

Menomonee River Parkway Renewal News Update

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Construction Phasing & Estimated Schedule

Phase One

Segment one:
W. Congress to N. Mayfair
4/6—6/1/2015

Segment two:
N. Mayfair to W. Burleigh
6/1—8/31/2015

Phase Two

Segment One:
W. Burleigh to W. North
7/13—9/30/2015

Segment Two:
W. North to Charles Hart
Parkway
10/1-11/15/2015



Construction Status

Nearly five miles of parkway, two prime contractors each working on different segments, and construction work moving at a brisk pace = things change even as we provide updates to keep stakeholders in the loop. But we try our best to keep you involved and informed so here is the status as we know it today.

Phase One—Segment One (West Congress to North Mayfair)

The new lighting system has been activated from Congress to Capitol and WE Energies crews are on site and working their way south to get the lights working in the rest of the segment from Capitol to Mayfair. The remaining open item is the landscaping that had been postponed to September to give the plants the best chance of survival.

Phase One—Segment Two (North Mayfair to West Burleigh)

The contractor has completed all of the curb and gutter installation and has laid down the first layer of asphalt known as the base course or binder course. The multiuse path has been graded and will be completed along with the remaining roadway. Delays caused by soil conditions has changed the scheduled completion date for this segment to early September.

Phase Two-Segment One (West Burleigh to West North)

Curbs, gutters, driveway approaches and the base course of asphalt have been installed from Burleigh south to Center Street with work scheduled to be completed through the intersection this week.

The area around Mt. Mary University will be in good shape when they host the Starving Artist show September 12 and 13. Detour routes for show goers will be clearly marked.



Above: 9/17 view from Tower View north to Burleigh



Crews will then progress south from Center to North Avenue with the hope of completing curbs, gutters, and driveway approaches the 2nd week in September and have the base course of asphalt installed the 3rd week of September. As always, weather can affect the best laid plans.

Left: 9/17 Laying asphalt base course south of Tower View

Phase Two-Segment Two

(West North to Charles Hart Parkway)

Once the crews reach North Avenue, the next portion of work will occur from North to Swan with

Reminders to residents

Irrigation Systems: Property owners with irrigation systems that extend beyond the owner's property line onto county property are reminded that you are responsible for removing it prior to the contractor reaching the area. The same is true for invisible dog fences or other systems installed on county land. The county nor the contractor are liable for any damage, repair, or replacement of any sys-

More frequently asked questions

Q. What is the status of the traffic calming elements that are planned to slow traffic and increase pedestrian safety?

A. Work is not yet complete on the traffic calming elements of the parkway. There will be new **bumpouts** that shorten the crossing distance for pedestrians and narrow the vehicle traffic areas. At those bumpouts, new **raised crosswalks** will be constructed with red concrete rather than asphalt, and painted with white accents for visibility. The crosswalks will be raised enough to slow traffic but not so much that snowplowing is impeded. The narrow raised areas are planned at intervals of about every 1,000 feet.

When the final layer of asphalt has been installed, there will also be **striping of an offset center line** to narrow the travel lanes and reduce any "speedway" effect. Painted "**sharrows**" will be added to show that bike traffic is also permitted in the vehicular lanes at bumpouts.

Q. Why are trees being removed from the parkway?

A. We understand it can be surprising to see trees removed along the parkway. Please know the design team includes park landscape architects and forestry design staff that take the task very seriously.

completion scheduled by the end of October. Swan to Charles Hart Parkway will be completed by November 15.

tems that encroach on County land (generally within three feet of the curb).

Vehicles: Do not park along the parkway during construction. Parking permits for side streets are available. Also, please remember to drive slowly and safely through the construction zone.

First, as the trail was being planned, forestry crews went out in the field and identified those trees that should not be touched. They were marked with ribbons and are being protected as the project proceeds.



They next identified what trees were absolutely necessary to clear in order to make way for the ten foot off-road multi-use trail. Many of the trees being removed are Ash due to the prevalence of Emerald Ash Borer in the area.

And finally, when the project reaches the final stages, there are plans for landscape restoration in the form of new tree and shrub planting, rain gardens, and other biofiltration areas designed to help improve the quality of the storm water entering the Menomonee River.

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Project plans will be available for review online at: www.county.milwaukee.gov/MenomoneeRiverParkwayRenewal

Plans will also be on display at the Milwaukee County Parks offices located at 9480 West Watertown Plank Road (access off Discovery Parkway).