

Wagon Wheel Trail Connection
La Crosse to La Crescent

Location and boundaries of the project:

Beginning at the terminus of current Wagon Wheel trail, located at the west end of the Fish and Wildlife parking lot, west of the West Channel Bridge to the Intersections of Cameron Avenue and Third Street, and Cass Street and Third Street in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The project area includes the entirety of both the Cass Street and Cameron Street Bridges.

Project Summary: Originating at the current terminus of the Wagon Wheel trail, west to east

At the Eastern terminus of Wagon Wheel trail to the West Channel Bridge

Construct connection between Wagon Wheel Trail terminus and U.S. 14 north sidewalk

Between West Channel bridge and South Pettibone Drive

- **Short-term:** Widen existing north sidewalk between West Channel Bridge and underpass to 8-foot minimum, 10-foot desirable. Use existing north sidewalk on West Channel Bridge.
- **Mid-term:** Install seasonal (April –October) jersey barriers on north shoulder of West Channel Bridge roadway to create a six foot separated path between U.S. Highway 14 traffic and eastbound bicyclists and pedestrians. The existing sidewalk will be for westbound pedestrians, bicyclists and people using wheelchairs.
- **Long term:** Reconstruct West Channel Bridge with 10 foot shared use paths on North and South side physically separated from traffic with a barrier. On south side of Highway 14 continue shared use path adjacent to east bound lane past the “Welcome to Wisconsin” sign and connecting with the wider shoulder or sidewalk or right-of-way.
- La Crescent to conduct a feasibility study for grade-separated crossing of U.S. Highway 14 between boat landing and south side of U.S. 14.

Between South Pettibone Drive and Park Plaza Drive:

Install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) in conjunction with a marked crosswalk.

Between Pettibone Drive South and Cameron and Cass Street bridges.

Widen U.S. 14 South sidewalk to 8-foot minimum, 10-foot desirable shared use paths, on North and South side of corridor. Consider curb ramps at bridge approach and terminus to connect roadway to sidewalk so that bikes can enter from roadway.

At the Cass Street and Cameron Street bridges:

- **Short-term:** Install signage at both north and south ends of underpass trail at west end of Cass Street and Cameron bridges.
- **Mid-term:** Remove pavement marking directing bicyclists onto Cass Street Bridge sidewalk. Add sharrows on Cass Street at approach to bridge deck in right most lane and install “Bike May Use Full Lane” R4-11 sign (https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/htm/2009/part9/fig9b_02_longdesc.htm) before and on bridge. Add signage for narrow sidewalk and directing bikes to Cameron Bridge.
- **Long term:** Reconstruct Cass Street Bridge with 10 foot shared-use path on the north side of the bridge span physically separated from traffic with integrated barrier.

At the terminus of the Cameron Street bridge

Install directional signage for routing between Cameron Avenue Bridge Path and Regional Bike Route 1.