A project to reconstruct the East Side Oak Leaf Trail from just north of East Belleview Place to just south of North Prospect Avenue will occur in 2018. The project will be staged in two phases. Phase I, beginning in January 2018, will include installation of a system to alleviate drainage problems along the trail corridor—the main cause of the segment’s deterioration. Phase I will also include creating a construction access ramp at North Bartlett Avenue near McDonalds. When the project is complete, the access ramp will become a permanent access point to the Oak Leaf Trail. Phase I construction is anticipated to take about 5 weeks.

Phase II, beginning in spring 2018, will include reconstructing the trail pavement. The trail profile will be raised slightly where needed, and the width of the trail will be increased from 10 feet to 12 feet. The new access ramp at North Bartlett Avenue will also be paved during Phase II. Construction of this phase is also anticipated to take about 5 weeks.

Both phases of work will require closures of the trail. A signed detour will direct trail users along surface streets during closures. Between the two phases of construction, the trail will remain open.

For details and updates on trail closures, visit OakLeafTrail.com