the John Nolen project expanded the amount of shore infrastructure/ infill so road lanes and speed could both be increased. The desired path that runners use isn't necessarily addressed in your design by include a paved running path; not everyone wants to run on a hardscaped surface. The signage inclusion of a turtle seems random and has no connection to the city, culture or Madison's identity. If this was a good design or a destination worth visiting people on the water would want to get off the water to visit and there's nothing allowing water access or worth there being water access for.

<p>On the slide on public art, I saw some of that modern geometric style art you see on the sides of a lot of newer apartment buildings and parking garages. It was said that they wanted art that was timeless, which could be interpreted as simple/indistinct, but I think that a more detailed work with more character would be less cringe and more iconic - even if (as a lover of art history, maybe even especially if) it dates it to the time it was made (and that minimalist corporate art would date it too). The mentions of food trucks and concessions worry me too - I would love to see a zero-waste requirement (bring your own container, reusable for-here containers, European deposit return container system) and/or a (non-bio-)plastic ban!</p>
<p>The story walk sounds interesting but if it causes this project to be more expensive, I don't think it's necessary. The jogging path separate from the bike and pedestrian paths is great and should stay - however, please consider renaming it to a Running path so that it's clear it's meant to be a much faster pace than walking.</p>
<p>I'd like register my opposition to the Monona Lakeway Project. 1.The City is sidestepping its' own ordinance (MGO 8.35) requiring a referendum on ALL new lakeshore development. Citizens of the city have not spoken. Most don't even know what this project is and only limited numbers of residents have weighed in on the project. 2.This project is fiscally irresponsible given other budget issues facing the City and the continually rising property taxes in Madison. 3.Many parts of the project scope will impact significant fish and wildlife habitats. 4.Boardwalks and other structures in and over the water will be costly to build, maintain, and will be an obstruction to navigation. 5.Any filling of the lakebed is considered illegal and prohibited under the States' Public Trust Doctrine. 6.Trees planted next to paved trails and paths is only asking for future pavement heaving problems as tree roots grow and heave pavement. 7.Biodrains under these same paved surfaces introducing moisture under the pavement may lead to premature pavement failure and costly maintenance in the future. 8.John Nolan is already a heavy traffic area to access central Madison (both vehicles and bikes). This corridor will never be a tranquil park and area to meditate as sold by the design consultant. 9.Without adequate parking, very few people will use this park including the "Skyline" and any other piers, etc. Fishing will only be minimal given the distance someone would have to carry equipment (fishing rods, buckets of fish, chairs, bait, etc.) and ADA users will have problems accessing these facilities without parking. 10.Trees planted close to vehicle lanes could create vehicle safety hazards. 11.The current bike path along John Nolan already has great views.....construction of piers, decks, etc. will do nothing to create new views as suggested by the consultant. 12.How about just repaving the existing bike path instead of spending millions of dollars on consultant, design, and construction fees to create a "park" immediately adjacent to a busy roadway. People use this corridor to commute to and from the downtown.</p>
<p>Skyline pier is difficult to access. Jogging path should not be between walking path and boardwalks/piers</p>
<p>No, I think it looks great!</p>
<p>Traffic on John Nolen Drive will severely constrain enjoyment of this section of shoreline - regardless whether the traffic is cars, bikes, pedestrians or some form of mass transit.</p>
<p>None.</p>

I am least excited about having too much public art. The natural surroundings do not need too much help. :-)

The railroad and basin-side of the causeway will stick out like a sore-thumb. We need the railroad to cooperate and join this project to complete BOTH sides of the causeway.

Q8 Are there features not incorporated that you would like to see provided? Why?

Answered: 93 Skipped: 46

Question 8 Written Responses

Are there features not incorporated that you would like to see provided? Why?

Dining. Both indoor lake facing and outdoor. Classy and historic type. Think Nephenthe in California!
Traffic noise mitigation is missing, and without it I believe the project will fail to become a destination. I live downtown and regularly bike on John Nolen, but only when I'm in a hurry to get home. I choose to go around Monona Bay whenever possible instead, because of the John Nolen traffic noise. If traffic noise is not mitigated and the Lakeway fails to become a destination, then, based on years of living in Madison, I believe the benches and boardwalks will become encampments for homeless people. Once that starts, it will be next to impossible to reverse.
The issue is not how one feels about this project but if Madison can afford it. No one has yet to say definitively as to how this project will be paid for. We are told that there will be philanthropist donations to cover the cost. Currently we are not told of the donors nor the amounts donated. In projects like this the cost insurer of last resort is the taxpayer. Right now, taxpayers are stretched. One of my wife's co-workers had to leave Madison and go to Evansville to find affordable rent. I heard from a neighborhood president that young homeowners are complaining that they don't know how they will afford their homes due to the high taxes. This project will only exacerbate that tax problem. Due to the high property taxes, Madison residents are not thriving, but instead, are being made economically poor. They will be leaving.
Please use glacial cobbles and boulders instead of blasted limestone riprap as it will look much more like a natural cobble and boulder lined shoreline instead of a man-made shoreline. We need an engineered shoreline that looks natural and the blasted limestone riprap just doesn't get us there.
See #7.
Is there space for winter visitors to change into ice skates and store shoes/keys possibly in a locker?
water availability
make sure there's room for people who are fishing to have their gear (coolers, small carts, etc) out of the way other pedestrian traffic
Safety features to protect pedestrians and bikers from car traffic and possible bad actors.
Not clear where those not living in the nearby area will park if having to travel by car.
Kids play areas?
Trash and recycle bins; bubblers for drinking; doggie bags and accompanied waste bins.
I'd like to know what assumptions the plan makes about how many people can comfortably use the space and about availability of parking and bathrooms.
Perhaps more kid-oriented displays that may be interactive.
While the park area is lovely, I'm not sure it will be a destination without some commercial aspect, such as a place to buy snacks/drinks.

Could the handrails at handicap access locations be at standard height but with ability to be lowered as needed?
More trees, less concrete
Getting rid of the cars seems to be fundamental to making this a successful project
Info about protecting water quality
I expect disturbed legacy sediment along Lake Monona and Monona Bay in the construction zone. Suck that muck up from the Bay & Lake Monona.
Enhanced lake cleaning.
Water access rentals - canoes, kayaks, etc.
no
More playful gathering spaces and meeting spaces!!!! Places for people to sit alone or in groups....
I don't see a specific plan addressing public safety in consultation with experts in CPTED - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. This is a major issue for women and girls in particular in public spaces like parks where there are wooded areas, paths, trails, etc.
Couldn't there be a temporary walking overpass erected near Law Park. Every week people are crossing John Nolen at the point of the ski show, so something is needed sooner than 20, 30, or 50 years from now.
Fiscal responsibility! Table this project until are first responders are paid!! I thought our city was so desperate we needed a referendum for basic city services. This is lovely but certainly not basic
Nothing to note! I'm curious what the plan is for the bridge crossings, as those are definitely a bottleneck in their current state. I'd like more detail on the plan for those, will bikes and pedestrians stay separated on those?
More winter/ice accommodations. Public water fountains along park conversation nooks with seating/ quiet areas with seating. More shade.
More overlooks/patios extending over the water.
Looking at a current photo (see front page WSJ 7/28/25) we have essentially walled off the lakeshore from the city. Are we making this a feature of the city or a separate backwater, isolated from the city?
A floating wetland containment boom, such as Biohaven, is a way of adding native wetland plants without filling in the lake while mitigating potential issues with waves. There is no such thing as bounded and unused space, particularly in an urban environment. The plan does not consider the needs of the residents, viewsheds, or public spaces on the west side of the John Nolen causeway. I am old enough to remember the externalities of the Olin Park Blues Festival, the downtown fireworks, the great taste of the Midwest, and so on. We get all the trash, noise, minor property damage and transgression, public defecation, and so on, from anything that happens on the east side of John Nolen. Anything that happens on the east side of John Nolen affects us. While I want to share our beautiful city with visitors, I wish the city would consider the needs of its residents, who pay the bills, as much as it considers the experiences of commuters and visitors.
If any large trees are cut down (which there likely will be) I would like to see the stumps kept 6' and a sculpture artist to sculpt the stump.

I think it would be nice to incorporate some kind of sound barrier between the Lake Way and traffic lanes of John Nolan Drive. I worry that tree canopy will take a while to be fully established and that the paths will be very loud due to the amount of traffic on JND. Maybe a shrub or hedge wall that could provide a visual and sound barrier while still incorporating sustainability and visual appeal.
Clean the lakes
A bike and pedestrian bridge across John Nolen would provide more safety to citizens than a 2ft wide jogging path.
Nope, don't do it until you have the money
None that I can think of now
Restrooms-another potential trouble spot .lighting
I hope care goes into selecting shade trees that grow a canopy wide enough to provide a large area of shade coverage - many of the trees currently planted have too compact of a form.
N/A
Parking for people with limited mobility to get to the obs deck
Please keep lighting low and focused to avoid light pollution. Boardwalk needs shade.
Access to drinking water
A fourth path for fast bikes. I'm seeing dramatically more e-bikes (including pedal-less bikes and even some gas-powered minibikes) on existing paths. There seems to be no enforcement (I've called the police). It seems inevitable that we will need a fourth path for fast bikes, given that we will be attracting more people to this area.
Where is the cat park!?! We have lots of dog parks but not a single cat park. Specieists!
No
Slow down. Hold a public zoom meeting, get out of your offices, take about this.
Details and placements of bike racks, signage way finding etc. are they lit?
There should definitely be some sort of art or sculpture component
Need to engage lake scientists in the lake education and stewardship
Leave it as it currently is. The lakeshore is fine today.
More space along John Nole, areas to pause and enjoy the lakes, visit, fish, etc
No
No
I would like to see in presentations on the project and ultimately in the design, suggestions from DNR fish and shoreline managers.
Please keep it simple. Do not let (good) ideas creep in and make this messier and harder to maintain. The current iteration seems workable.
I am extremely concerned that no one will want to inhabit any of these new beautiful spaces because not enough will be done about car traffic, pollution, and NOISE. At a minimum, car speeds need to be reduced to 25 mph to decrease the rolling sounds of the tires on the pavement, but signs will not be enough. Massive traffic calming measures need to be taken. If you haven't spent significant time on this road, you will be astounded by the speeds in which the cars travel. 60 mph on John Nolen would be seen as an extremely regular occurrence. MORE MUST BE DONE!
A slightly larger or second fishing pier.

Is there space for small businesses/commercial booths/food trucks? Might be tight on space but could be a great opportunity to support local businesses and advertise the area.
Yes. Facilities to teach sailing. I would also like to see facilities for pets, particularly dogs. An agility course for dogs would be fabulous.
Trees and greenery along entire way and a big distance from the Lakeway and John Bolen Drive for safety aesthetics and noise and feeling like you are in a serene place welcoming for non car movement. Also please benches along the way throughout to rest and look at the city!!!
WATER FOUNTAINS. Bike support station. Swimming part of pier.
Waste of money
Nothing I can think of.
How many people currently frequent the area? How many are expected to visit when it is completed. You need to do significantly more analysis of transportation and accessibility. I would think a world class firm like Sasaki would do a better job in this facet of the prject. Early in the process this was discussed and the concept of a ped overpass versus an underpass was presented to the community which significantly favored an underpass. Yet, the concept seems to have been dropped, and based upon an, what appears to be, a significantly overstated cost estimate of \$55million. The SH119 project in Boulder County Colorado (very close to Sasaki's Denver office) is constructing 5 at \$5million each. Yes, there are potentially groundwater issues, but positive waterproofing can be engineered at reasonable costs. Tunnels and waterproofing issues have been solved around the world.
See #7
I am hopeful that with the John Nolan improvements and future implementations the noise from the cars on John Nolan can be reduced, as it is the main reason I don't enjoy biking on the existing path.
I just biked down john Nolan today(as I do every day) and noticed that there are many urban trees and greenery. I know the plan is to include a lot of that but there is already a lot up 🌳🌳 there.
I hope it's not overly brightly lit. I'm a big fan of Dark Sky principles and minimizing light pollution where and when possible.
Food options, maybe a food truck area or a snack stand or beer garden.
More clear accountability regarding estimated cost and who will pay for the project.
MUCH more emphasis on the native history of Madison. Every component* of the path should incorporate information about the Ho-Chunk peoples. *Foot paths shoud have signage explaining how Ho-Chunk traveled on foot. Water overlooks should talk about how the Ho-Chunk travele3d over water, and mention that ancient canoe recently discovered in Lake Monona. Planting gardens should talk about native plants and how they were used.
No
I don't like this because it should have been sent to the people of Madison to decide. Also, never heard any news about neighborhood meetings regarding this project prior to being voted on. I am just disgusted with the way Madison Parks and the mayor decided to squeak this in.
safe crossing across busy streets, but allow good traffic flow- it bottle necks now

I think providing adequate refuse containers as well as water fountains would an easy quality of life improvement to the plan
See above re adequacy of bike parking.
It's small, but a bicycle repair station towards Olin Park would be most welcome. And signage to help people find it.
It is very comprehensive and well thoughtout.
There is no acknowledgment of the UW Madison Waterski Team's slalom course. I don't think it will interfere, but I am surprised it has not even been mentioned.
Shoreline infill to maintain traffic lane size. Not all aspects of the design need to be wheelchair accessible. Can't say I've ever seen a wheelchair use this path. The sanitized connection to the water with rails and elevated boardwalk isn't a vision that fits with the way people in Madison interact with their natural spaces and parks.
More trash can and recycling bins - maybe even a compost container! (though instructions/volunteer sorting may be necessary) When I'm walking along this path and picking up litter, I often have to hold onto it for quite a while (accumulating pieces so it's hard to hold onto all of it) before I can get rid of it. I don't want more microplastics in the lake! With food trucks and concessions, it could be really damaging if any waste is produced, and if it isn't disposed of responsibly. Even more environmentalist choices (like a plastic ban, plant-based concessions only, deprioritizing cars and promoting buses and bikes instead) would be great!
Make sure that signage is easy to read and includes accessible font this is easy to read, especially while moving. Sometimes, signage is designed to be all nice and artistic but it's not actually very readable. For example, someone riding a bike should easily be able to read the sign quickly. Focus on usability.
I worry about the fishing piers not being as accessible as the spot by Monona Terrace. I worry that without parking and accessibility, Monona Terrace will remain the main fishing hub. Will the Terrace area be unavailable to fishing with the new piers?
More attention to how people will access the LakeWay, whether on foot, by car, or by bike. Assuring safe road crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists is important.
Access from water (kayak, swimming, boat)

Q9 Are there stories about Lake Monona, the site's cultural history, local community, or Madison that you would like to see incorporated in the StoryWalk in the current or future phases? Why?

Answered: 66 Skipped: 73

Question 9 Written Responses

Are there stories about Lake Monona, the site's cultural history, local community, or Madison that you would like to see incorporated in the StoryWalk in the current or future phases? Why?

Photos of the construction of the Capitol
Go to http://www.olin-turville.org to access vast amounts of information about the history of this area of Lake Monona from the geologic history to the cultural history of the many generations of people who have visited or lived here since the last glacier receded from Dane County.
I wonder if there is a story about Madisonians' love for the lakefront and the decision to prioritize and protect it, in context of the very long decisionmaking process to build Monona Terrace where it sits.
please incorporate as much as you can of indigenous history and life along the lakeshore and the city before it was a city. Make that history come alive. Like the quotes from Truman Lowe and Whitehorse in the presentation.
Geology....how the lake formed and its evolution since its formation and the settlement of Madison.
Native history and plants/features.
I hope that priority will go to the history of indigenous peoples' (Ho-Chunk and others) use of this territory.
Maximum recognition of Native history; perhaps a re-recreation of Native settlement in pictures or a model.
Not at the moment.
The historic Madison Chautauqua and Resort
no
Not just plaques, please! Let's be creative with some interactive artful storytelling. There are amazing artists and storytellers here, let's use them!
I would like all aspects of the history, good or bad, incorporated so that there is understanding of where we currently are.
The history of aggressive bikers who ignore the rules of the road
I'd love to see some mention of the more "modern" recreational uses of the lake on the storyboards - maybe some images and descriptions of the different things you might see people doing on the lake depending on the season (sailing, rowing, kayaking, paddleboarding, kitesurfing, waterskiing, iceboating, etc.). I love the current plans and think they definitely fit, but Madison is a super active city and I'd love to see mention of all the creative ways we manage to get out on the water and enjoy the lake!
Otis Redding jr memorial. Lincoln brigade memorial.
Ecology & ecological fun facts of the area, offering opportunities for interaction, active engagement & participation.
If you really want to talk about site history, should there be a story of the history of changing this from open water to a railroad route and then adding the causeway for car traffic; and a discussion of how that changed traffic patterns, the lakefront, and culture? As a (white) culture, is the lake viewed as an asset or as an obstacle? How has that changed over time and how do we want to change that moving forward?

Native burning, the Kellogg sanatorium, Otis Redding's plane crash, ... Too many to list. Perhaps develop a walking tour and interactive podcast with the Wisconsin State Historical Society.
Yes- indigenous peoples stories- ho chunk stories
No
The site used to be a landfill, use that for history
The Ho Chunk story is important and hope that you are consulting with the Ho Chunk to tell that story
No one cares believe me
Mounds on Lake Side street across the lake and history of the encampments.
Emphasize the important role of our broader park system in keeping us engaged with the landscape, ecology, and each other.
N/A
More history of the lakes, prior lake ecological recovery efforts, and how that sets up the future. What the lake adds to the natural environment of Madison.
Document lakeshore historical landfills and pollution. Educate about phosphorus pollution and what is needed to clean up the lakes.
That it was the first lake to have 2 train tracks cross in the middle.
Yes! In the past, one could view the Dividing Ridge from this area. Sid Freitag (sp?) has done work to help us imagine what this would look like today. It would be great to incorporate their (or similar) work and tell the story of the ridge. The site for the Capitol was chosen from this ridge.
Otis Redding. Remind people of the dangers of flying.
No
How about the story where you erase Lake Monona and call it the Madison Lakeway. Completely disgusting.
Work with the Ho Chunk nation, if you aren't already.
QR codes along the way to help describe what you are looking at.
Otis Redding's plane crash
Stop spending money that you don't have.
None
No
It'd be cool to see a nod to Madison's vibrant local music community! Also its many distinct neighborhoods and their respective cultures.
I would like to see some history of John Nolen's work in Madison and his perspective on shoreline access
Famous guys plane crashed i think
Maybe incorporate the Madison city flag somehow? Almost half of the flag represents lake Monona.
Native lands, canoe retrieval
Waste of money
Why not do a graphic depicting the area prior to the JND construction decades ago. There must be some aerial photos that showed the community before the likes of "big highway" cutting a swath through the former heart.
Tribute to Otis Redding, maybe a history of ice coverage and lake pollution.

I'm sure whatever is planned will be fine, I don't know what is important enough overall to cover. I know people new to Madison might not know as much about Frank Lloyd Wright, what an isthmus is, what midges are, etc.
N/A
Otis Redding crash site.
No
Native American, sailing and iceboating history of the lake.
The sad story of the Loss of Madison's character due to demolition of buildings for massive expensive but cheap apartments.
Not that I can think of
Parks and pleasure drives, the dredging and fill that created Monona Bay
I would love to see reference to the waterski team located in Law Park. We have been a part of Lake Monona since 1963, and often ski past this area. Personally it is one of my favorite spots to teach new skiers, and would be cool if those walking on the path could read more about the organization and sport while watching us.
No turtle in Design.
If the storywalk is done and within budget, the idea of how water formed the landscape here would be relevant and interesting. Please DO NOT include stories about particular people due to potential drama and messyness that can bring up -- for example, some of the naming of old white men on various parts of the UW-campus who were later found out to be terrible people or associated with not so good history. Stay away from people drama with the storytelling. Stick with facts like science and general information about water and things like that.
John Nolen's early 1900's plans for the waterfront and a system of public parks. Our history of environmental stewardship...John Muir, Aldo Leopold, Gaylord Nelson, etc.
I like how the bike counter currently on the path shows how many bikes have passed that location that day, and I'd like to see similar real-time information about the paths and the lake. For example, it would be fun to see real-time lake temperature, depth, boat counts (?), and other available info, maybe from whatever lake monitoring equipment we already have. I would also like to see some maps showing the Yahara River watershed and how Lake Monona fits into it. Perhaps we could have a 3D tactile sculpture showing the lake's shape and depth profile! Perhaps the watershed map could even be a 3D kinetic sculpture where you can add water to it to play with flooding (except I know you said there are no water pipes on the causeway, so maybe save that idea for somewhere else). It would be fun if the sculpture had a working lock and dam system.
No
Indigenous peoples are incorporated well. What about other histories of early settlers and developing industries? E.g., the ice that was sold.
No.
Initial establishment of the causeway.
We need to recognize and honor the indigenous people who inhabited this land before us. The public art for this project should pay homage and allow participation by artists from those indigenous people.

Q10 Overall, how do you feel about the proposed first phase of the Madison LakeWay? If you attended both community input sessions, do you have any comments on the current design progress since the Public Information Meeting held in January? Fill in

Answered: 100 Skipped: 39

Question 10 Written Responses

Overall, how do you feel about the proposed first phase of the Madison LakeWay? If you attended both community input sessions, do you have any comments on the current design progress since the Public Information Meeting held in January?

Fine but again, lacking dining. Food trucks aren't dining!
Glad to see input about the high priority of a separate bike lane was taken seriously. Without traffic noise mitigation the whole project seems like an overly-expensive effort given that people are unlikely to spend time lingering on the Lakeway.
The proposed piers and boardwalks over the lake will be costly to maintain due to wave and ice action. How are you planning to keep these areas open and usable all winter long? If the piers and boardwalks are going to be removed each fall and reinstalled each spring, what are the expected yearly maintenance costs for this process? What are the expected costs for removing wind blown lake weeds and human debris that will accumulate along the shoreline in these areas every year? How do you plan to keep the pier and boardwalk areas free of duck, goose, and sea gull poop? I think a better plan would be to fill in just a little more of the lake along the east side of the causeway to make more room for the pedestrian and bike trails and increased shoreline greenspace along the causeway.
didn't attend
it looks good! please put in as many trees as possible.
I like that we are approaching the project in phases, so we can learn and iterate. This phase seems the most modest, and the best place to start. Nice work by all those involved!
I participated in only an early survey and response to the 3 proposals. I very much like what I see in this more detailed vision. Hope there is enough money to make some of it happen.
Looks good.
Love it
Okay...but need the practicals: trash (et al) bins, drinking fountains and doggie bags/waste cans.
I feel very optimistic about this plan.
I'm really negative about the size of the plan and the cost.
Awesome
I liked the proposal. Well thought out.
It seems rather chaotic. I'm glad I live on the other side of the isthmus
There needs to be better separation between car traffic and pedestrian access
Impressive & expansive study shows refreshing diligence. I give my thanks to the many people participating in this striking undertaking. I appreciate you.
Very disappointed that the critical city approval meeting was not even mentioned with the public meeting notice for the project update. Lost some trust in transparency.
I am very excited about this and hope it actually happens. If/when done, this will have a huge impact on the area and Madison in general. Big thank you to all involved!
good
Good
Exciting! I hope the city goes big with this project and raises the money needed.

I'm happy that the bridges on the causeway will be repaired. That is the most important element for general safety of our infrastructure. I am not yet decided about phases 2 and 3.
Seems good.
I like it. I would want to know how the budget would change if the boardwalk and observatory were left out. If price becomes a sticking point, would it be worth leaving these out and just focusing on the existing paths?
This January is when contracts expire for first responders. Pay them, they can't afford to live in the city they police which continues to grow and create more police calls for service
I really like it. The plan seems pretty well rooted in reality while satisfying as many needs and requests as possible, and really does a great job of accentuating and emphasizing the beauty of the city and its landmarks (both natural and manmade).
More needs to be done in terms of practicality and amenities to encourage long term interest and use. Lacks commercial opportunities, needs to do more to contribute to natural amenities. Make people want to visit the park, not just move through it. Needs more comfortable space.
On with the show1
I have one over-riding concern. Since the causeway and John Nolen Drive were constructed, this area has become a major thoroughfare, not a park by any stretch of the imagination. Are we pouring millions of dollars into putting lipstick on a pig? Can this ever be a destination as long as its major purpose is to funnel traffic through the isthmus?
Overall, I am in support of the project with the critiques noted above.
Love it! Can't wait until I can feel safe walking/biking along this portion of lake monona!
Funding should be secured through a referendum before starting.
As mentioned above, this is a total and blatant waste of taxpayer monies.
The cost is a significant issue in a time a budgetary issues. I like park improvements if it can be privately raised. Also concerned with significantly reduced road size as this is a major way into town
Please wait until it is fiscally feasible to do this project, take care of the basics first!
I like to see this project put on hold. I can't spend more for taxes, Im broke.
I think this development is really important and will enhance the city and the lake loop as an amenity
As a motorized wheelchair user, I look forward To greater saw access to the lakeshore.
I live on the West Side and it would be a hassle for me to drive downtown with all the congestion, park where?
I am pleased to see a design that considers multiple forms of transportation through the lakeway and also makes the lakeway a destination.
It looks amazing and excited to see it come together.

A process comment. I previously commented last week about the merits of the work done by Sasaki. This comment is about the process itself and holding the informational meeting in the summer when many people are on vacation or busy with outdoor activities. Was this purposeful? If so, shame on you! if not, you need to hold another PIM in the fall. One of the older tricks in the book to divert potential unwanted comments from special interest groups or specific individuals. I have seen it happen before. You need to make a statement about this practice whether it was real or an oversight. Better yet hold another PIM in the fall. A public process does is not supposed to be about the convenience of the staff and its contractors, but about the public you serve.
Really good progress!
It is an unrealistic dream, not practical for a city the size of Madison. Sabaki is unfamiliar with Madison, their plans do not match our environment and culture. Too many Madison residents do not have a realistic understanding of this project. Other priorities will be more urgent, this plan is not affordable.
I'm super excited! This project will be wonderful for the city!
Very positive, this will be a huge improvement for Madison!
I attended the zoom meeting on 7/21. Both presenters spoke so fast that it was extremely difficult to follow their presentation. The presenter who used diagrams did not do a good job of carefully indicating where on the diagram she was pointing to. Because it was on zoom the size of the diagram was small. Also, it was clear she was using presenter speak using effusive descriptive language to describe the various features - more of a sales job. After, the city staff person did a very good job of answering questions but again he spoke extremely fast. If you want your presentations to be truly accessible to all of Madison residents there needs to be more attention to the presentation and how it's received.
Happy it's moving forward quickly!
What an utterly ridiculous waste of money. The City is doing a terrible job of maintaining existing assets. This is setting tax dollars on fire to make a bunch of rich yuppies feel good about themselves, spoiler alert, empty souls can never feel good about themselves!
i didn't attend the community input sessions, and Like i wrote above, I generally pay attention. HAVE ANOTHER PUBLIC INPUT SESSION PLEASE.
None
I am excited for a new spot to enjoy in Madison.
Love it!
Why aren't you taking this project to the voters? Breaking the law is what you are doing.....
Abort it
Lots of questions about the Drive - pavement project. Because there is so much overlap here, if you schedule additional meetings, it would be nice to have someone from the Traffic/Engineering group in the meeting to answer those questions.
Feel positive. Look forward to completion of phase 1 and getting started on later phases.

Again, I cannot emphasize enough how well this has been done. I wish you could break ground tomorrow morning. I walk 5-10 miles daily around downtown and through local parks, and this will be added to my route for sure when it's done. Madison's lovely downtown walkability sort of dies abruptly at John Nolen Drive. This would extend it across the lake.

Nice polished presentation, but seems a bit heavy on marketing aspects... unless maybe you explain why marketing the project is important. The branding stuff seemed like a commercial for Zebradog without explaining why it is important for the city. It falls flat like the renaming of Glenway to the Glen was hyped, but really did not seem important then nor now. The turtle logo and project name are fine, just don't overdue the sales job.

This isn't bad, it's certainly gotten more realistic and practical (and thus better).

positively

The proposed first phase promises a beautiful reimagination of a space currently dominated by loud, polluting activities. Despite the site's limited space, the design promises to create a beautiful place that offers year-round activity and engaging and pleasant experiences for all.

I'm very excited!

I feel like the access to shore for people who spend a lot of time on the water is an afterthought.

There should be a referendum

Generally positive! The path has needed a revision for quite some time, so thank you for making our city more enjoyable along the lake!

Waste of money

Just happy this is moving forward and glad for all of the opportunities along the way for input. I trust the City and the design team to implement the project and have no desire to micromanage.

Yes, I attended. The 'internal' design activity, only, showed alot of thought. However you totally forgot the big picture. Grade=B-. An opportunity is being lost for the next 40+ years. In the past, insensitive transportation engineers could be blamed for the travesty that was created by the JND. Now, despite some traffic calming strategies, the opportunities are still being compromised by tepid attempts to re-integrate Lake Monona into the urban fabric of Madison. You can and should do better as the purported world class firm that you claim to be.

In response to question #2. This effort feels as though it will create a greater divide. It will be an area visited by tourists and those living in the downtown area. Downtown and lake access living is expensive. This project could like hasten gentrification of peripheral neighborhoods. Expensive projects such as this raise the costs of living in Madison, which harms low income members of the community. The bike path will be used by commuters, as a part of an exercise regimen for those from the area and a pass thru for others. For all others in the community, it is a difficult enough area to get to that it is not worth the effort/trip as a destination place since it is not a place for a long stay. Improvements to the area for walking, biking, lake access for kayaks and SUPs, fishing, picnicing and for safety purposes are definitely warranted. A lower cost approach without the high end amenities will allow it to be useful and financially supported to the wider community for longer time - all the art, planting, signage, boardwalks, etc. will take budget money away from the city's ability to financially support all levels of housing in the area.
I feel hopeful that Madison will start to realize the wonderful potential of our lakes and do more to protect and cherish them.
No, it doesn't really sound like you've taken int account what the community asks for, but it's still a lovely design.
Looking forward to seeing it start, though the path detour will be a bitch.
I think it's great - it seems to hit all of the important notes: separate bike/walk path, more trees, spaces to stop and enjoy the view, art. The current path is awful in, and I actively avoid it due to noise, pavement quality, lack of shade, etc. Anything would be an improvement.
N/A
I think it's pretty close! I appreciate that you've been actively soliciting public input and holding information sessions.
No written assessment of ecological impact from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources?
Generally positive with serious concerns about the long-term viability of the boardwalks. In addition, I have concerns about the maintenance of all the various gathering and wayfinding features. Who will maintain them? Who will *pay* to maintain them. Are these new costs part of the city's budget plan?
I only wish Phase 2 was actually phase 1
Our property taxes have spiraled out of control. I am opposed to any optional spending that adds to the already onerous tax burden which is making it impossible to buy a home, remain in our homes, or afford rents which go up every time the property taxes go up.
Good next stro
ped/bike path and improved water quality highest priority
Overall, I like phase I!
Impressive work and reflects continuing refinement. Well done! For the Sasaki presenter: select a bigger cursor. The one you used disappears into the content of the slide and can't be seen on a typical laptop. Also, avoid jerky, erratic cursor movement--very hard to follow. Go for slow, smooth, continuous motion between points.
I'm very excited about it. It looks amazing and like it will be a once in a generation opportunity to improve our lakefront.

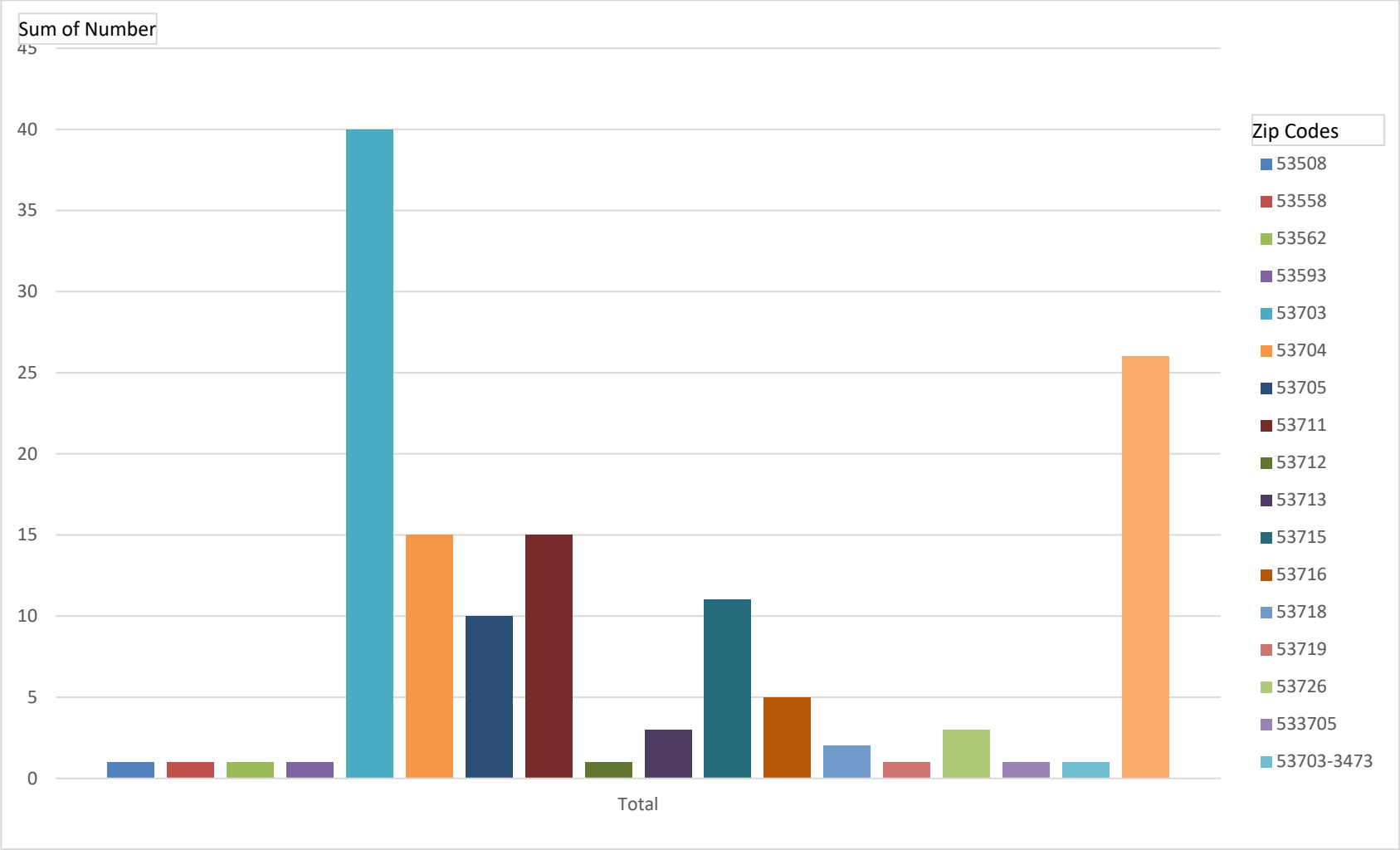
Great! Nice work from the entire team. I would hope that some of the funding comes from the JNDrive state highway re-build.
I am very happy with the Phase 1 design.

Q11 What is your home zip code? (Optional)

Answered: 112 Skipped: 27

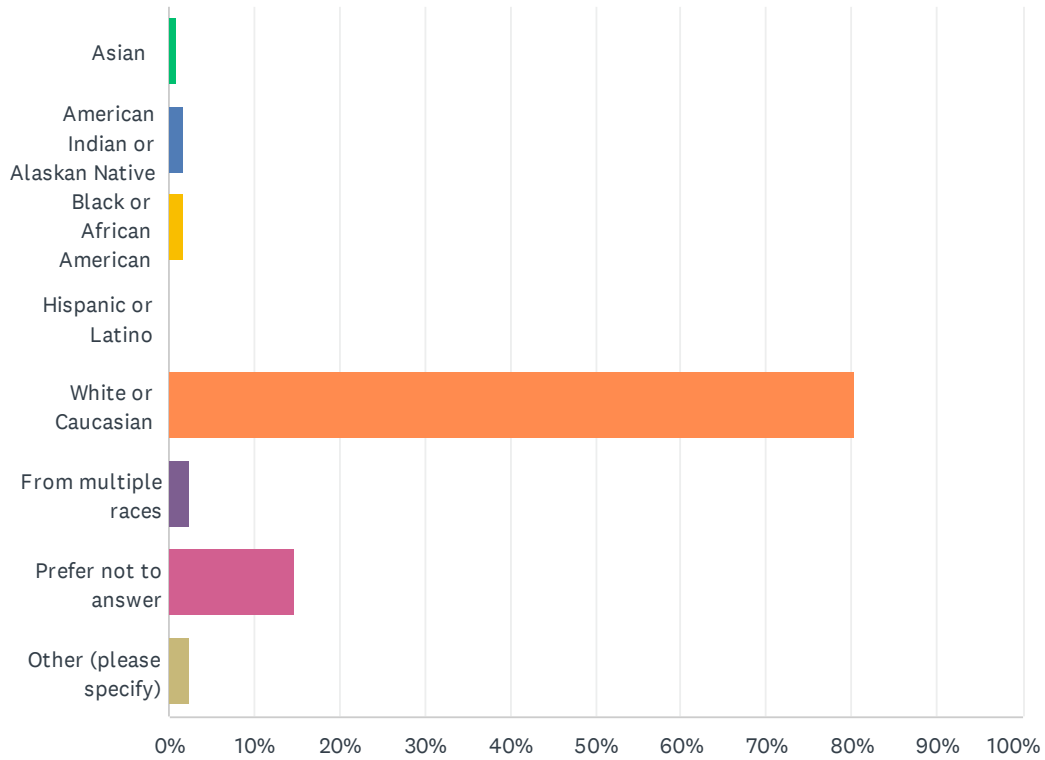
Question 11

What is your home zip code? (Optional)



Q12 How do you identify your race (Optional)

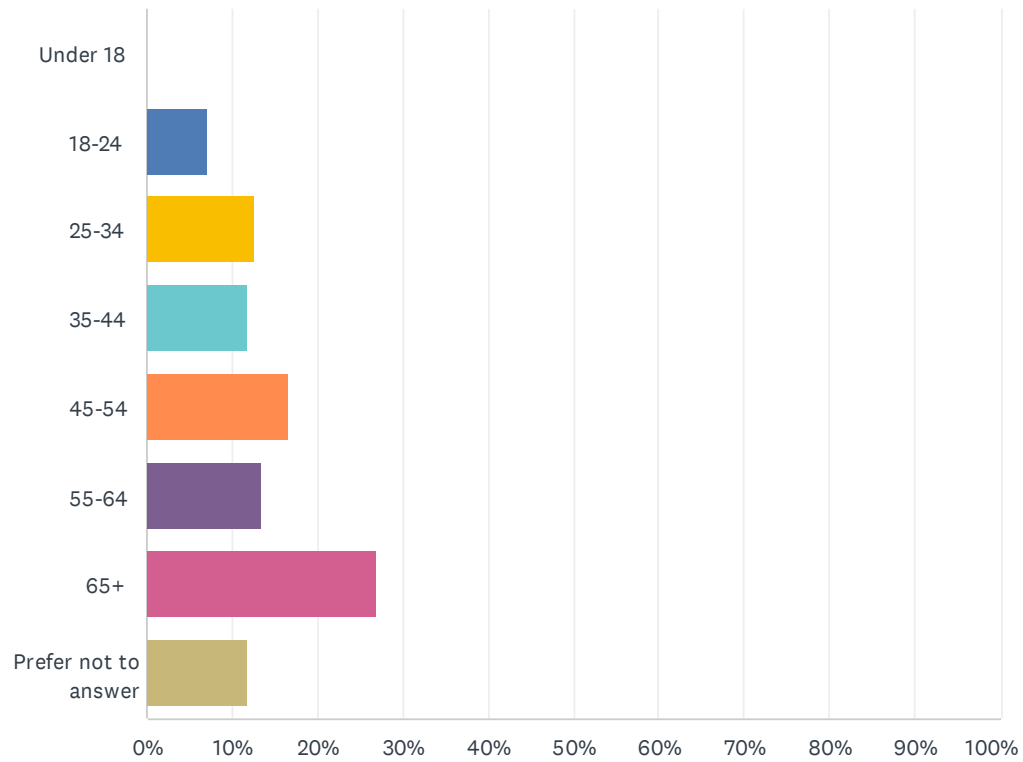
Answered: 123 Skipped: 16



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Asian	0.81%	1
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1.63%	2
Black or African American	1.63%	2
Hispanic or Latino	0.00%	0
White or Caucasian	80.49%	99
From multiple races	2.44%	3
Prefer not to answer	14.63%	18
Other (please specify)	2.44%	3
Total Respondents: 123		

Q13 What is your age? (Option)

Answered: 127 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	7.09%	9
25-34	12.60%	16
35-44	11.81%	15
45-54	16.54%	21
55-64	13.39%	17
65+	26.77%	34
Prefer not to answer	11.81%	15
TOTAL		127