

Complete Streets During Construction

The City of Middleton’s [Complete Streets Policy](#) sets the expectation that the design and operations of the entire right-of-way will balance the safety and convenience of all road user regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation. The Complete Streets policy places emphasis on pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities.

The City seeks to have open and proactive communication with residents about the impacts of construction projects. If the project is anticipated to impact pedestrian, bicycle, or transit users, the City will require contractors to provide a map and answer a set of questions identifying how they plan to comply with the Complete Streets policy. The intent of this policy is to help City staff identify and address issues early in the process and to enhance public communications about any route closures.

This Complete Streets During Construction policy will apply to street reconstruction projects, private developments requiring a street-opening permit, and any other projects that will result in a temporary closure of sidewalks, bike paths, or bus stops within the City of Middleton.

Contractor Map Requirements
Project area boundaries
Sidewalks/shared-use paths that will be closed (for any amount of time) during construction
Proposed locations for alternative pedestrian/bike access routes
Distance measurements between each closed crosswalk and the nearest alternative crosswalk location
Proposed locations for wayfinding signage to warn pedestrians/bicyclists of closures. Signs must be placed at the nearest safe crossing locations and at the closure location. Mid-block crossing locations should be considered for closures where the nearest safe crossing location is further than one city block away.
Madison Metro and School bus stops that will be impacted by the construction project
Proposed locations for alternative Madison Metro and School bus stops

Contractor Narrative
How many days do you expect to need to close each sidewalk, shared-use path, crosswalk, or transit stop impacted by this project?
Is there a viable option to maintain pedestrian, bike, and transit access throughout the entire period of construction? If so, can this be done within the proposed timeline and cost for the project?
Will any portion of the project require sidewalks/shared-use paths on both sides of the street to be closed at the same time?
Will temporary traffic control lights include pedestrian crossing signals?
What other measures are you taking to mitigate the impact on pedestrian, bike, and transit access?

City Processes for Complete Streets During Construction
Require contractors to submit a Complete Streets During Construction map and narrative that identifies likely sidewalk, shared-use path, crosswalk, and bus stop closures. For City projects, this plan should also include cost estimates for increased access during construction.
Staff provides feedback on alternative approaches to minimize closures and mitigate impact of any necessary closures.
Require a minimum of one informational session for any project with over 5 days of sidewalk, shared-use path, crosswalk, or transit stop closures. The meeting shall take place as close as possible to the project location. The meeting will present an overview of the project, steps that are being taken to mitigate impacts, and a request for attendees to provide feedback on the plans.
The City understands that any construction project can result in unforeseen issues that require flexibility from the plan. The City will require the contractor to provide 48 hours of advance notice prior to the closure of any sidewalk, bike path, or transit stop.
Prior to any closure, the City will send updates through the project website, social media, and on-site signage.

Resources for Technical Guidance:

- [Work Zone Guidelines for Construction, Maintenance, and Utility Operations](#) (Pages 54-56) (UW Madison Transportation Information Center)
- [Work Zone Field Manual](#) (pages 137-139) (Wisconsin DOT)
- [Urban Bikeway Design Guide, Third Edition](#) (NACTO)
- [Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines](#) (Sections R204 and R303) (U.S. Access Board)