

TO: Park & Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
Chris Fortsch, Administrative Assistant
Jon Steffes, Summer Recreation Director
DATE: September 13, 2023
RE: Meeting Notice
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
5:30 p.m., Wieser Park Pavilion at Wieser Park
1811 County Road #6, La Crescent

AGENDA

1. Consideration of meeting minutes – July 17, 2023.
2. Review location for proposed new dog park. Work has been stopped at the location adjacent to South 7th Street, and the City Council has requested that the Park & Recreation Commission evaluate other potential sites and bring back a recommendation to a future City Council meeting. We are currently preparing a map of a location adjacent to Stoney Point Road and North 1st Street. We intend to place this item on the agenda for the October 30, 2023 Park & Recreation Commission meeting, and provide notice to adjacent land owners of the meeting along with a map of the proposed site.
3. Review improvement project at Wieser Park. Flyer from the open house/ribbon cutting event is included. Discuss future planned improvements, including reconstruction of the existing parking lot, construction of additional pickleball courts, installation of a splash pad, and replacement of the existing playground equipment.
4. Information will be provided at the meeting on reservations for the new pavilion at Wieser Park.
5. Review the 2023 summer recreation season and discuss the 2024 summer recreation season.
6. Review the updated draft of a City ordinance for Parks, Playgrounds, and Public Grounds. A copy of the updated ordinance is included.
7. Information is included on the solar projects that the City is currently working on at various park facilities. These include the Community Ice Arena, the Aquatic Center, Pine Creek Golf Course, and the Wieser Park Pavilion.
8. An update will be provided at the meeting on the ADA access audit and transition plan.
9. Information is included on the funds raised for the Blue Lake canoe/kayak dock project.
10. Information is included on proposed improvements by Winona County at the Apple Blossom Overlook Park.

11. Information is included on the 4th phase of the Wagon Wheel Improvement Project. This is a City of La Crosse project.
12. Information is included on a new Minnesota law regarding bicyclists and rolling through stop signs.
13. Additional discussion items.
14. Adjournment.

Please call either Chris or Bill at 895-2595, or e-mail us at cfortsch@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov or bwaller@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov, if you will not be able to attend, have questions, or need more information. Thank you.

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Park and Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: July 19, 2023
RE: Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 17, 2023, in the Wieser Park Pavilion at Wieser Park. The following members were present: Jon Steffes, Paul McLellan, Maseray Bangura, Patti Martell, Marge Loch-Wouters, and Diana Adamski. Commission member Sarah Wetterlin was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Chris Fortsch, and Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. The Commission reviewed the Wieser Park Improvement Project, including the new pavilion, the new pickle ball courts, and the new parking lot and corresponding stormwater improvements.
3. The Commission reviewed the proposed rental fees for the new park pavilion and a reservation form. It was the consensus of the Commission to recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed rental fees for the Wieser Park Pavilion.
4. The Commission reviewed the updated draft of a City ordinance for Parks, Playgrounds, and Public Grounds. It was agreed that the proposed ordinance would be revised to address cannabis, vaping, and smoking at City parks, and that a revised draft ordinance will be presented at the next Commission meeting.
5. It was the consensus of the Commission that the 2024 general fund budget include \$14,000 for the estimated cost of software to provide on-line activity registration, facility scheduling, and membership management.
6. The Commission was updated on the project to install Wi-Fi at Abnet Field, Old Hickory Park and Wieser Park, and the installation of cameras at the Aquatic Center and the Wieser Park Pavilion.
7. The Commission reviewed the trail maintenance meeting notes and the meeting minutes from the May 9, 2023 Natural Resource Advisory Group meeting.
8. It was the consensus of the Commission to proceed with the addition of a minor trail extension at Eagles Bluff Park as part of the map the experience project. It was suggested that the old Boy Scout Trail at Eagles Bluff Park be eliminated due to the steepness of the trail and on-going erosion. This item will be included on the agenda for the September Commission meeting.
9. An update was provided at the meeting on both the dog park and the Blue Lake canoe/kayak dock projects.
10. It was agreed that the next Park & Recreation Commission meeting would be September 20, 2023 and October 30, 2023.
11. There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:02 pm.

Wieser Park Pavilion and Pickleball Courts Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



September 12, 2023

**Open House 5:00-7:00 PM
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 5:30 PM**

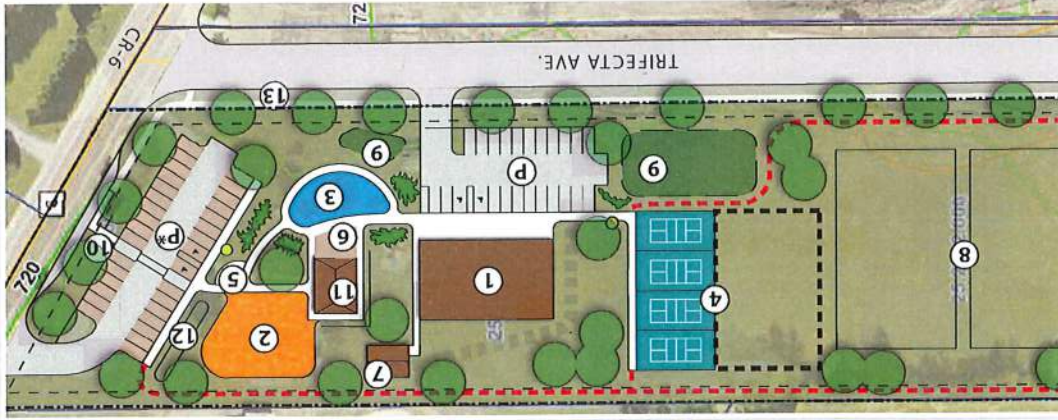
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WIESER PARK CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN

- ① Pavilion
- ② Playground
- ③ Splash Pad
- ④ Pickleball Courts (4)
(possible expansion South)
- ⑤ Monument
- ⑥ Plaza/Seating Area
- ⑦ Storage/Equipment Building
- ⑧ Multi-Use Open Space
- ⑨ Stormwater/Rain Garden
- ⑩ Park Sign/Monument
- ⑪ Existing Open Shelter
- ⑫ Berm
- ⑬ Possible Transit Stop
(confirm location)
- Landscaping
- Trees
- Walking Trail
- Bike Racks
- Parking
- Parking - Possible Permeable Pavement



Thank you for supporting this
wonderful amenity in our community!

Program

Introductions:

Mike Poellinger, Mayor of La Crescent

Thank You/Special Recognition:

- Wieser Brothers General Contractor, Inc.
- Al's Concrete Products, Inc.
- Zenke, Inc.
- Wieser Family
- 30+ additional local contractors and suppliers – donated labor and materials
- 60+ private donors that contributed \$586,000+ in cash donations
- La Crescent City Council Members
 - Ryan Hutchinson
 - Cheryl Jostad
 - Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner
 - Dale Williams

La Crescent Park & Recreation Commission Members

- Diana Adamski
- Maseray Bangura
- Marge Loch-Wouters
- Patti Martell
- Paul McLellan
- Jon Steffes
- Sarah Wetterlin
- City of La Crescent Staff
- WHKS – Project Engineer

Speaker:

- Brian Wieser, Vice President,
Wieser Brothers General Contractor, Inc.

Ribbon Cutting:

- Brian Meeter, Executive Director,
La Crescent Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

Closing Comments:

Mike Poellinger, Mayor of La Crescent

Wieser Park

History

1995

Wieser Park, a 5.9 acre recreation area, is donated to La Crescent Township.

2021

La Crescent Township gifts Wieser Park to the City of La Crescent.

2022

The City develops a Conceptual Master Plan to proactively plan for the growth and demand for park and recreational resources within the community.

2022-Present

\$1,049 M in cash, in-kind donations, and City funding is collected for park improvements.

2023

Improvements to the park are opened to the community, including a new park pavilion and three pickleball courts.

Future Plans

Planned future improvements include a splash pad, new playground equipment, and parking lot expansion and reconstruction.

Funding

Construction of New Pavilion and Related Improvements
\$813,000 - Cash and In-Kind Donations

Three New Pickleball Courts
\$60,000 - Cash Donation

New Parking Lot, Grading, and Stormwater Upgrades
\$230,000 - City Funds

(Proceeds from future sale of City property across from the Park)

History and Funding

CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA**ORDINANCE NO. _____****AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW CITY CODE – PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND PUBLIC GROUNDS**

The City Council of the City of La Crescent, Minnesota hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. A new City Code Chapter ____ entitled Parks, Playgrounds, and Public Grounds, is adopted as follows:

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND PUBLIC GROUNDS**APPLICATION.**

This Section shall apply to all parks, playgrounds and public grounds owned by or otherwise under the control of the city council within the municipal boundaries of the city, irrespective of whether or not any such lands are open to the unsolicited use thereof by city residents or other persons.

HOURS OF USE.

- (A) Unless otherwise posted, no person shall be present in or located upon any park, playground or other public ground, including parking areas appurtenant thereto, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. without the express written approval of the city council; provided, that this section shall not apply to persons who, without delay, are traveling through such parks, playgrounds, or public grounds upon established walks, paths and streets.

USES PROHIBITED.

- (A) No person not an employee of the city shall pick or cut any wild or cultivated flower or cut, break or in any way injure or deface any tree, shrub or plant or otherwise disturb or disrupt the soil or grounds of such public areas unless prior approval is obtained from the city.
- (B) No person not an employee of the city shall plant any wild, cultivated or exotic tree, shrub or plant.
- (C) No person shall kill, pursue, injure, molest, disturb or have in possession any species of wildlife including birds, waterfowl or other animals found within the confines of the park.
- (D) No person shall operate a motorized or electrified vehicle in any city park or trail, except on designated roadways and parking lots.

- (E) No person shall start any fire in any such public area.
- (F) No person shall tamper with, climb, deface, destroy, disturb, damage or remove any part of any park building, sign, light, table, grill, shelter, equipment or other property found therein.
- (G) No person shall disregard or fail to comply with any posted regulations, directional signs, barriers or other control devices located within any city park or public ground.
- (H) No person shall deposit, allow to accumulate or dispose of any inorganic waste in or upon a stated public area, except to place same in garbage receptacles provided therefor.
- (I) No person shall engage in boisterous, disruptive behavior, or excessively loud music or noise within or upon any stated public area or otherwise conduct himself so as to unreasonably disturb or aggravate another person or persons.
- (J) No person shall erect or place in any or upon any stated public area a tent, camping equipment or other temporarily located structure, nor shall any person leave any vehicle or movable structure which could be used for the purpose of overnight camping unless approved by the La Crescent City Council. No staking is allowed of said structures without written approval from the city.
- (K) No person shall place or erect any sign or advertisement on any park land, trees, structures or equipment located therein without prior approval of the City.
- (L) No person shall cast, deposit, throw, damage, lay, place or scatter upon any of the stated public areas, or in or upon any water located therein or adjacent thereto, any cigars, cigarettes, glass, bottles, nails, tacks, wire, crockery, cans or any other refuse matter. No person shall have in his possession any glass or other objects easily fragmented in or upon any water located within the park.
- (M) No person shall possess, consume or otherwise provide to others any controlled substance in any park, playground or public ground.
- (N) All dogs while within any park shall be on a leash and the person in control of the dog shall have in possession tools or equipment suitable for the sanitary pick-up, removal and disposal of all dog fecal matter.
- (O) No person shall possess, ride, or drive a horse in any park, playground, or public ground.
- (P) No person shall utilize any park, playground, or public ground for a for-profit enterprise unless in conjunction with a City approved event.
- (Q) Hunting with the use of a weapon is not permitted, and deer stands are not allowed to be installed on City property.
- (R) No person shall sell liquor in any park or public ground owned by or otherwise under control of the City unless in compliance with City of La Crescent Ordinance No. 543.
- (S) No person shall use cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products in a public place in compliance with City of La Crescent Ordinance No. 572.
- (R)(T) No person shall use any form of tobacco at or on any public grounds owned by the City of La Crescent.

VIOLATION; PENALTY.

- (A) Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (B) Any person violating any of the provisions of this article may be expelled or ejected at such time from a park at the discretion of a law enforcement officer.

SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

The City may establish hours of operation or other rules or regulations regarding specific parks by future action of the City Council.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

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Solar Energy Design and Installation

1. Overview of Principal Elements

This proposal is for four turnkey projects including the full cost of designing, installing, and providing ongoing warranty support for solar arrays at the Aquatic Center, Hockey Arena, Wieser Park Pavilion, and Pine Creek Golf Course. The project sites have been visited and they appear to be viable candidates for the proposed systems. One point to mention is that our proposal does not include any structural or utility modifications in the unlikely event that any are deemed necessary. Our proposal does include hiring a structural engineer to fully validate the facilities, but if deficiencies are discovered we will not be obligated to modify the buildings to increase structural capacity. Likewise, if Xcel requires upgrades for interconnection, those costs would be unknown until after their facilities studies are complete and are not factored into our proposal. Just to be clear, those items would not be factored into any competing proposals either.

As was the case back in October, we can and have provided PPA's and other third-party ownership options in the past. We are again not recommending them in this case because with the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, the best overall value for La Crescent is through direct ownership. This allows the city to receive the full value of the production from the solar arrays, plus all the federal and utility incentives. A straightforward way to accomplish this is through PACE financing. PACE is the Property Assessed Clean Energy program that is run by the St. Paul Port Authority, and SPIRE is a preferred lender that works with the Port to finance PACE loans with no upfront money required. More details on this will follow in the "Cost Summary" section.

We would also like to point out that Solar Connection is a full service electrical, general, and solar contractor. As such we do not anticipate any subcontractors for this work.

2. Design Layout & Details for the Hockey Arena; 520 South 14th Street



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Rochester, MN 55901
507.292.8400
MN General Contractors License # BC638967

www.solarconnectioninc.com

Wisconsin
920 10th Avenue North
Onalaska, WI 54650
608.781.4683
WI Electrical Contractors License #1530316

- Modules: (492) 580-watt Trina Vertex Bifacial Dual Glass Monocrystalline Modules
- Inverters: (4) SMA SUNNY TRIPOWER CORE1 480V inverters; 3x 50 kW, 1 x 62 kW
- kW DC: 285.36
- kW AC: 212.0
- Racking: Sollega ballasted FastRack 510; 10° tilt, facing directly south.

The new white membrane roof on the hockey arena is an ideal candidate for bifacial modules. The 580W Trina modules will enhance production by capturing the reflected light off the white roof onto the back side of the panels. The Sollega ballasted system will allow us to secure the array without making any penetrations into the roof surface. The system is designed to maximize array power per square foot of space, and to minimize ballast requirements, keeping the PSF as low as possible. The intended interconnection point would be the CT panel at the electrical service on the north side of the building in the fenced area by the transformer. We would plan to mount the inverters on the roof, adjacent to the solar array.

3. Product/Technology Descriptions for the Hockey Arena (also see attached spec sheets):

580W Trina Vertex Bifacial Dual Glass Monocrystalline Modules:

Trina is a strong, innovative Tier 1 company. They are industry leading, known for their high efficiency and reliable products. These modules have a max efficiency of 21% and a 30-year linear power output warranty, combined with a 12-year material and workmanship warranty.

SMA SUNNY TRIPOWER CORE1 480V 3 Phase Inverter & Data Manager M:

With headquarters in Germany, SMA has been manufacturing inverters for over 40 years. The Sunny Tripower inverter has industry leading performance and safety features. It has unmatched reliability and will be a great option for the hockey arena. In addition to the inverter, we will include the SMA Data Manager for high-end communications and analytics. The data manager tracks all solar production parameters such as instantaneous output, daily, monthly, and annual production. It also monitors inverter parameters such as AC voltage, AC amps, DC voltage, and DC amps. Finally, it provides a platform for on-line trouble shooting, including notifications.

Sollega FastRack 510; 10-degree tilt ballasted system:

The FastRack 510 has a simple one-piece design. It is very roof friendly with round edges and low point loads. For an extra margin of safety, we would be using TPO slip sheets under the racking to further protect the roof. The product is made in the US and has a 25-year warranty. It has 100% recyclable content.

Rapid Shutdown:

Sollega and SMA have partnered to apply for UL3741 covering the rapid shut down of solar arrays. Normally, each solar module would require its own rapid shut down device adding cost, points of failure, and complexity. The SMA/Sollega listing leads to significant streamlining and savings while still retaining the rapid shutdown safety requirement.

Electrical Components:

All major electrical components such as conduit, wiring, combiner boxes, and disconnects will be chosen to meet NEC requirements, and designed for their specific usage. Components located outdoors will be appropriately rated for their location.

4. Design Layout & Details for the Aquatic Center



- Modules: (86) 450-watt VSUN450 all black bifacial monocrystalline
- Inverters: (2) Fronius Symo 10 kW and (1) Symo 12 kW; 208V 3 Phase
- Rapid Shutdown Devices: (43) AP Smart 2:1
- kW DC: 38.7
- kW AC: 32.0
- Racking: Unirac Flush Roof Mount at 18.5°, facing south, east, and west as shown above.

In addition to the south facing roof surfaces, we added panels to both the east and west facing surfaces to maximize the available roof surface. We could discuss modifying the design to only include the south facing surfaces if so desired. The inverters would go on the East outside wall next to the utility room entry door. We propose extending the fence, so this inverter area is separated from the pool by a lockable gate. This is included in our pricing proposal.

5. Product/Technology Descriptions for the Aquatic Center (also see attached spec sheets):

450-watt VSUN450 bifacial monocrystalline:

These modules are different than the modules chosen for the Hockey area for a few reasons. They have a smaller footprint making them a better fit for the hip roof structure of the Aquatic Center and

easier for our crew to install on a pitched roof. They also have a sleek all black design that will look very nice on the asphalt roof. VSUN is a Tier-1 PV manufacturer owned by Fuji Solar.

Fronius Symo 208V 3 Phase Inverter and monitoring:

The transformerless Fronius Symo is an ideal compact three-phase solar inverter for 208V small commercial applications. We have been installing Fronius inverters for over a decade and they are an extremely reliable option.

Data monitor:

Fronius inverters also come with online data monitoring. This includes all relevant solar production parameters such as instantaneous output, daily, monthly, and annual production tracking. It also includes on-line weather information to help correlate to production. Very importantly, the monitoring system allows for remote trouble shooting and remote firmware management, by the solar installer or by Fronius tech support.

AP Smart Rapid Shutdown Devices:

AP Smart devices are required for rapid shutdown electrical code compliance.

Unirac Flush Mount Racking:

We have been using Unirac for over 12 years. They are reliable, well designed, product. The racking is flush with the roof surface and secured to the trusses with a waterproof mounting foot technology.

Electrical Components:

All major electrical components such as conduit, wiring, combiner boxes, and disconnects will be chosen to meet NEC requirements, and designed for their specific usage. Components located outdoors will be appropriately rated for their location.

6. Design Layout & Details for the Pine Creek Golf Course



- Modules: (76) 580-watt Trina Vertex Bifacial Dual Glass Monocrystalline Modules
- Inverters: (3) Fronius Primo 11.4 kW 240V 1 Phase
- kW DC: 44.1
- kW AC: 34.2
- Racking: Sinclair Designs SkyRack; 30° tilt, 30" ground clearance; facing south.

This location keeps the array as far as possible from stray golf balls. It's using the part of the hill with a little less slope. This location presumes that the tree in the lower left would be removed as part of the project. This has already been discussed with Pine Creek management. The ground mount was the best location choice and will offer a much larger solar array size than the small amount of south facing roof available. There will be some changes to the electrical service. With the addition of solar, MiEnergy will be requiring that the existing meter and Ronk disconnect be removed from the power pole and relocated to a banner board next to the pole. The service wires will be spliced and re-fed from this board. The solar disconnect and solar production meter will also be located on this board next to the meter.

7. Product/Technology Descriptions for Pine Creek (also see attached spec sheets):

580W Trina Vertex Bifacial Dual Glass Monocrystalline Modules:

We will use the same modules on the hockey arena.

Fronius Primo 240V 1 Phase Inverter:

The transformerless Fronius Primo is an ideal compact single phase solar inverter for this application. We have been installing Fronius inverters for over a decade and they are an extremely reliable option. The inverter would be mounted on the back of the solar array.

Data Monitor:

Same as the Aquatic Center. See description above.

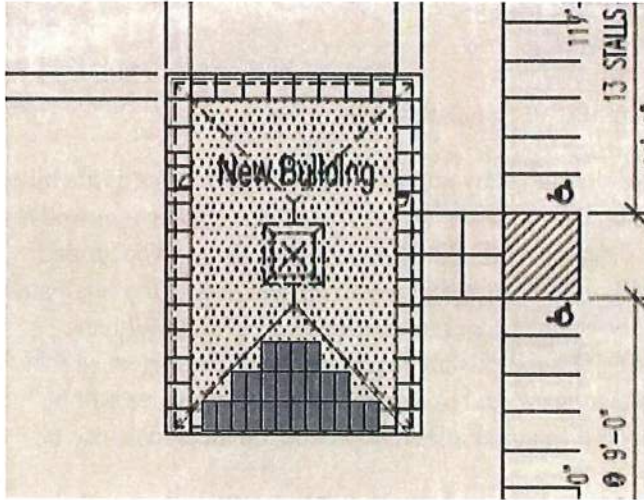
Sinclair Designs SkyRack 2:

SkyRack is a very common ground mount design with 2 rows of solar modules in portrait. The solar module tilt will be 30 degrees and the leading edge will be approximately 30" off the ground. Sinclair makes a high-quality product, and their Michigan location reduces the cost of shipping these materials.

Electrical Components:

All major electrical components such as conduit, wiring, combiner boxes, and disconnects will be chosen to meet NEC requirements, and designed for their specific usage. Components located outdoors will be appropriately rated for their location.

8. Design Layout & Details for Wieser Park Pavilion



- Modules: (24) 450-watt VSUN450 all black bifacial monocrystalline
- Inverters: (1) Fronius Primo 10 kW 240V 1 Phase
- Rapid Shutdown Devices: (24) AP Smart
- kW DC: 10.8
- kW AC: 10.0
- Racking: Unirac Flush Roof Mount; 26°, facing directly south.

We choose to maximize the south facing surface. This gives the most solar production per watt of solar modules and given the relatively low electrical needs in this facility should be adequate to offset energy consumption. We could discuss additional solar modules on the east or west roofs if so desired.

9. Product/Technology Descriptions for Wieser Park Pavilion (also see attached spec sheets):

450-watt VSUN450 bifacial monocrystalline:

These are the same all black modules as the Aquatic Center.

Fronius Primo 1 Phase Inverter:

The transformerless Fronius Primo is a rugged, ideal inverter for this application. We have been installing Fronius inverters for over a decade and they are an extremely reliable option.

Data Monitor:

Same as the Aquatic Center. See description above.

AP Smart Rapid Shutdown Devices:

Similar to the Aquatic Center, this system would require AP Smart devices for rapid shutdown compliance.



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Unirac Flush Mount Racking:

This is the same racking system as the Aquatic Center.

Electrical Components:

All major electrical components such as conduit, wiring, combiner boxes, and disconnects will be chosen to meet NEC requirements, and designed for their specific usage. Components located outdoors will be appropriately rated for their location.

10. Energy Production:

Site	Array Size, kW DC	Energy Production (year 1 kWh) * PV watts	kWh/kW
Hockey Arena	285	342,000	1200
Aquatic Center	38.7	44,500	1150
Pine Creek Golf	44	56,300	1280
Wieser Park	10.8	13,500	1250
Total	377	454,000	

*Tilt and orientation factors are in technical descriptions above

The production estimates are based on our Helioscope program plus experience in the field for the last 13 years. Our goal is to be a little conservative with our numbers.

11. Cost Summary and Financing

The discounted cost after incentives if all four projects are built together is \$475,000. See the chart below:

There is also an attached pro forma financial analysis which incorporates solar production, cost, incentives, and financing.

Site	Array Size, kW DC	Cost (Before Incentives)	Cost/watt DC	Presumed direct pay incentive	Cost after direct pay
Hockey Arena	285	\$450,000	\$1.579	30%	\$315,000
Aquatic Center	38.7	\$103,000	\$2.661	30%	\$72,100
Pine Creek Golf	44	\$108,000	\$2.454	40%	\$64,800
Wieser Park Pavilion	10.8	\$33,000	\$3.055	30%	\$23,100
Total Cost for the four combined projects	379.3	\$694,000	\$1.830		\$475,000



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The cost of doing each project individually:

Site	Array Size, kW DC	Cost (Before Incentives)	Cost/watt DC	Presumed direct pay incentive	Cost after direct pay
Hockey Arena	285	\$462,000	\$1.621	30%	\$323,400
Aquatic Center	38.7	\$110,000	\$2.842	30%	\$77,000
Pine Creek Golf	44	\$115,000	\$2.613	40%	\$69,000
Wieser Park Pavilion	10.8	\$35,000	\$3.241	30%	\$24,500

There are a couple of different financial incentives. All projects should qualify for the direct pay provision of the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act. While we don't know all the details yet, we believe that all these projects will be eligible for the 30% direct pay, significantly lowering the total cost. This is shown in the table above. The Pine Creek Golf Course should also be eligible for a 10% bonus because of its location in an area falling under the lower income threshold. The primary incentive available through Xcel will be the capacity credits for the hockey arena array which would be approximately 2.7¢ per kWh for the first 10 years of operation. These are modeled in the pro forma.

Note on Domestic Content: Achieving 40% domestic content in the solar and electrical equipment would also qualify for a 10% bonus. However, currently we are not able to guarantee being able to meet a 40% domestic content provision. The racking system would be U.S. made and all the electrical hardware. However, the inverters are largely made overseas with very few applicable models US made for this project. Also, although there are some US-made solar panels, the supply (at this time) will not be available to meet even a small fraction of the push for domestic content. If we can procure domestic solar panels at the time leading up to the construction of your systems, we will certainly do it.

Financing:

As mentioned in the overview of the proposal we feel that PACE financing is a very good option. This allows for direct ownership of the arrays and all associated benefits. SPIRE is the lender that works with the St. Paul Port Authority to administer the PACE loans. There are currently two options a 10-year term and 14-year term. The interest rates are fixed for the life of the loan. The payments are annual and don't begin until the arrays have been producing for a year, so the energy savings are essentially making the payments. The 10-year term is currently at 6.0% interest, and the 14-year term is at 6.5%. Both rates will increase 0.5% on 6/1/23 if not locked in prior to that date. PACE will finance 100% of the project cost, but it would be advantageous to just finance the portion of the costs not covered by the direct pay provision, which is \$475,000. Since it will most likely take a little over a year to receive the direct pay benefit, short-term financing is available to cover the remaining \$219,000. Coulee Bank in La Crosse is prepared to cover this amount for as long as necessary in the form of an interest only loan. Only one payment would be required at the end of the term after the federal direct payment is received. In the attached pro forma 18 months of interest at 7.25% has been



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included, plus \$750 in origination, underwriting and processing fees. If the direct payment is received sooner, there is no penalty for early payment, and it will lessen the interest amount.

We will help coordinate all financing activity, but feel free to reach out to our contacts directly if desired.

SPIRE/PACE Lender:
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mmeyers@myspire.com
(651) 641-2128

Coulee Bank:
Randall Pretasky, VP Business Banking Officer
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(608) 784-5367

Our price will be honored for 30 days. We are assuming these jobs would be awarded by that time so we could start securing the necessary equipment. Getting interconnection approval from Xcel is a lengthy process, and to have the interconnection agreement in place by next spring we would need to start working on this as soon as possible.

12. Qualifications

Regarding the financial strength and stability of our company, because of our parent company, it is unparalleled by any other solar company in this region. We have attached a letter from the surety company that routinely provides bonds for projects that we build. You can see that our ability to obtain Performance and Payment bonds far exceeds these project costs. We opted to submit the surety letter rather than our company financials because the RFP states that our responses will become public. We are a preferred vendor for the State of Minnesota, so we frequently provide bonds in conjunction with our bids.

We are a General Contractor and an Electrical Contractor, fully licensed, insured, and bonded. We are also a registered contractor for the State of Minnesota Master Contract, with a very similar set of requirements for this program. Curt Shellum, the person overseeing the design of these projects, has been a NABCEP PV Installation Professional since 2009.

Licenses and Certifications:
Minnesota General Contractors License #BC638967
Minnesota Electrical Contractors License #EA690288
NABCEP Certification Number (Curt Shellum): 031310-200
Master Electricians also noted below.

Key Project Team Members:

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RILEY SCHULDT EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

<u>Date Recorded</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12.20.2022	La Crescent Lions Club	\$3,760.00
12.20.2022	Troop 33 La Crescent	\$441.00
08.07.2023	Dairyland Power Cooperative	\$1,000.00
08.08.2023	La Crescent Community Foundation	\$1,000.00
08.15.2023	North American Squirrel Association Inc. (NASA)	\$5,000.00
08.25.2023	Rotary Works Foundation Inc.	\$2,000.00
09.12.2023	James Fowler	\$250.00
TOTAL (CASH) PROJECT DONATIONS TO DATE:		\$ 13,451.00

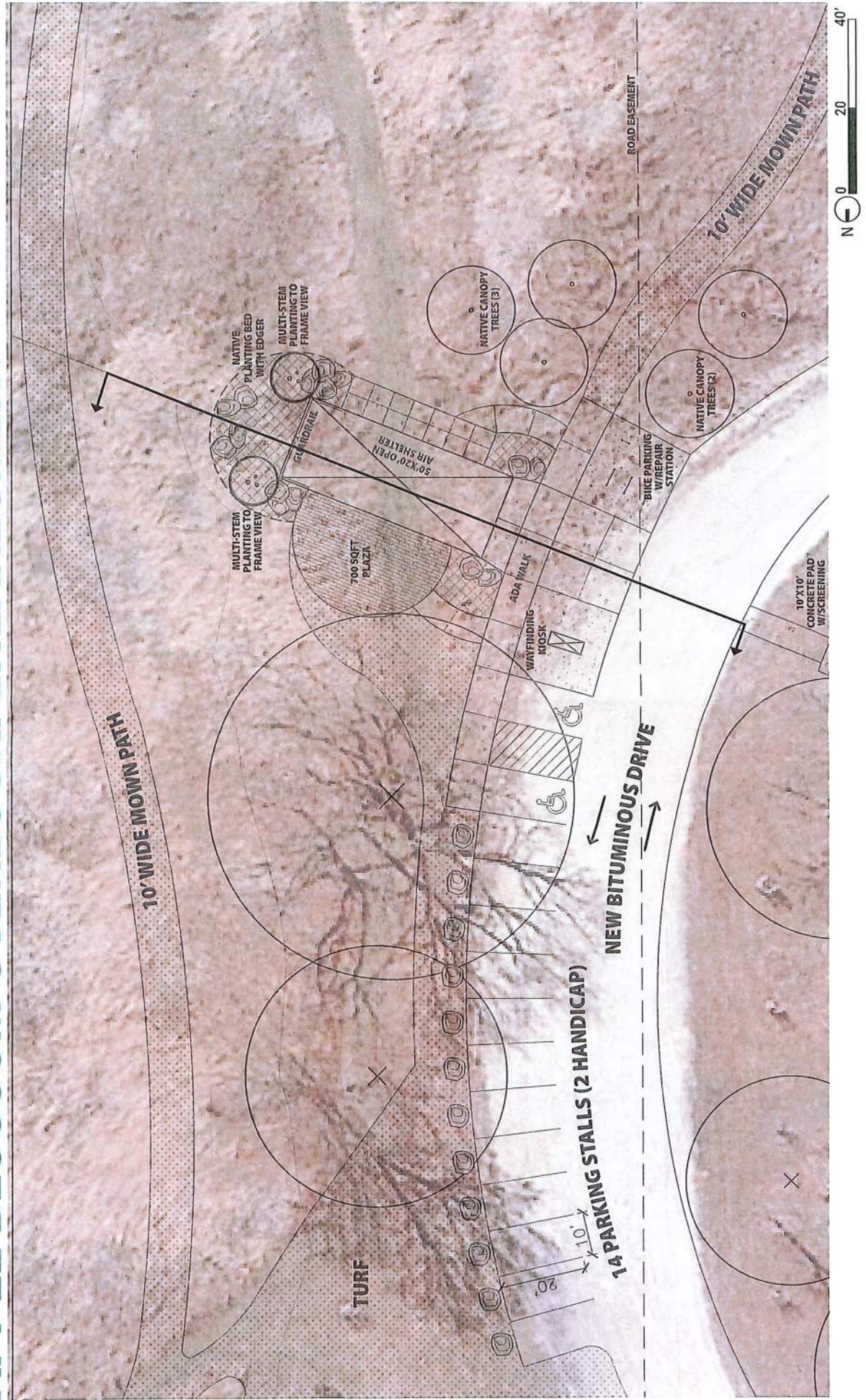
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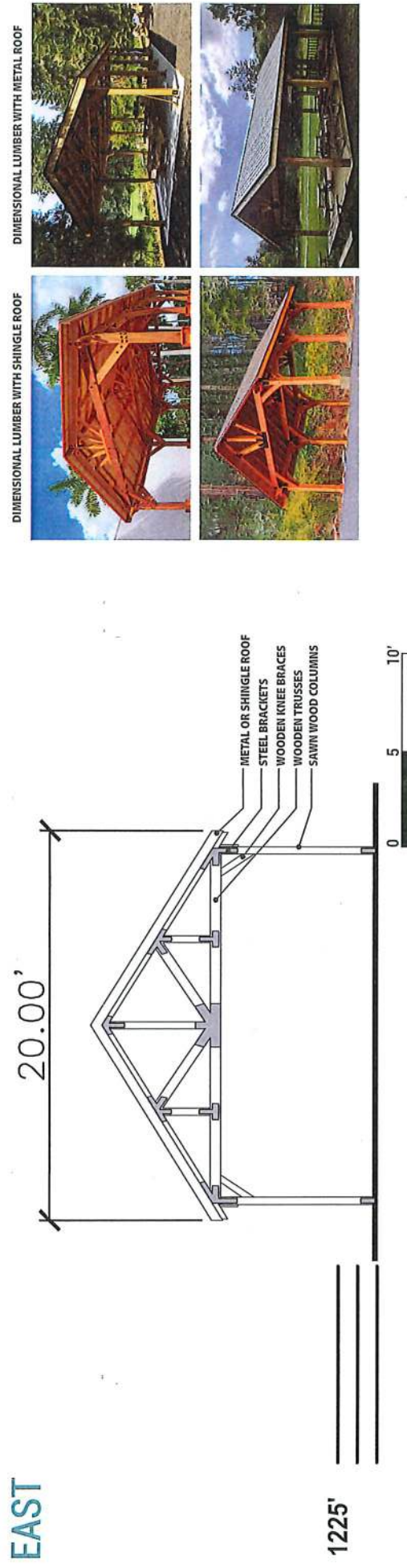
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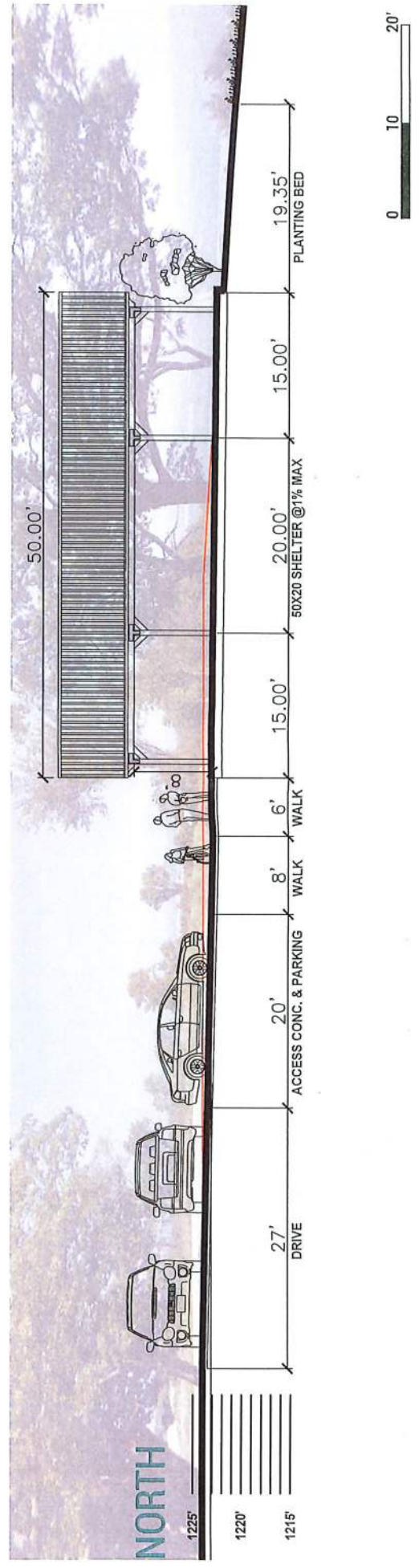
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PROPOSED HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT NOTICE

Locals 02/2020

This notice advises that the Local Public Agency is planning the improvement identified below.

To City of La Crescent	From – Name, Address, City, State, ZIP Code Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. 329 Jay St., Suite 301 La Crosse, WI 54601
Improvement Project ID 5991-07-72/73	County La Crosse
Highway Route Number or Name Wagon Wheel Trail	
Improvement Limits Wagon Wheel Trail terminus (La Crescent, MN) to Mississippi River bridge underpass (La Crosse, WI)	
General Description of Work to be Done This is a multi-use trail project that will widen the existing northern sidewalk/bike path along USH 14 starting at the Wagon Wheel Trail terminus in La Crescent, MN; crossing the West Channel; and ending at the Mississippi River underpass in La Crosse, WI. The improvements will also include a new pedestrian bridge structure across the West Channel.	
Utility Coordination Desired Completion Date	Anticipated Year of Improvement Construction 2026

Local Public Agency Name City of La Crosse
Consultant Name Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. Aleigha Burg

Aleigha Burg, PE

7/11/2023

(Local Public Agency or Consultant Representative
Signature)
(If Computer-filled, Brush Script Font)

(Date)

Project Manager
(Title)

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Receipt of the above notice is acknowledged.

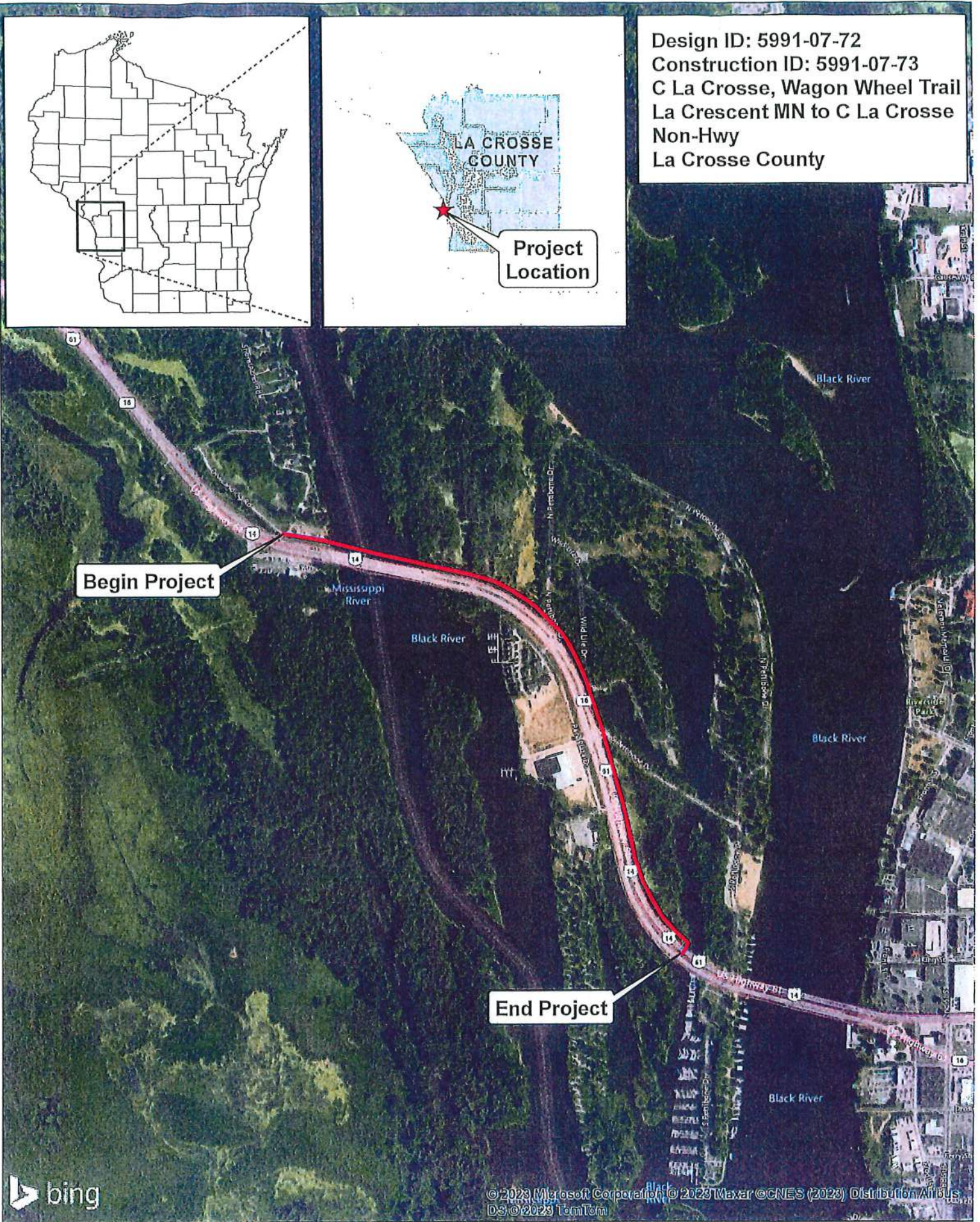
- ☐ We have no utility facilities in the vicinity of the improvement.
- ☐ We have utility facilities in the improvement vicinity and will provide a description and general location within 60 days of the above notification date.
- ☐ We have utility facilities in the improvement vicinity; their description and general location are identified below.
(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Utility Name City of La Crescent
Utility Representative Name – Please Print

(Utility Representative Signature)

(Date)

(Title)



POLITICS

Under new law, Minnesota bicyclists can roll through stop signs — with care

Known as the "Idaho Stop," the law is designed to preserve momentum with safety in mind.

By Paul Walsh (<https://www.startribune.com/paul-walsh/6134706/>) Star Tribune

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Bicyclists in Minnesota will soon have some legal cover for doing what many of them are probably already doing — choosing at times to keep rolling rather than coming to a halt at a stop sign.

Thanks to a provision in newly enacted transportation finance legislation, bicyclists approaching a four-way stop intersection can treat their sign as saying yield, scan for other vehicles while slowing down and continue to roll through if clear. The new law kicks in on Aug. 1.

The change, named the Bill Dooley Bicycle Safety Act for the longtime bicycling activist, was inspired by what's known across the nation as the "Idaho Stop." In 1982, the northwestern state started allowing riders to roll through stop signs and even red lights when safe to keep going. At least a dozen states have enacted some version of this law.

An oft-cited study by the University of California-Berkeley found that traffic is made safer by relaxing the stopping rules for bicyclists and legalizing the already existing behavior. The "Idaho Stop" reportedly reduced biking accidents by 14.5% in the first year after its enactment in that state.

Delaware adopted a more limited stop-as-yield law, known as the "Delaware Yield." Traffic crashes involving bicyclists at stop sign intersections fell by 23% in the 2½ years after the law's passage, compared to the previous 2½ years, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Dorian Grilley, executive director of the nonprofit Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota, said last week that the new rules match "what's accepted practice just about everywhere. This makes it safer by clarifying the rules."

Grilley, whose alliance worked closely with legislators and state transportation and public safety leaders on the wording, added, "Most bicyclists right now don't stop at stop signs. They treat them as yield signs. Some don't even treat them as a yield."



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Bicyclists in Minnesota now have more legal cover when it comes to decisionmaking at intersections with stop signs or traffic lights.

Here's how the Minnesota law reads in part: "A bicycle operator who approaches a stop sign must slow to a speed that allows for stopping before entering the intersection or the nearest crosswalk. ... If there is not a vehicle in the vicinity, the operator may make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping."

As for red lights, current law says (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/169.06>) that bicyclists can continue to come to a complete stop before starting up anew and going through the intersection before the light turns green.

Certain turns on red also will be allowed, matching for decades what motor vehicles can choose to do safely: Make a right-hand turn or a left-hand turn onto a one-way road.

"For me, it's about setting very clear expectations," said Elissa Schufman, who chairs the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee. "And when you have clear expectations, people's behavior becomes more predictable, whether it's the person on a bike or in a vehicle."

Schufman, a four-season rider whose committee's mission is to expand bicycling in the city, said, "I think every person I know who bikes just wants to be safe and enjoy their bike ride. This [new law] really encourages people to make choices to support their chance to be safe."

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