



Department of Public Works  
**Engineering Division**

## Fact and Details Sheet: **PROPOSED: HERMINA ST AND UNION ST RECONSTRUCTION**

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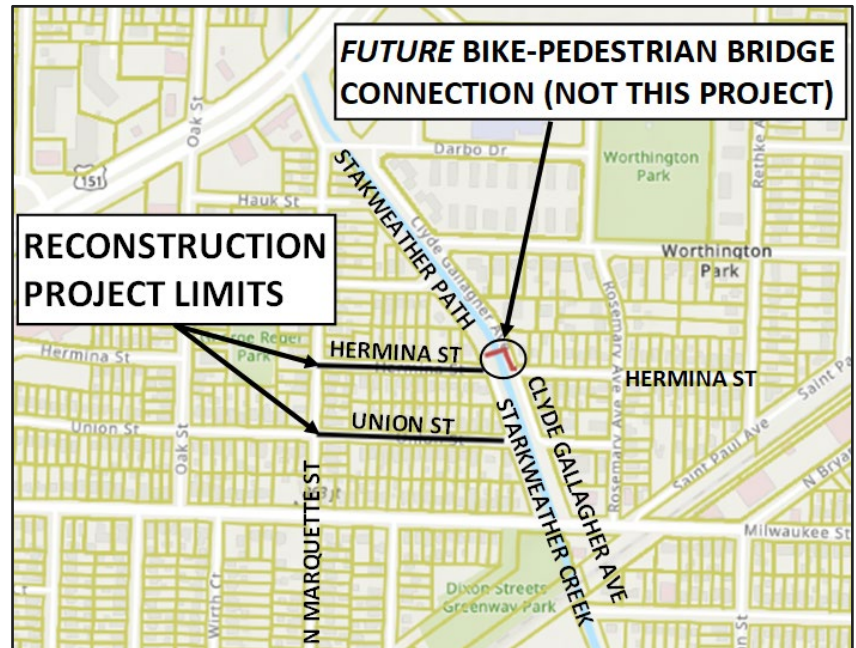
### Project Details – Planned Utility & Street Work

**Sanitary Sewer:** The existing sanitary main will be replaced, and the laterals connected to those mains will be replaced up to the property line (assessable).

**Water Main:** No water main or services work is planned for this project.

**Storm Sewer:** Majority of the storm sewer on Hermina St and Union St is relatively new and in good condition. Storm sewer will be adjusted and/or added as needed due to the new street design.

**Street:** Replace all asphalt pavement and roadway base, all concrete curb & gutter, and concrete sidewalk as needed (due to poor condition or utility work).



Due to the existing narrow terrace space on both Hermina St and Union St, existing trees are squeezed to grow in a constricted space. This makes replacing the curb and gutter potentially threatening to the health of existing trees and limits the growth of old and new trees. To better protect existing trees and promote future tree health and growth, the City is narrowing both Hermina St and Union St by a total of 2-ft (widening all terraces by 1-ft). **Hermina St will be narrowed to 22-ft** (measured from face-of-curb to face-of-curb). This will require removing the nighttime parking currently allowed on the south-side of Hermina St, making **Hermina St permanently one-side parking**. **Union St will be narrowed to 26-ft**, which will require removal of one-side of parking, making **Union St permanently one-side parking**. In addition, bump-outs will be constructed at the Union and Marquette intersection to provide traffic calming as vehicles enter Union St.

**Street Lighting:** Street lighting on existing MG&E wood poles will remain.

**Street Trees:** City Forestry will prune trees along the street prior to the project. Pruning in advance of construction will reduce the risk of damage to the trees. Tree removals due to poor condition, as determined by City Forestry, are anticipated at the following locations: 25" Norway Maple (2930 Union St). Engineering and City Forestry will work closely with the Contractor to protect all trees that are planned to remain. However, if during construction, it's determined that any additional trees need to be removed, adjacent residents will be notified. Trees on private property that overhang the roadway will be required to be pruned by the owner to the clearance required by City Ordinance.

Forestry staff will evaluate the project for new planting sites and potential replacement sites when the project is complete. There is no additional cost to the adjacent property owner for a tree planting. Street trees are typically planted in the spring of the year following the completion of the construction project. Per Madison General Ordinance 10.10, City Forestry determines tree species and planting locations. Residents cannot choose or plant their own tree in the right-of-way. For any questions regarding street tree maintenance or planting, please contact the general Forestry line at 266-4816.

**Terrace Areas:** A majority of the right-of-way, primarily areas closer to the existing street, will be disturbed with the project, but the disturbance will be limited in some areas, especially around steep grades and trees. However, any plantings, structures, or special landscaping features, such as raised planter beds, small landscaping walls, paver walkways or driveways, that you wish to save should be moved prior to the start of construction. If left in place, these items will be removed by the contractor and not reinstalled. More fixed features, such as large walls, may remain, and these will either be left in place or will be reinstalled, if necessary. Owners are invited to contact the project manager, Aaron Canton, with any questions and to evaluate the impacts of construction in the right-of-way.

**Native Terrace Plantings:** With this project, the City is testing a new restoration method and are offering property owner's the option to have their terrace (land between sidewalk and curb) planted with native seed mix rather than the usual turf grass. See 'Native Terrace Planting Guide' on the project webpage for more information. Several property owners have requested this option, which will provide an excellent test for this new restoration method. At this point in time, we are unable to include additional requests for this restoration method.

**Assessments:** After construction is complete, the assessments are recalculated based on the final bid prices and measured quantities. The final assessments will be mailed in the summer of 2025. Property owners can pay the assessments in a lump sum or over 8 years with a 5% interest rate.

**Project Website:** Updates will be regularly posted to the project page throughout construction, along with the project plan. The full schedule of assessments can also be viewed here: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/hermina-and-union-streets-reconstruction-and-bridge>

## Construction Schedule & Impacts

**Tentative Schedule:** Construction is expected to begin the week of July 22, 2024, and be finished early-November 2024. Allowed hours of construction are 7AM-7PM Monday-Saturday, and 10AM-7PM on Sundays. The Contractor will typically start work promptly at 7AM and work until around 5PM or 6PM on most weekdays, and limited weekend work is expected with this project. Some areas may have high groundwater levels, so the contractor may need to constantly run pumps & generators to allow for safe, stable installation of the underground utilities.

**Traffic Impacts:** Both Hermina St and Union St will be closed to thru traffic within the project limits during construction. Per the City's standard specs, residential driveways may be closed for up to 20 days during the project, during which time residents will need to park on adjacent streets. The Contractor will notify impacted residents prior to their driveway access being closed for an extended period of time, but there will likely be several short-duration driveway closures during adjacent utility work. During these disruptions, the Contractor will work with residents to provide access as soon as possible.

**Starkweather Creek Path Impacts:** The Starkweather Creek Path will be detoured between Milwaukee St and Sachs St during the duration of construction, using N Marquette St as the alternate route. The detour route will be signed.

**Water Impacts:** There are not any planned water outages for this project. While unlikely, there is the potential for unplanned water service outages during construction, in which case the Contractor will notify residents and repair damages ASAP.

**Refuse Collection:** It will be the contractor's responsibility to allow for refuse collection to continue during construction. Please mark your address on your cart to make sure it is returned if moved. We ask that you place your carts at the street the evening prior to or at the very latest 6:00 a.m. the morning of your scheduled refuse/recycling day.

Unfortunately, it's unlikely that City equipment will be able to collect brush or leaves during construction, but they will try to make scheduled pick-ups, if the street is passable. It's best to plan to take these items to a drop-off site, or plan to Leave the Leaf ([www.cityofmadison.com/streets/leavetheleaf](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/leavetheleaf)).