

State Project ID: 5992-11-21/28

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John Nolen Drive

Lakeside Street to North Shore Drive

Dane County



Project Weekly Update (John Nolen Drive Construction)

General Project Information – The John Nolen Drive project includes reconstructing John Nolen Drive and six bridges that span the causeway. New curb and gutter with a raised median separating northbound and southbound traffic will narrow traffic lanes to calm high traffic speeds. The Capital City Trail will be moved further from the roadway with the addition of three new bridge structures, increasing pedestrian safety and greenspace along the corridor. The trail will also be widened, increasing the capacity of the trail, with separate paths for bikes and foot traffic.

Project Schedule – Stage 1 Start Date: October 13, 2025

Anticipated Stage 1 Completion: Mid November 2025

Current Stage / Traffic Impacts – Stage 1: Work entails constructing temporary crossovers and temporary signals. Temporary storm sewer outfalls will also be constructed beneath the northbound lanes of John Nolen Drive.

- Traffic restricted to one lane each direction
- No left turns from Broom St to John Nolen Dr

Upcoming Stage / Traffic Impacts – Stage 2: Work entails reconstructing southbound John Nolen Drive, reconstructing three bridges on the causeway, and the Basset to Bedford pedestrian path.

- Traffic restricted to one lane each direction on existing northbound lanes
- No left turns from Broom St to John Nolen Dr
- Nighttime full closures anticipated for bridge girder removal

Work Week of 11/10/25

- The contractor will continue removing portions of the existing median islands to prepare for Stage 2 traffic.
- Asphalt paving is scheduled for both crossovers and areas where medians have been removed
- Storm sewer work will continue across northbound lanes of John Nolen Dr and the Capital City Trail.
- Barges and cranes will be deployed to begin installation of cofferdams. This work will start at the northernmost bridge on the lake side.
- No overnight work is anticipated



Work Week of 11/17/25

- Traffic control devices, temporary pavement markings and temporary signals will be modified for Stage 2 traffic.
- Cofferdam installation will continue.

Traffic/Pedestrian/Bike Impacts

- A new temporary crosswalk on the north side of Broom St will be established. This will become the only crossing at Broom St and will remain until the project is complete.
- The Capital City Trail will remain open; however, widths restrictions will be in place at isolated locations during standard hours. Trail users will be routed onto temporary pedestrian matting or existing roadway while the contractor installs storm sewer pipes across the path. Cyclists are encouraged to dismount from their bikes through these areas.
- Motorist should expect a new traffic pattern the week of 11/17. All vehicles will use existing northbound lanes between Lakeside St and the Monona Terrace.

Please be alert when traveling along the John Nolen Drive corridor. Please note that some work is dependent on weather and may be subject to change. Thank you in advance for your patience throughout this project.

Events

Beginning November 15th, Olin Park will host the annual Fantasy in Lights display. Access will remain available from both E Lakeside St and Olin-Turville Ct.



[Welcome to the Holiday Fantasy in Lights - Fantasy In Lights](#)

*NECA and IBEW Local 159, along with many sponsors, bring you the **37th Annual Holiday Fantasy in Lights**. 6 weeks of lights at Olin Park for all to drive through and enjoy at no charge. Over 60 lighted holiday displays to include tunnels and local scenes and treats. Lights on at Dusk- Candy Canes handed out at the exit 4:30pm to 10:00pm. Lights on every single evening through December 31st.*

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Monthly Meeting Reminder

Monthly construction progress meetings will be held IN-PERSON at the field office located at 701 E Washington Ave, Suite LL3 (former Brink Lounge) on the first Tuesday of every month at 11 a.m. starting on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025. The public is welcome to attend these meetings to learn about construction progress, upcoming work, as well as opportunity to ask questions of the construction team. Access to the field office building is located off of the back parking lot, which is accessed off of the S Blount St driveway. There will be door signs setup directing the public where to go to find the meeting location.

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