

The City of Onalaska is proposing to install a sidewalk connection along East Avenue between Century Place and Oak Park Drive. This sidewalk is a vital link between the Village of Holmen/Town of Onalaska and the City of Onalaska. This final sidewalk connection would be the only North/South pedestrian route between these municipalities. This sidewalk connection would allow pedestrians from the North to access the La Crosse Area YMCA – Onalaska campus, Onalaska Omni Center, Onalaska School District athletic fields, Onalaska pool, etc. This project has been included in the proposed City of Onalaska Capital Improvements Budget for four consecutive years but has not been funded. This connection has been requested by various residents for a North/South pedestrian movement.

This Project will narrow the street from the current 42-foot face to face to approximately 32-foot face to face. The current westerly curb and gutter will be removed and approximately 1,700 lineal feet of new curb and gutter will be installed along with paving of the street to the current centerline. New roadway striping will be installed with narrower driving lanes. The new sidewalk will utilize the vacated street space to allow installation of a sidewalk due to challenges with adjacent properties driveway grades and home elevations. The narrowing of the roadway would act as a traffic calming measure, slowing traffic and lowering vehicle emissions. The sidewalk connection will allow more pedestrian to walk to functions and events and thereby reducing vehicle trips.

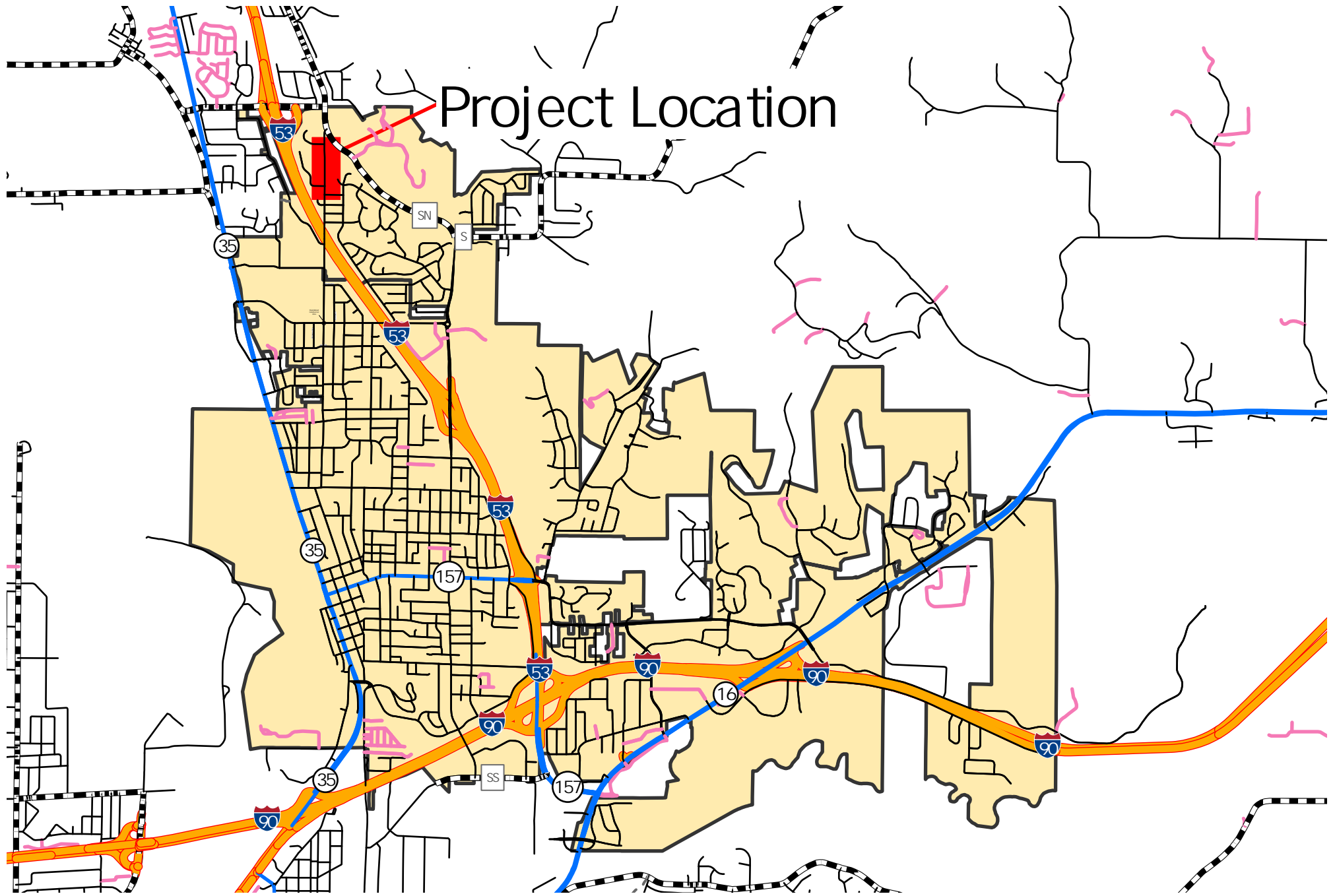
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City of Onalaska - East Avenue Sidewalk

	<u>Total Funding</u>	<u>Federal Funding</u>	<u>Local Funding</u>
Total Participating Construction Cost	\$ 425,241	\$ 340,193	\$ 85,048
Total Non-Participating Construction Cost	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
A. Subtotal Construction Costs	\$ 425,241	\$ 340,193	\$ 85,048
B. Construction Engineering Costs (Coordinate with WisDOT Region)	\$ 47,000	\$ 37,600	\$ 9,400
C. State Review for Construction (Provided by WisDOT Region if Necessary)	\$ 17,000	\$ 13,600	\$ 3,400
Total Construction Cost Estimate with Construction Engineering and State Review (sum lines A, B, and C)	\$ 489,241	\$ 391,393	\$ 97,848
	<u>Total Funding</u>	<u>Federal Funding</u>	<u>Local Funding</u>
Total Participating Other Cost	\$ 489,241	\$ 391,393	\$ 97,848
Total Non-Participating Other Cost	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Costs (should round to the nearest \$1,000)	\$ 489,000	\$ 391,000	\$ 98,000

City of Onalaska East Sidewalk Project

Project Location



Disclaimer: This map is to be used for reference purposes only. Every effort has been made to make this map as accurate as possible.



Map Author: Tim Tarras Date: 6/27/2024

From: [Ron Chamberlain](#)
To: [Holter, Jarrod](#)
Subject: FW: La Crosse Tribune letter to the editor submission
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 9:08:23 AM
Attachments: [Jarrod Holter.vcf](#)

FYI

Ron Chamberlain, Highway Commissioner
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From: Ron Chamberlain
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 6:47 AM
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Subject: RE: La Crosse Tribune letter to the editor submission

Rusty,

Thanks for reaching out.

I am doing well, I hope that you are also.

She is correct in that the sidewalk actually ends on East Ave North, and there is no ramp at that location. That said, the path and sidewalk south of the roundabout at the intersection of CTH SN and OT are the responsibility of the City of Onalaska, so unfortunately I cannot answer the question. Onalaska's DPW Jarrod Holter can probably provide you an answer, I have attached his contact information for you.

I do struggle at times with the fact that most people do not know how local government is structured in Wisconsin and so do not know who to contact with issues. I wonder if there might be a story in that?

Thanks again and take care!

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Sent: Sunday, July 5, 2020 7:59 PM
To: Ron Chamberlain <rchamberlain@lacrossecounty.org>
Subject: FW: La Crosse Tribune letter to the editor submission

Ron:

I hope you're well.

I received this letter to the editor today.

Is there any response or update I should include as an editor's note?

Thanks,

Rusty Cunningham
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Submit a Letter to the Editor Submission

Submission ID: 1599

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Letter

Type Your Letter

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to bring awareness to where the sidewalk ends. Last year, I moved to Holmen just as the major construction on Sand Lake Road began. Wonderfully this project included a walking path along the side of the road. This path connected my neighborhood to Coulee Life Church, Sand Lake Elementary, and Sandy Knolls Park near me. This path extended my ability to leave my neighborhood safely in my electric wheelchair. However, there is an end to this sidewalk that has no off-ramp on East Ave N next to the La Crosse Beverage building. Why does this matter? With the dangers of public transportation on the rise for disabled individuals, I find that walking path more important. It is my access to

sunshine and safe activity. The place where the sidewalk ends
is the place where adventures and accessibility ends.

Sincerely,
Jenn Summers

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