



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Agenda - Final

Board of Public Works

Monday, April 20, 2026

10:00 AM

Council Chambers
City Hall, First Floor

The Board of Public Works meeting is open for in-person attendance and will also be conducted through video conferencing. The meeting can be viewed by visiting the Legislative Information Center (<https://cityoflacrosse.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>) and clicking on the video link to the far right in the meeting list.)

Call to Order

Roll Call

Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Matthew Gallager, Andrea Trane.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from April 13, 2026.

Agenda Items:

- [25-1174](#) Bidder's Proof of Responsibility.
- [26-0413](#) Construction Contract Change Orders.
- [26-0424](#) Proposed policy change regarding sanitation and restroom requirements for special events held in the City of La Crosse.
- [26-0438](#) Green Bay Street Reconstruction Design Recommendation.

Adjournment

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

Requests from persons with a disability who need assistance to participate in this meeting should call the City Clerk's office at (608) 789-7510 or send an email to ADAcityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org, with as much advance notice as possible.



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BIDDERS PROOF OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR BPW MEETING

4/20/2026

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	2026-2027 BID	<u>WORK PERFORMED</u>
		PRE-QUALIFICATION	
WIESER BROTHERS GENERAL CONTRACTOR, INC.	200 TWILITE ST, LA CRESCENT, MN 55974	\$70,081,450.00	GENERAL CONTRACTING, EXCAVATION, FOOTINGS/POURED WALLS, MASONRY, FLATWORK (INTERIOR & EXTERIOR), WOOD FRAMING, STEEL FRAMING, STEEL ERECTION, WELDING & STEEL FABRICATIONS, FINISH CARPENTRY, DRYWALL & PLASTER, CONCRETE PUMPING, CRANE, CONCRETE PAVING, SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION



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CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

Number: 15
 Contract: BLDG-2025-019
 Award date: 12/16/2025
 EDF #: 25-056
 Title: La Crosse Public Library Interior Renovation
 Contractor: Market & Johnson

Date: 4/8/2026

Said contract between City of La Crosse and Contractor is hereby changed in the following particulars, to wit:

The following specific work is hereby eliminated from such contract:

- N/A

The following specific work is hereby added to such contract:

- Proposal 30 – 2nd Floor HVAC Changes (1 LS @ \$13,815.38)

By virtue of such changes in the contract, the following revisions shall be made:

Original contract		\$ 1,693,500.00
Original contingency		\$ 254,025.00
Net Previous Change Orders		\$ 156,422.60
Decrease by elimination (this C.O.)	\$ 0.00	
Increase by addition (this C.O.)	\$ 13,815.38	
Net Deduction or Addition (strike one out)		\$ 13,815.38
Revised Contract Total		\$ 1,863,737.98
Remaining Contingency		\$ 83,787.02



CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Finance Department hereby certifies sufficient funds are in the treasury to meet the expense thereof, or that provision has been made to pay the liability that will accrue thereunder. (Wisc. State Stats. § 62.15 (12); 62.09 (10)(f))

Signed by:


Budget Analyst

Signed by:


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Comptroller

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

No. 12

Date 01/14/2026

EDF # 20-040

Contract No. WWTP-2021-48 for the following public work: 2021 Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades Project between C.D. Smith Construction, Inc. and the City of La Crosse, dated April 8, 2021, is hereby changed in the following particulars, to-wit:

The following specific work is hereby eliminated from such contract:

Utility Replacement Allowance – Unused	\$ 25,000.00
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The following specific work is hereby added to such contract:

Contract Times to Final Completion	303 days
Unit Price Schedule Adjustment – Actual Quantities	\$ 34,641.79
RFP 054: Disc Filter Programming	\$ 2,449.76
COR 064: Odor Control Duct Instrument	\$ 829.31
COR 109: Temporary Wiring on Aeration Basins	\$ 66,897.08
COR 113: VFD for 100-EF-1	\$ 10,878.61
COR 114: 120v Power to 500-TCV-5132	\$ 1,177.02
COR 115: Remote Mounting of Flowmeter Head	\$ 691.17
COR 116: Zig Zag Permissive Modifications	\$ 875.66
COR 117: Neutral to UV Feed MCC	\$ 1,937.95

By virtue of such changes in the contract, the following revisions shall be made in the contract price:

Contract Price -----	\$ 58,396,935.00
Contract price decreased by eliminations -----	\$ 25,000.00
Contract price increased by additions-----	\$ 120,378.35
Net Deductions or Additions (Strike out one) -----	\$ 95,378.35
Revised Contract Price -----	\$ 61,386,239.30

By virtue of such changes in the contract, the following revisions shall be made in the contract times:

Contract Final Completion Date -----May 31, 2026

C.D. Smith Construction Inc.

NAME OF CONTRACTOR


CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that there are sufficient funds in the treasury to meet the liability assumed by the foregoing addenda to contract, or that provision has been made to pay the liability that will accrue thereunder. (WS 62.15-12; 62.09-10-f)

Signed by: David Tauscher
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Signed by: Chadwick Hawkins
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CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

Number: 10
Contract: BLDG-2025-052
Award date: 10/2/25
EDF # 25-060
Title: Fire Station #3 Renovation
Contractor: Market & Johnson, Inc.

Date: 4/13/26

Said contract between City of La Crosse and Contractor is hereby changed in the following particulars, to wit:

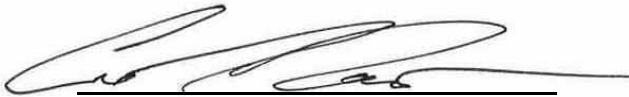
The following specific work is hereby eliminated from such contract:

The following specific work is hereby added to such contract:

Install temporary light fixtures \$958.79

By virtue of such changes in the contract, the following revisions shall be made:

Original contract		<u>\$719,359.00</u>
Original contingency		<u>\$107,903.85</u>
Net Previous Change Orders		<u>\$51,122.55</u>
Decrease by elimination (this C.O.)	\$	<u> </u>
Increase by addition (this C.O.)	<u>\$958.79</u>	
Net Deduction or Addition (strike one out)		<u>\$52,081.34</u>
Revised Contract Total		<u>\$771,440.34</u>
Remaining Contingency		<u>\$55,822.51</u>



CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE

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Signed by:
David Tauscher
Budget Analyst

Signed by:
Chadwick Hawkins
Comptroller

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

Number: 11
Contract: BLDG-2025-052
Award date: 10/2/25
EDF # 25-060
Title: Fire Station #3 Renovation
Contractor: Market & Johnson, Inc.

Date: 4/13/26

Said contract between City of La Crosse and Contractor is hereby changed in the following particulars, to wit:

The following specific work is hereby eliminated from such contract:

The following specific work is hereby added to such contract:

Casework Modifications \$1,344.26

By virtue of such changes in the contract, the following revisions shall be made:

Original contract	<u>\$719,359.00</u>
Original contingency	<u>\$107,903.85</u>
Net Previous Change Orders	<u>\$52,122.55</u>
Decrease by elimination (this C.O.)	\$ _____
Increase by addition (this C.O.)	<u>\$1,344.26</u>
Net Deduction or Addition (strike one out)	<u>\$53,425.60</u>
Revised Contract Total	<u>\$772,784.60</u>
Remaining Contingency	<u>\$54,478.25</u>



CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE

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Signed by:

David Tauscher

Budget Analyst

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Proposed policy change regarding sanitation and restroom requirements for special events held in the City of La Crosse.

Current policy

Sanitation. Special events held in parks, in open spaces or other public way may require portable restrooms and wash stations. The number of toilet facilities is based on capacity as required by Chapter 29 of the International Building Code. Contact the Building & Inspections Department at 608-789-7530.

With the current policy, events are required to provide 1 toilet for every 75 participants.

Proposed policy

Sanitation and Restroom Facilities. Event organizers must ensure that sufficient restroom and handwashing facilities are provided, including ADA-accessible options for events open to the public. The total number of required toilets may be satisfied through a combination of private or public restrooms and portable units. If private restrooms are used to meet these requirements, the following conditions apply: (1) The property owner must provide a written agreement stating that the restrooms will be available to the public at no cost for the full duration of the event, and a copy of this agreement must be submitted to the City. (2) The restrooms must be located within 200 feet of the event boundaries. (3) Clear signage must be posted indicating the location of the restrooms. The number of required facilities is based on estimated peak attendance, at a ratio of one toilet per 75 attendees. However, events lasting less than four hours that do not charge admission and do not serve alcohol must provide a minimum of two toilets for crowds of up to 500 people. Events with peak attendance exceeding 500 must meet the 1:75 ratio.

The proposed policy will require a 1:75 except smaller events that do not charge admission or serve alcohol must provide a minimum of two toilets for attendance up to 500. Any event over 500 must meet the 1:75 ratio.

The proposed policy provides a reasonable balance—allowing flexibility for smaller events while ensuring adequate facilities are available for participants.

In developing this policy, consideration was given to the wide range of events hosted within the City, along with policies from other municipalities and general sanitation standards.



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Memorandum

To: Board of Public Works

From: Jenna Dinkel, Associate Planner

Date: April 20, 2026

Re: Green Bay Street Bicycle Accommodations

Below is a summary of the public input that was gathered as it relates to the above-mentioned topic.

Green Bay Street has been partially reconstructed using STP-Urban funds from 14th Street-Losey Boulevard. Since then, the City Council adopted the 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan which recommended protected bicycle facilities on Green Bay Street due to the proximity to a number of destinations, including but not limited to, Central High School, Festival Foods and shopping center, and Gundersen Hospital. With the upcoming reconstruction of 9th-14th in 2028, the Engineering Department asked Planning Staff to assist with gathering neighborhood input to present to the Board of Public Works for a design recommendation.

This topic first went to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee in November 2025. The Committee unanimously recommended protected bike lanes be pursued from West Avenue to 14th as part of the 9th-14th Street Reconstruction. The Committee also unanimously recommended a future capital request be made for Green Bay Street protected facilities on the rest of the corridor.

Since then, Planning Staff with the assistance of Engineering Staff, coordinated public input. Staff created a webpage with information regarding possible accommodations and further information. There was also a survey created for residents who could not attend the public involvement meeting or wanted to fill out the survey online during the meeting. The public involvement meeting was scheduled and took place on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, with a postcard sent to all property owners and residents on Green Bay Street from 9th-Losey. There was also a press release sent out with this information. The format and information gathered at this meeting is further outlined below.

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The public involvement meeting on February 24th had approximately 47 people in attendance. The public involvement meeting went from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Staff provided an informative presentation at 5:30 pm for those in attendance and offered time for questions. Staff recommended everyone fill out the comment cards to make sure their voices and opinions were thoroughly heard. During the time for questions, at the end of the presentation, there was a mix of opinions and feedback. There was a suggestion to switch the bike lane and parking lane on the on-street alternative. Another suggestion that came up multiple times was to include Redfield Street as an alternative for bikes instead of Green Bay Street. Some in attendance were supportive of bike infrastructure but stated Green Bay Street would not be a safe street to bike on. Some business owners were concerned about where their staff were going to park. They stated they don't want to try to buy up land or property to convert into surface parking. Overall, there seemed to be a split opinion of those who supported and opposed bicycle infrastructure among those who attended the public involvement meeting. From the 25 comment cards filled out, 10 were in favor of keeping the current conditions, 6 were in the middle on all alternatives, and 8 were in favor of bicycle infrastructure. Of the bicycle infrastructure options, Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 were ranked the highest.

Staff left the survey open for two additional weeks after the public involvement meeting. There were 305 survey responses. Staff has summarized the survey results below.

Of those who filled out the online survey, 87% lived in the City of La Crosse. While a majority of survey responses were from those who use Green Bay as a primary or secondary route of transportation, there were approximately 18% who live on, own property or a business, or work on Green Bay that submitted responses. Of those responses, 11% of them felt positively toward bicycle infrastructure on Green Bay Street.

As for total survey results, current conditions was the most favored alternative. Of all alternatives with bicycle infrastructure, Alternative 1 (raised, protected bicycle facilities) was the most favored alternative. Alternative 2 (street-level bicycle facilities) was the least favored alternative. Total survey results are summarized below:

- 66% of respondents felt positively (rating of 7 or greater) toward **Current Conditions**
- 30% of respondents felt positively (rating of 7 or greater) toward **Alternative One**
- 8% of respondents felt positively (rating of 7 or greater) toward **Alternative Two**

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- 19% of respondents felt positively (rating of 7 or greater) toward **Alternative Three**
- 25% of respondents felt positively (rating of 7 or greater) toward **Alternative Four**

Notable comments from the online survey for those not in favor of bicycle infrastructure noted concern bike lanes would cause traffic issues, suggestions for creating bike routes on less traveled streets and corridors, and concern with removal of parking. Notable comments from the online survey for those in favor of bicycle infrastructure noted the need for protected facilities for user safety, concern with safety if on-street facilities were implemented, suggestions for creating bike routes on less traveled streets and corridors, desire for Green Bay Street to be a multi-modal corridor, concern over disjointed design from 9th to West Ave.

Staff also attached the survey response overview. Questions three through eight use a net promoter score of -100 to 100. Since the survey questions asked respondents to rank their choice from 0 (least favored) to 10 (most favored) the net promoter score is calculated by subtracting the percentage of detractors from the percentage of promoters. Net Promoter Scores fall into the following categories and was automatically generated by the survey software. With the assumption ranking an alternative 7 or greater meant the respondent felt positively, staff provided the results this way in the memorandum above.

1. Promoters (9-10)
2. Passives (7-8)
3. Detractors (0-6)

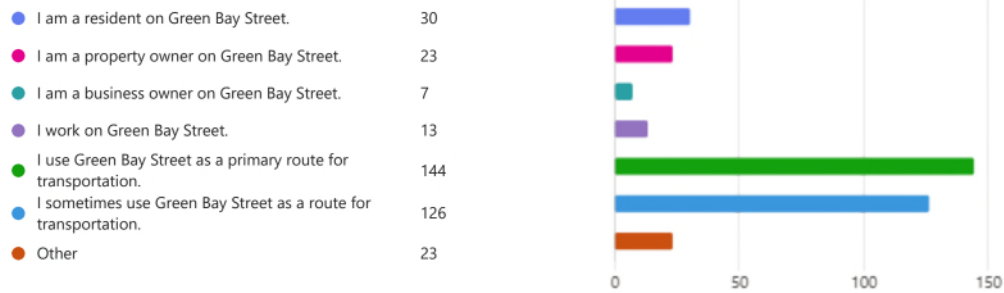
Responses Overview Active

Responses 305 	Average Time 06:40 	Duration 69 Days 
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1. Do you live in the City of La Crosse?



2. What is your relationship to Green Bay Street?

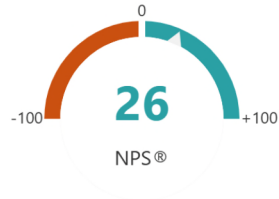


3. If improved bicycle facilities were implemented on Green Bay Street, how likely are you to use them?



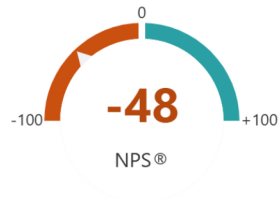
4. How likely are you to support keeping the current conditions (see image below) for Green Bay Street?

Promoters	181
Passives	19
Detractors	101



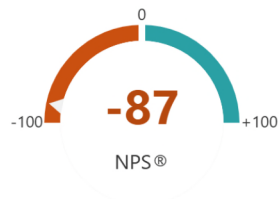
5. How likely are you to support alternative 1 (the below image) as an option for Green Bay Street?

Promoters	65
Passives	26
Detractors	208



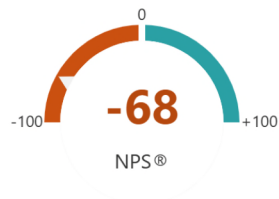
6. How likely are you to support alternative 2 (the below image) as an option for Green Bay Street?

Promoters	13
Passives	13
Detractors	274



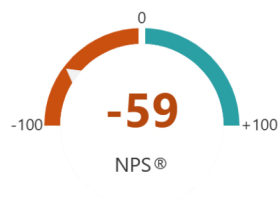
7. How likely are you to support alternative 3 (the below image) as an option for Green Bay Street?

Promoters	39
Passives	19
Detractors	242



8. How likely are you to support alternative 4 (the below image) as an option for Green Bay Street?

Promoters	48
Passives	28
Detractors	223



9. Please provide additional comments below.

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Responses

Latest Responses

"Not sure why the City is so hyped on bike lanes.Go down to second street. No bik..."

"As a biker rider I do not approve of using major thoroughfares for bike lanes. Imp..."

"Because the parking is underutilized, the driving lanes feel wider than they are, w..."

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Green Bay Street Bicycle Accommodations

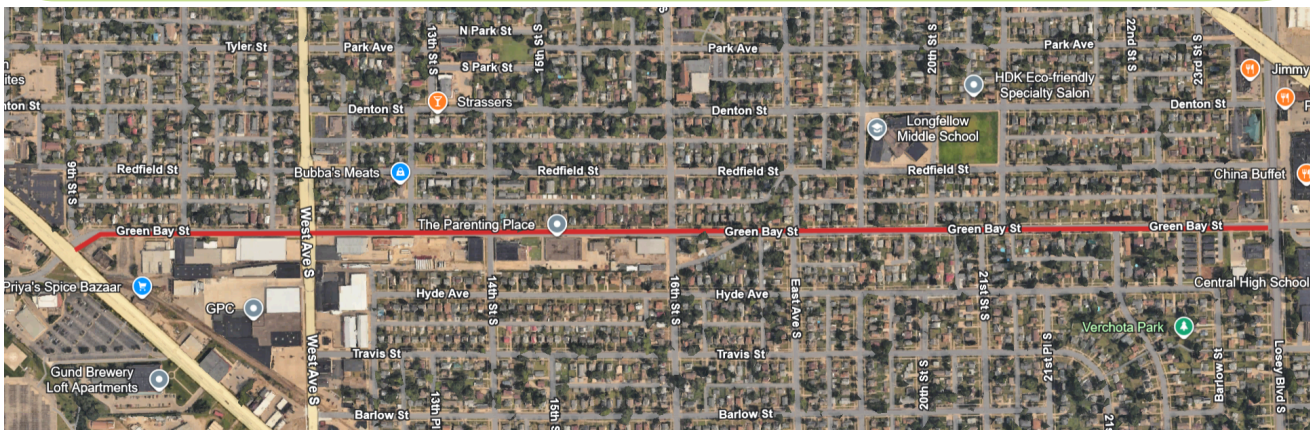
Green Bay Street
9th Street - Losey Boulevard

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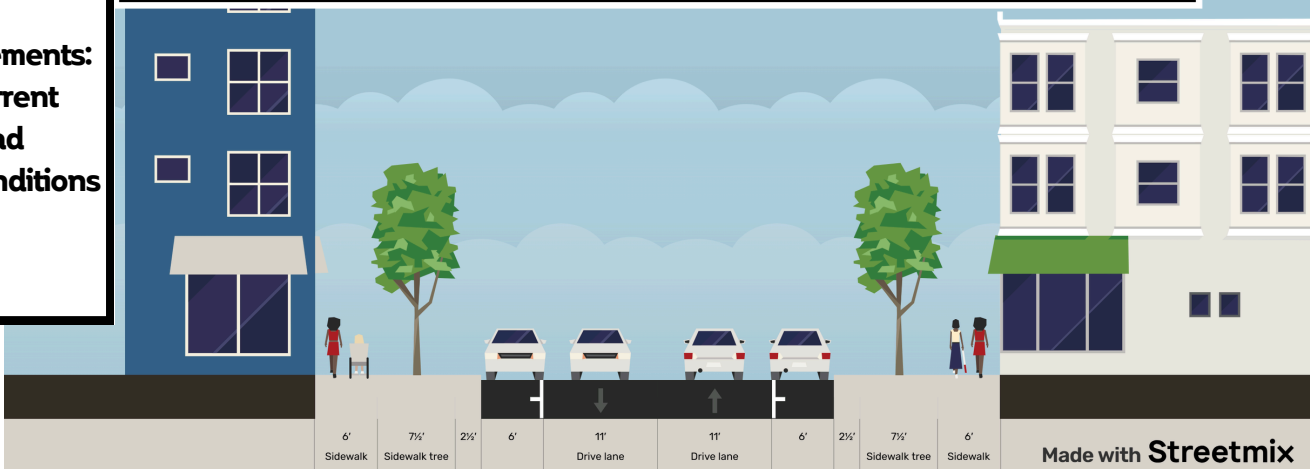
The City of La Crosse is redesigning Green Bay Street and is currently working on design for 9th-14th Street. The City is seeking input to inform design and bicycle accommodations on the rest of the corridor.



Green Bay Street - Current Conditions

Key Elements:

- Current Road Conditions



Questions: Contact Jackson Overby at 608-739-7365 or Jenna Dinkel at 608-789-8676

Green Bay Street Bicycle Accommodations

Green Bay Street
9th Street - Losey Boulevard



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Current Street Conditions

- No bicycle facilities
- Parking on both sides of street
- Two driving lanes

Possible Street Improvements

- Bicycle facilities - protected or on street
- Removal of one or both sides of parking

Key Elements:

- Raised Protected Bicycle Facilities
- Removal of one side of parking
- Only available from West Ave-Losey Blvd

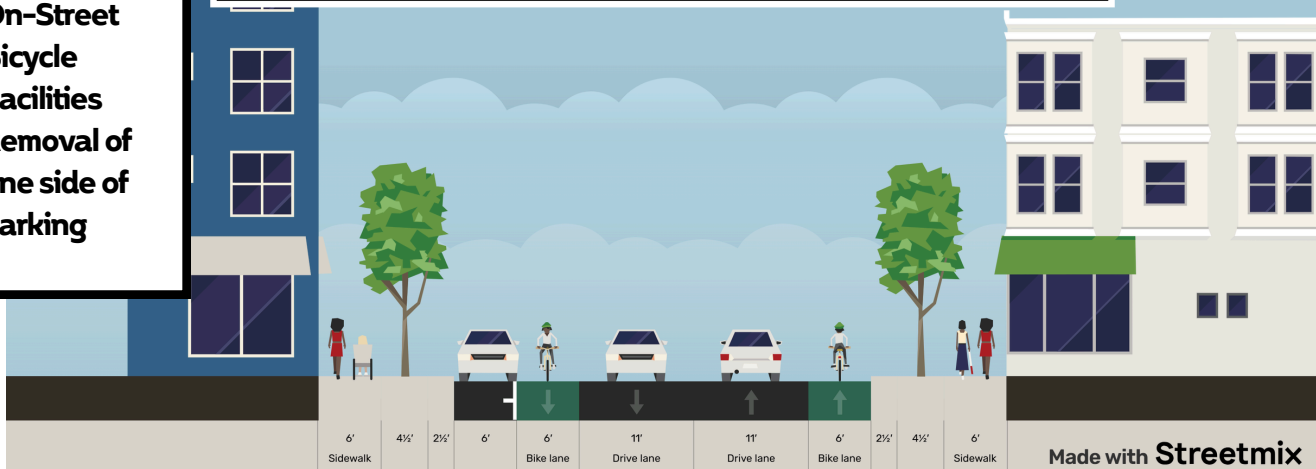
Green Bay Street Alternative 1



Key Elements:

- On-Street Bicycle Facilities
- Removal of one side of parking

Green Bay Street Alternative 2



Questions: Contact Jackson Overby at 608-739-7365 or Jenna Dinkel at 608-789-8676

Green Bay Street Bicycle Accommodations

Green Bay Street
9th Street - Losey Boulevard



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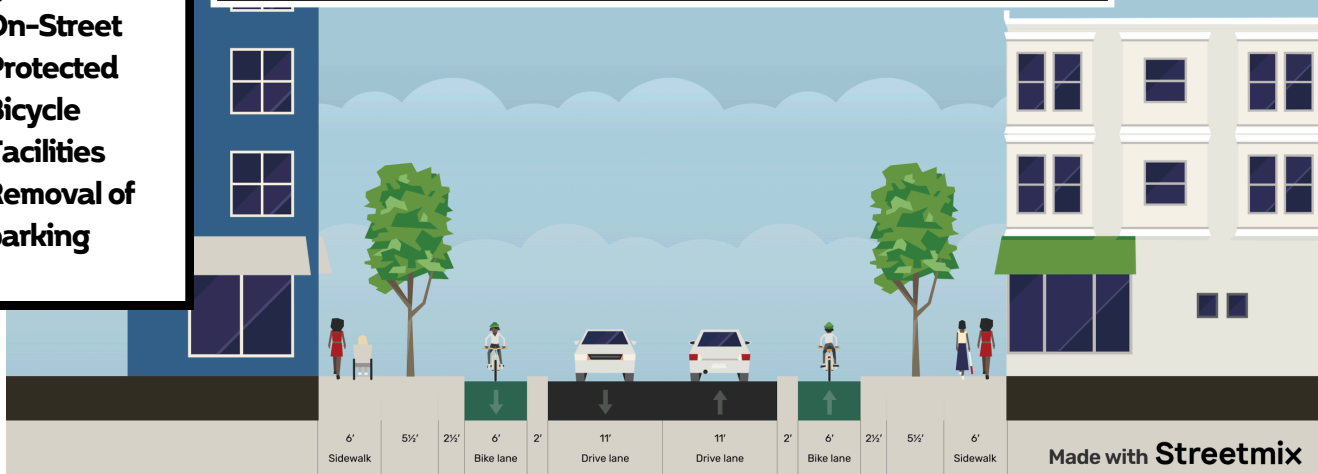
Current Parking Conditions

- 337 Parking spots available along the corridor
- At its busiest, parking is 24% full
- Parking Study Results available on city website

Green Bay Street Alternative 3

Key Elements:

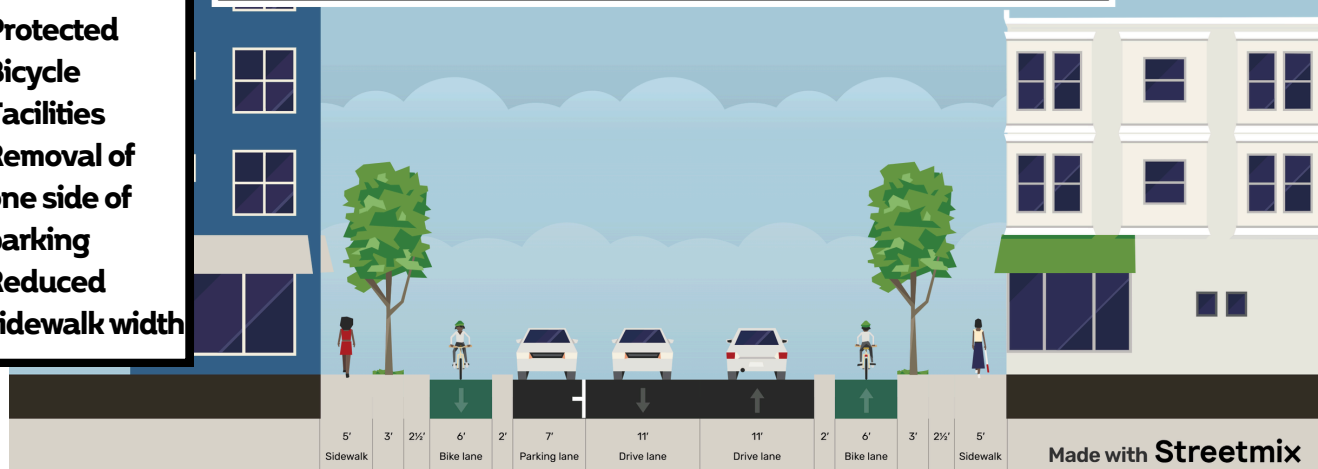
- On-Street Protected Bicycle Facilities
- Removal of parking



Green Bay Street Alternative 4

Key Elements:

- On-Street Protected Bicycle Facilities
- Removal of one side of parking
- Reduced sidewalk width



Questions: Contact Jackson Overby at 608-739-7365 or Jenna Dinkel at 608-789-8676

Green Bay Street Parking Count

	9th - 10th	10th - West	West - 13th	13th - 14th	14th - 16th	16th - East Ave	East - 19th	19th - 20th	20th - 21st	21st - 22nd	22nd - Losey
1/9/2026 17:53											
Parked Cars (North)	6%	17%	15%	0%	13%	10%	0%	0%	17%	13%	0%
Parked Cars (South)	0%	11%	0%	0%	7%	0%	9%	11%	0%	12%	0%
1/12/2026 10:13											
Parked Cars (North)	44%	61%	15%	19%	26%	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	86%
Parked Cars (South)	100%	68%	22%	71%	30%	0%	0%	11%	0%	0%	0%
1/14/2026 16:49											
Parked Cars (North)	17%	17%	15%	6%	13%	5%	11%	0%	0%	7%	14%
Parked Cars (South)	50%	42%	6%	43%	0%	0%	0%	11%	0%	0%	20%
1/16/2026 8:31											
Parked Cars (North)	22%	61%	15%	13%	8%	5%	0%	0%	0%	10%	29%
Parked Cars (South)	75%	79%	17%	57%	19%	0%	0%	0%	25%	0%	0%
1/20/2026 19:03											
Parked Cars (North)	11%	11%	31%	0%	15%	10%	0%	0%	8%	10%	29%
Parked Cars (South)	0%	5%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%
1/21/2026 9:21											
Parked Cars (North)	44%	78%	8%	6%	18%	0%	0%	0%	8%	7%	57%
Parked Cars (South)	125%	100%	28%	43%	19%	0%	0%	0%	25%	0%	0%
1/22/2026 12:48											
Parked Cars (North)	22%	67%	8%	13%	10%	10%	0%	0%	0%	13%	86%
Parked Cars (South)	100%	84%	39%	57%	15%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1/23/2026 11:49											
Parked Cars (North)	11%	61%	23%	0%	13%	0%	11%	0%	0%	10%	0%
Parked Cars (South)	75%	58%	17%	0%	7%	6%	0%	0%	0%	4%	20%
1/26/2026 14:41											
Parked Cars (North)	56%	61%	8%	6%	15%	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%	86%
Parked Cars (South)	75%	63%	11%	71%	4%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1/27/2026 14:12											
Parked Cars (North)	33%	72%	15%	13%	8%	5%	0%	0%	0%	20%	86%
Parked Cars (South)	75%	74%	17%	57%	15%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%

Green Bay Street Bicycle Accommodations

Jackson Overby

Engineer

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Jenna Dinkel

Associate Planner

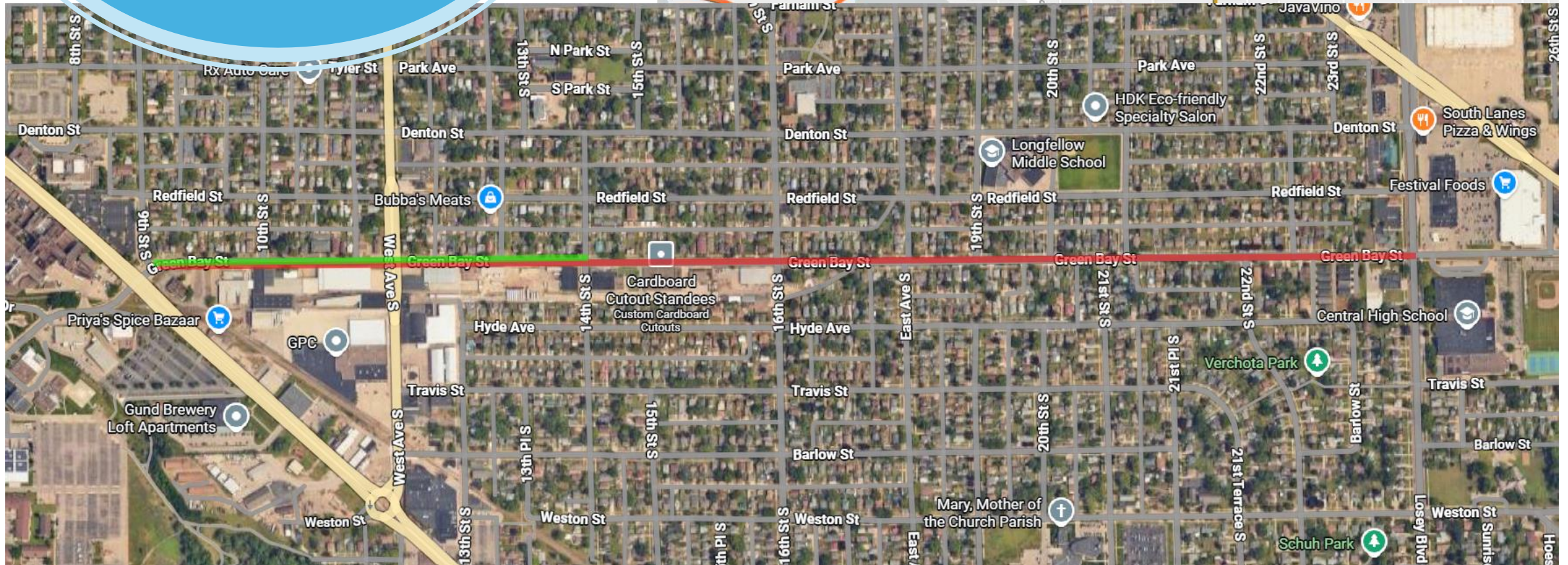
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Housekeeping

- We will offer time for questions after the presentation
- Presentation will last 15-30 minutes
- If your questions are unanswered, please email overbyj@cityoflacrosse.org or dinkelj@cityoflacrosse.org
- Filling out comment cards is the best way to provide and record input
- Respect each other and staff

Scope of Project



Purpose

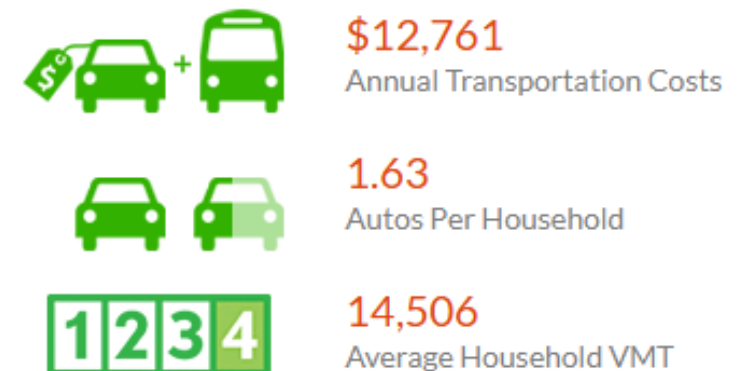
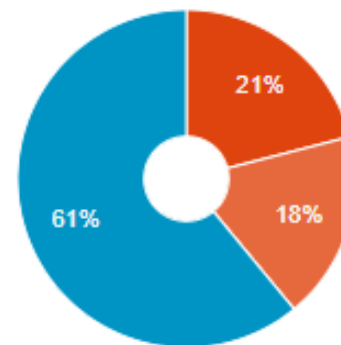
- Currently working on design for reconstruction on 9th-14th
- Seeking input to inform design
- 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan calls for bicycle facilities due to proximity to
 - Central High School
 - Festival Foods
 - Gundersen
 - Other community amenities



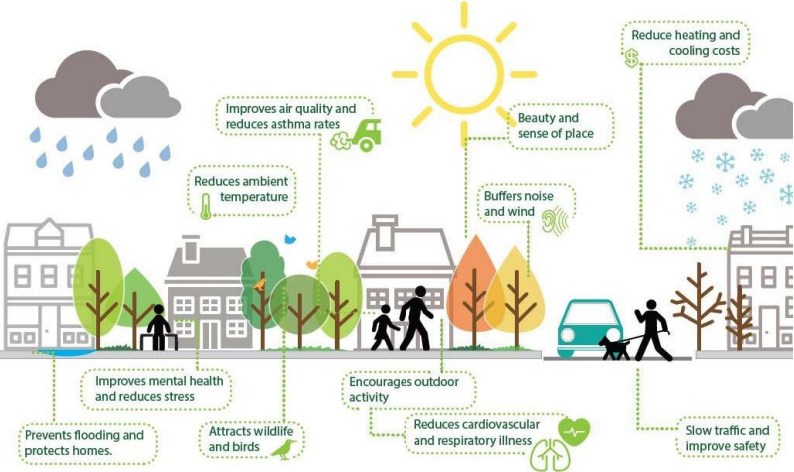
Why Bike Lanes?



- Housing
- Transportation
- Remaining Income



Plans and Policies



City of La Crosse
Safe Routes to School Plan » 2020



February 2021



Crashes

- 11 Bike/Ped Crashes in past 10 years
- Over 90 crashes on corridor in past 10 years
- Bicycle lanes provide opportunity to reduce conflict among all road users and can reduce total crashes up to 30%

Process



Larger Engagement effort – Planning Documents



Parking Study



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee



Stakeholder Engagement



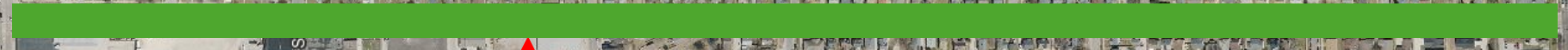
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Parking

- 337 Parking Spots on Corridor
- At its busiest parking was 24% full
- 10th to West is busiest section
 - Northern Section 60-70% full seven out of ten times
 - Southern Section greater than 50% full seven out of ten times
- Southern section of 9th-10th
 - Full three times, 50% full or greater five times
- 14th-22nd never greater 50% full

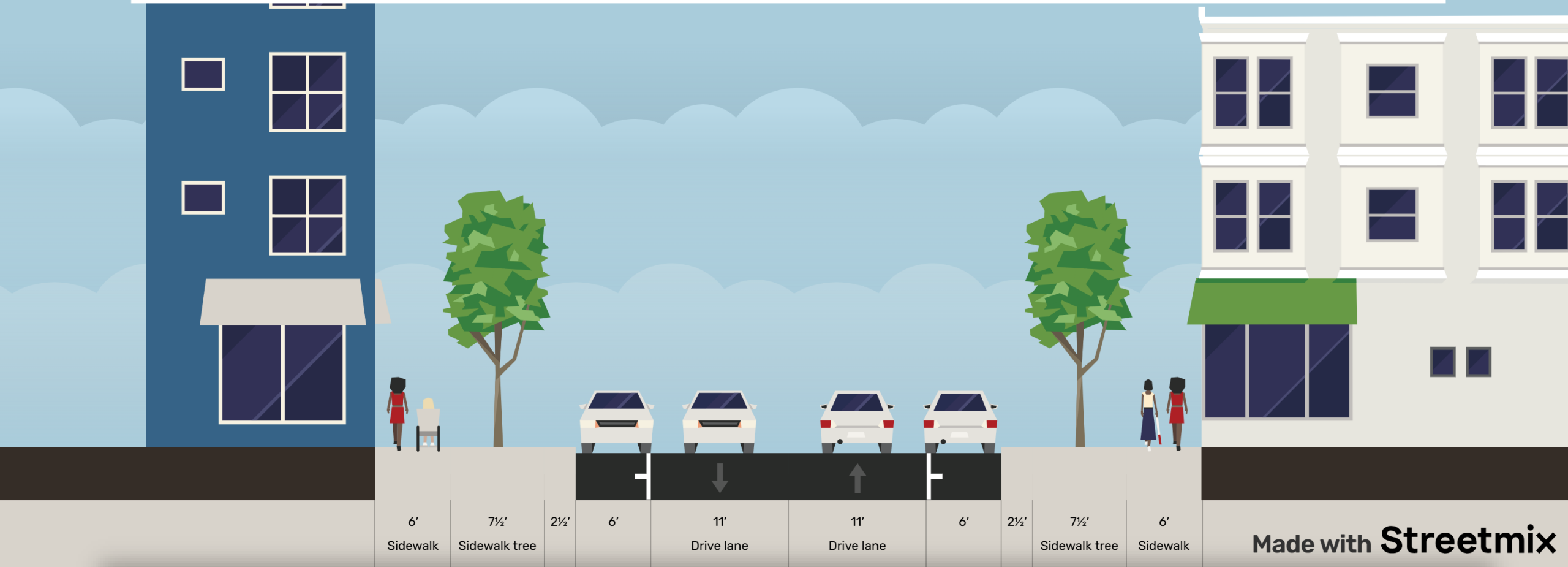
Alternative 2 or
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All Alternatives for
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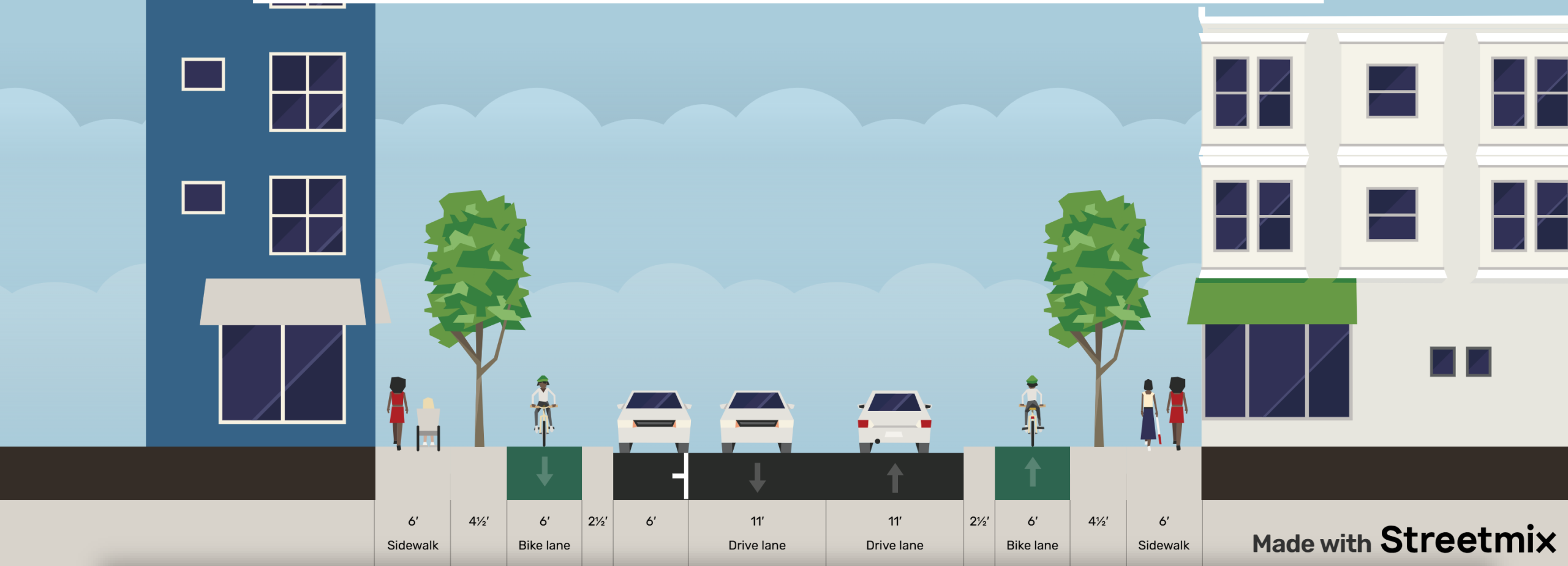


Green Bay Street - Current Conditions



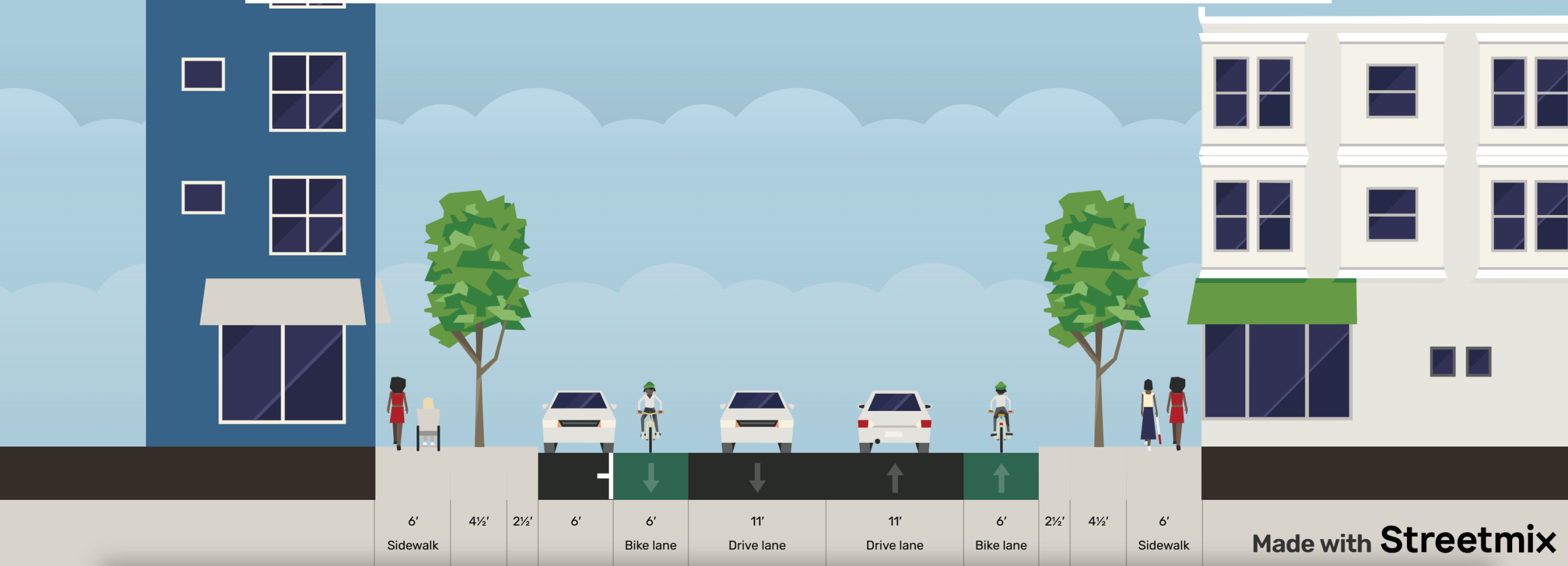
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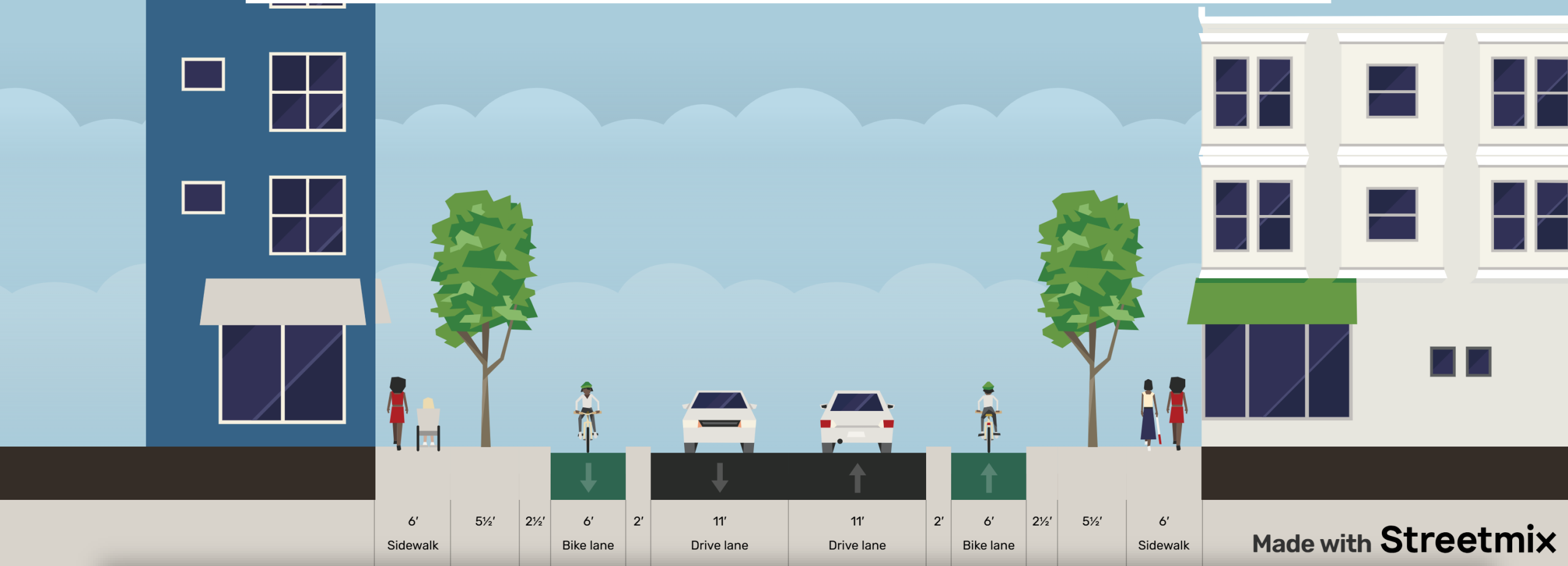
Alternative 1 – Protected, Raised

Green Bay Street Alternative 2



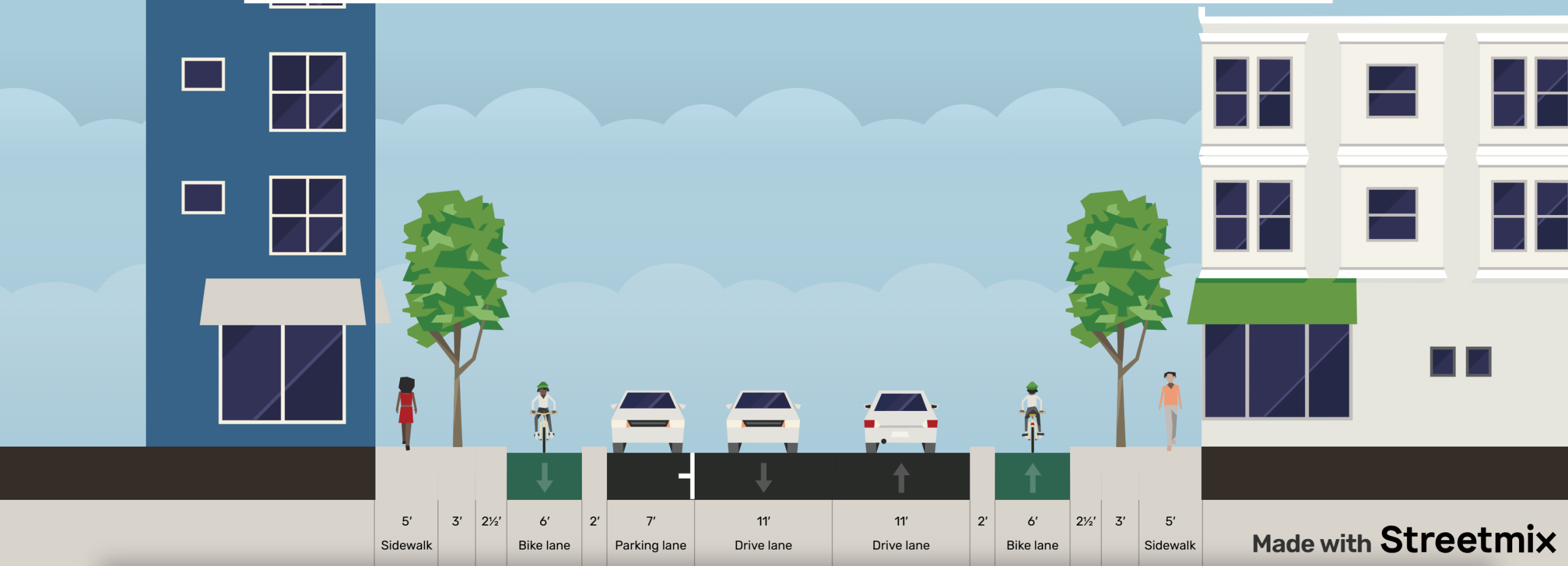
Alternative 2 – Unprotected, On Street

Green Bay Street Alternative 3



Alternative 3 – Protected, on Street, No Parking

Green Bay Street Alternative 4



Alternative 4 – Protected, on Street, with Parking

Questions?

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Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2026 7:46 PM
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Subject: Green Bay Street bike infrastructure (26-0438)
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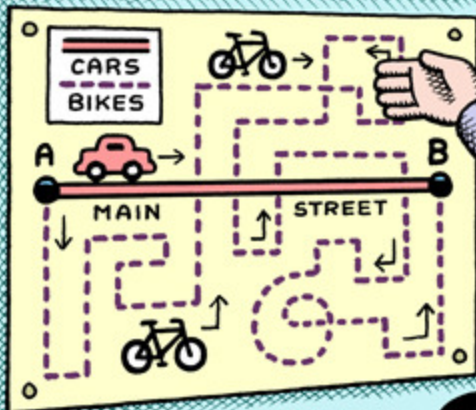
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Subject: City Council Contact Form: Support protect bike lanes (on Green Bay Street)
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Submitted on: 4/19/2026

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Email Address: cvanmaren@protonmail.com

Is this related to a legislative agenda item: Yes

Agenda item number: 26-0438

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Award date: 10/2/25
EDF # 25-060
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Contractor: Market & Johnson, Inc.

Date: 4/13/26

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Casework Modifications \$1,344.26

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Decrease by elimination (this C.O.)	\$ _____
Increase by addition (this C.O.)	<u>\$1,344.26</u>
Net Deduction or Addition (strike one out)	<u>\$53,425.60</u>
Revised Contract Total	<u>\$772,784.60</u>
Remaining Contingency	<u>\$54,478.25</u>



CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Finance Department hereby certifies sufficient funds are in the treasury to meet the expense thereof, or that provision has been made to pay the liability that will accrue thereunder. (Wisc. State Stats. § 62.15 (12); 62.09 (10)(f))

Signed by:

David Tauscher

Budget Analyst

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Chadwick Hawkins

Comptroller

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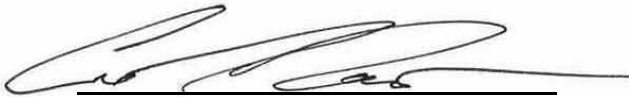
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The following specific work is hereby added to such contract:

Install temporary light fixtures \$958.79

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Remaining Contingency		<u>\$55,822.51</u>



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CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

Number: 15
 Contract: BLDG-2025-019
 Award date: 12/16/2025
 EDF #: 25-056
 Title: La Crosse Public Library Interior Renovation
 Contractor: Market & Johnson

Date: 4/8/2026

Said contract between City of La Crosse and Contractor is hereby changed in the following particulars, to wit:

The following specific work is hereby eliminated from such contract:

- N/A

The following specific work is hereby added to such contract:

- Proposal 30 – 2nd Floor HVAC Changes (1 LS @ \$13,815.38)

By virtue of such changes in the contract, the following revisions shall be made:

Original contract		\$ 1,693,500.00
Original contingency		\$ 254,025.00
Net Previous Change Orders		\$ 156,422.60
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Increase by addition (this C.O.)	\$ 13,815.38	
Net Deduction or Addition (strike one out)		\$ 13,815.38
Revised Contract Total		\$ 1,863,737.98
Remaining Contingency		\$ 83,787.02



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