

# Menomonee River Parkway Renewal

## News Update

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### Project awarded additional resources

Last month Milwaukee County approved an additional allocation of funds for the Menomonee River Parkway Renewal Project. With the additional resources, all work from W. Congress on the north to Church Street on the south will occur as well as improvements to Charles Hart Parkway north of Menomonee River Parkway.

As the end of the construction season approaches, it is not likely that all of the roadway work can be completed before the temperatures dip to the point where asphalt cannot be installed. The county is working with the contractors to assure that work already started between Congress and N. Swan Blvd. is completed in 2015. Only work east of Charles Hart Parkway that can be completed in 2015 will be started to assure that the roadway is passable for vehicles and snow plowing equipment in the winter.

Unlike the first segments of the project that proceeded from the west to the east, the segment between Charles Hart Parkway and Church Street will begin from the east (at Church where the existing roadway is the worst) and proceed west as far as weather will allow. All remaining work on the Menomonee River Parkway and on Charles Hart Parkway that cannot be completed in 2015, will be done in the spring of 2016.

**Phase One** (*Congress to Burleigh*) Most of the project work north of Burleigh to Congress has been completed. The photo below illustrates the new concrete raised crosswalk that connects to the multiuse path at Auer Avenue. Storm water is channeled into the new bio-swales to be filtered before it reaches the Menomonee River. Sharrows for bike traffic have been added to the roadway and additional signage and plantings are still in the works.



**Crosswalk at Auer Avenue**



**Paving the multiuse path**

**Phase Two –Segment One** (*Burleigh to Swan*) With the exception of topsoil and plant restoration, most of the major roadway work from Burleigh through Swan was completed by October 2. Crews will return before the end of the month to paint striping on the roadway and crosswalks doing ½ of the roadway at a time to keep traffic flowing. As shown above right, crews are asphaltting the multiuse path which is scheduled for completion through to Swan the week of October 5.

As shown at right, a new bump-out that shortens the crossing distance for pedestrians and narrows the vehicle traffic is being installed at 93<sup>rd</sup>. The red concrete raised crosswalk will follow.

**Phase Two—Segment Two** (*Swan to Church*) As noted earlier, only work that can be completed in this segment in 2015 will be started to assure that the roadway is passable for vehicles and snow plowing equipment over the winter months. Starting from the east at Church, the contractor hopes to begin removing the old road surface and doing sewer work beginning October 8. Grading, graveling, and new paving to Charles Hart Parkway is planned by the end of October. Keeping on schedule is weather dependent.



### Construction Phasing & Estimated Schedule

#### Phase One

W. Congress to W. Burleigh  
Complete in 2015

#### Phase Two

Segment One:  
W. Burleigh to N. Swan Blvd.  
Complete in 2015

Segment Two:  
Church Street to N. Swan Blvd.  
Complete in Spring 2016



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Project plans are available for review online at: [www.county.milwaukee.gov/MenomoneeRiverParkwayRenewal](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/MenomoneeRiverParkwayRenewal)  
Plans are also on display at the Milwaukee County Parks offices located at 9480 West Watertown Plank Road