

# 2035 Coulee Regional Bicycle Plan



## RECOMMENDED ON- AND OFF-ROAD FACILITIES FOR SOUTH LA CROSSE

### *Detailed Recommendations by Roadway*

Table 4-6 describes the recommended off-road trails and on-road treatments and Map 4-5 illustrates the recommendations for La Crosse south of the La Crosse River. Please note that these are preferred treatments. If recommendations that remove parking prove to be too contentious or infeasible, please refer to [Table 4-1](#) for alternative treatments. Map 4-6 provides a detailed look at the urban trail link connecting the programmed Wagon Wheel Trail in La Crescent with the existing 3 Rivers Trail in Riverside Park in La Crosse.

**Table 4-6: Recommended Bicycle Accommodations by Roadway Segment for South La Crosse**

Segment	Treatment
<i>Major North-South Connections between North and South La Crosse</i>	
<p><b>USH 53</b> (3<sup>rd</sup> St and 4<sup>th</sup> St) between La Crosse St and Cass St</p> <p>NOTE: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sts are one-way streets. Accommodations will be installed on the right side of the road in the direction of travel.</p>	<p>Install curbside sharrows on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sts between La Crosse St and Badger St.</p> <p>Install southbound sharrows with parking on 3<sup>rd</sup> St between Badger St and Pearl St.</p> <p>Install bike lane on 3<sup>rd</sup> St between Pearl St and Cass St and on 4<sup>th</sup> St between Badger St and Vine St.</p> <p>Install northbound sharrows with parking on 4<sup>th</sup> St between Vine St and Cass St.</p> <p>Install Share the Road signage.</p>
<p><b>USH 14/61</b> (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sts south of Cass St) between Cass St and Hood St</p> <p>NOTE: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sts are one-way streets. Accommodations will be installed on the right side of the road in the direction of travel.</p>	<p>Install southbound on 3<sup>rd</sup> St a bike lane between Cass St and Market St, sharrows with parking between Market St and Jackson St, and a bike lane between Jackson St and Hood St.</p> <p>Install northbound on 4<sup>th</sup> St curbside sharrows between Hood St and Adams St and sharrows with parking between Adams St and Cass St.</p> <p>Install Share the Road signage.</p>



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**Table 4-6 (continued)**

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<p><b>USH 14/61</b> (South Ave and Mormon Coulee Rd) between 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sts and the USH 14/61 / STH 35 intersection</p>	<p>Install curbside sharrows on South Ave between Hood St and Green Bay St.</p> <p>The South La Crosse Transportation Study recommends reconstruction of USH 14/61 from Green Bay St through the USH 14/61 / STH 35 intersection; however, a preferred roadway design was not recommended. When (if) a design is chosen, a minimum of 6-ft bicycle lanes should be included in the design between Green Bay St and Calvert Rd.</p> <p>See <a href="#">STH 35</a> for the recommendation for the segment between Calvert Rd and the intersection.</p> <p>Install Share the Road signage through entire corridor.</p>
<p><b>USH 14/61 / STH 35</b> intersection</p>	<p>This intersection is currently very problematic for bicyclists. Operating speeds exceed 40 mph and free-flow lanes onto/off of USH 14/61 east of STH 35 present a safety hazard, especially for bicyclists traveling due north through the intersection. Both USH 14/61 and STH 35 are significant bicycling routes. The South La Crosse Transportation Study presented a number of options for this intersection, including multi-lane roundabouts, which have been shown to be unsafe for bicyclists. This intersection needs to be studied for the best way to accommodate bicyclists through here.</p>
<p><b>STH 35</b> (West Ave, South Ave, Mormon Coulee Rd) between La Crosse St and South Ave</p>	<p>Install curbside sharrows and Share the Road signage. Install Bikes May Use Full Lane signage at major intersections, especially those with intersecting bike routes.</p> <p>If the signal at Pine St remains then provide only an eastbound cut-through in the median at Pine St; if the signal is removed then provide cut-throughs for eastbound and westbound bicyclists.</p>



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Segment	Treatment
<p><b>STH 35</b> between Calvert Rd and Sunnyside Dr</p>	<p>This segment has been programmed for a 10-ft wide trail on the west side of the road between Calvert Rd and Riverview Dr and on the east side between Riverview Dr and Sunnyside Dr to aid children get to Southern Bluffs Elementary. Any future reconstruction of USH 14/61 and STH 35 within this area needs to connect into this new facility.</p>
<p><b>STH 35</b> between Sunnyside Dr and the south County line</p>	<p>No change recommended. The roadway currently has wide, paved shoulders. The City of La Crosse has received funding to improve the west shoulder between Calvert Rd and Riverview Dr and to provide crossing enhancements for children bound for Southern Bluffs Elementary.</p>
<p><b>Losey Blvd</b> between La Crosse St and East Ave</p>	<p>When reconditioned/rehabilitated between La Crosse St and Weston St, reduce the width of the two-way left turn lane to 12 ft, left turn lanes to 10 ft, and inside travel lanes to 11 ft, and widen the outside travel lanes to accommodate class A bicyclists. Install curbside sharrows and Share the Road signage.</p> <p>Install curbside sharrows between Weston St and East Ave.</p> <p>Install Bikes May Use Full Lane signage at major intersections (La Crosse St, Cass St, Main St, State Rd, Green Bay St, Ward Ave, Mormon Coulee Rd).</p> <p>Install Share the Road signage.</p>
<p><i>Other Significant North-South Connections in South La Crosse</i></p>	
<p><b>2nd St</b> between La Crosse St and Front St</p>	<p>Install shared bike/parking lanes between La Crosse St and Market St.</p> <p>No roadway treatments recommended between Market St and Front St. Sign as a local bike route.</p>
<p><b>Front St</b> between 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Jackson St</p>	<p>No roadway treatments recommended. Sign as a local bike route connection between 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Jackson St.</p>



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<b>Jackson St</b> between Front St and 3 <sup>rd</sup> St	No roadway treatments recommended. Sign as a local bike route connection between Front St and 3 <sup>rd</sup> St.
<b>6<sup>th</sup> St N</b> between La Crosse St and its terminus	Install signage directing bicyclists to the 3-Rivers Trail. Sign as a local bike route connection between the trail and La Crosse St.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> St</b> between La Crosse St and Cass St  (STH 16 follows 7 <sup>th</sup> St between La Crosse St and Cass St)	With the exception of the segment by Western Technical College planned for bump-outs, install bike lanes between La Crosse St and Main St. Install curbside sharrows within roadway segment treated with bumpouts.  Install sharrows with parking between Main St and Cass St.  If 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Sts south of La Crosse St to South Ave become one-way pairs as proposed in past transportation studies, then each facility shall be reconstructed to include a dedicated bike lane on the right side to the direction of travel.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> St</b> between Cass St and South Ave	Install sharrows with parking between Cass St and Farnam St and curbside sharrows between Farnam St and South Ave.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> St</b> between South Ave and the VIP Trail	Install curbside sharrows between South Ave and the beginning of on-street parking. Continue with sharrows with parking to the VIP Trail.
<b>16<sup>th</sup> St</b> between Vine St and Weston St	Install sharrows with parking.
<b>East Ave</b> between Green Bay St and Ward Ave	Remove parking from one side and install a bike lane and a shared bike/parking lane between Green Bay St and Ward Ave. Reconstruct the diverter at Ward/East/South to allow bicyclists to cross South Ave from one segment of East Ave to the other. During a count of bicyclists at this intersection, bicyclists were observed riding on the wrong side of the street to position themselves in front of or to go around the diverter.



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Segment	Treatment
<b>East Ave</b> between South Ave and Shelby Rd	Install bike lanes between South Ave and Gladys St.  Remove parking from one side and install a bike lane and a shared bike/parking lane between Gladys St and Victory St.  Install shared bike/parking lanes between Victory St and Shelby Rd
<b>Shelby Rd</b> between East Ave and Mormon Coulee Rd	Install bike lanes.
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Pl</b> between Weston St and Mormon Coulee Rd	Remove parking from one side and install curbside sharrows and a shared bike/parking lane between Weston St and Bennett St and between the ballfield parking lot driveways.  Add parking to one side of the street and install curbside sharrows and a shared bike/parking lane between Bennett St and the north ballfield parking lot driveway.  Install bike lanes between the south ballfield parking lot driveway and Ward Ave.  Install sharrows with parking between Ward Ave and the Burger King north driveway and curbside sharrows between the driveway and Mormon Coulee Rd.
<b>Victory St</b> between Mormon Coulee Rd and East Ave	Install a bike lane and curbside sharrows between Mormon Coulee Rd and the driveway to the State building.  Remove parking from one side of the road between the driveway and East Ave and install a bike lane and a shared bike/parking lane.



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**Table 4-6 (continued)**

Segment	Treatment
<b>Bluff alignment of the Mississippi River Trail</b> between Losey Blvd and State Rd	<p>Sign only as a bike route and for the MRT the following segments: Cass St between Losey Blvd and 29<sup>th</sup> St; 29<sup>th</sup> St S between Cass St and Cliffwood Ln; Cliffwood Ln between 29<sup>th</sup> St and 28<sup>th</sup> St; 28<sup>th</sup> St between Cliffwood Ln and Farnam St; Farnam St between 28<sup>th</sup> St and 31<sup>st</sup> St; 31<sup>st</sup> St between Farnam St and Green Bay St; Green Bay St between 31<sup>st</sup> St and Barnabee Rd; Barnabee Rd between Green Bay St and State Rd.</p> <p>Construct a bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the drainage ditch to connect the segments of 28<sup>th</sup> St then move the MRT alignment to 28<sup>th</sup> St.</p> <p>Sharrows with or without parking may be considered to aid in wayfinding through this somewhat circuitous route.</p>
<b>32<sup>nd</sup> St</b> between State Rd and Ward Ave	<p>Remove parking from one side and install a bike lane and a shared bike/parking lane.</p> <p>This segment is designated as part of the Mississippi River Trail (MRT) through La Crosse. Install signage for the MRT.</p>
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> St</b> between Ward Ave and Mormon Coulee Rd	<p>Install bike lanes between Ward Ave and Meadow Lane Pl. Parking is already restricted.</p> <p>Install sharrows with parking between Meadow Lane Pl and the bend before Mormon Coulee Rd and curbside sharrows from the bend to Mormon Coulee Rd</p> <p>Sign as part of the MRT.</p>
<b>Pammel Creek Rd</b> between Ward Ave and Hagen Rd	<p>Restrict parking where allowed and install bike lanes.</p>
<b>Hagen Rd</b> between Pammel Creek Rd and State Rd	<p>Restrict parking where allowed and install bike lanes.</p>



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**Table 4-6 (continued)**

Segment	Treatment
<i>Major East-West Connections in South La Crosse</i>	
<p><b>La Crosse St</b> between 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Losey Blvd</p> <p>(STH 16 follows La Crosse St between STH 16 / Losey Blvd and 7<sup>th</sup> St)</p>	<p>Install bike lanes between 2<sup>nd</sup> St and 4<sup>th</sup> St, between Oakland St and 17<sup>th</sup> St, and between the designated turn lane onto East Ave and Losey Blvd.</p> <p>Install curbside sharrows between 4<sup>th</sup> St and 7<sup>th</sup> St and between 11<sup>th</sup> St and Oakland St.</p> <p>Install sharrows with parking between 7<sup>th</sup> St and 11<sup>th</sup> St.</p> <p>Provide Bikes May Use Full Lane signage on the approaches to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sts, West Ave/Lang Dr, and STH 16/Losey Blvd.</p>
<p><b>USH 14/61 West Channel Bridge</b></p>	<p>When reconditioned/reconstructed, reduce the shoulders from 10-ft to 8-ft &amp; widen the sidewalks from 5-ft to 7-ft for 1-way bike &amp; 2-way pedestrian travel.</p>
<p><b>USH 14/61</b> (also STH 16) between the West Channel Bridge and the main channel bridges</p>	<p>No change from the current condition. This segment currently has wide, paved shoulders. (Off-road accommodations are discussed under <i>Trail Connections</i>.) Install Share the Road signage.</p>
<p><b>Eastbound USH 14/61</b> (also STH 16) <b>main channel bridge</b></p>	<p>No change from the current condition. This bridge was recently constructed with a 6-ft striped shoulder for class A bicyclists and an 8-ft sidewalk for pedestrians and class B/C bicyclists.</p> <p>Install Share the Road signage.</p>
<p><b>Westbound USH 14/61</b> (also STH 16) <b>main channel bridge</b></p>	<p>Reduce the outside lane from 12 ft to 11 ft and widen the right shoulder from 3 ft to 4 ft.</p> <p>Remove the bicycle placard from the street on the east end of the Cass St Bridge that directs on-street bicyclists onto the sidewalk of the bridge. The sidewalk is too narrow for two-way bicycle and pedestrian travel and it is closed in the winter. The sidewalk on the south side of the bridge is closed permanently.</p> <p>When this bridge is reconstructed, mirror the accommodations provided on the westbound bridge.</p> <p>Install Share the Road signage.</p>



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Segment	Treatment
<p><b>Cass St</b> between 3<sup>rd</sup> St and Losey Blvd</p>	<p>Install bike lane symbols in westbound bike lane between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sts.</p>
<p>(STH 16 follows Cass St between 3<sup>rd</sup> St and 7<sup>th</sup> St)</p>	<p>Convert the roadway between 4<sup>th</sup> St and 8<sup>th</sup> St to a three-lane facility with bike lanes.</p> <p>Install a bike lane on the north side and a shared bike/parking lane on the south side between 8<sup>th</sup> St and 11<sup>th</sup> St.</p> <p>Install bike lanes between 11<sup>th</sup> St and 13<sup>th</sup> St.</p> <p>Remove parking where allowed and install bike lanes between 13<sup>th</sup> St and Losey Blvd. Parking through this section is sporadic and alternates between sides of the block.</p>
<p><b>STH 33</b> between 3<sup>rd</sup> St and 32<sup>nd</sup> St</p>	<p>Remove parking from one side and install a bike lane and a shared bike/parking lane between 3<sup>rd</sup> St and 11<sup>th</sup> St and between West Ave and 19<sup>th</sup> Pl. Install sharrows with parking between 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<p>(STH 33 east of 32<sup>nd</sup> St is addressed in Table 4-4 and Map 4-3)</p>	<p>Install curbside sharrows between 11<sup>th</sup> St and West Ave.</p> <p>Remove parking from both sides and install bike lanes between 19<sup>th</sup> Pl and 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Sts.</p> <p>Install curbside sharrows and Share the Road signage between 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Sts and 32<sup>nd</sup> St.</p>
<p><i>Other Significant East-West Connections in South La Crosse</i></p>	
<p><b>State St</b> between 16<sup>th</sup> St and Campbell Rd</p>	<p>Install curbside sharrows and sharrows with parking.</p>
<p><b>Campbell Rd</b> between State St and 23<sup>rd</sup> St</p>	<p>Sign as a bike route only.</p>
<p><b>Main St</b> between 2<sup>nd</sup> St and 28<sup>th</sup> St</p>	<p>Install sharrows with parking between 2<sup>nd</sup> St and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and between 17<sup>th</sup> St and 27<sup>th</sup> St and curbside sharrows to Bliss Rd.</p>



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Segment	Treatment
<b>Bliss Rd</b> between 28 <sup>th</sup> St and CTH F	No additional accommodations recommended. This road was reconstructed in 2008 after the slope gave way from heavy rains. Very steep slopes preclude widening the road to accommodate 4-ft paved shoulders. The road does have a narrow striped and paved shoulder up the hill to accommodate the slower bicycle traffic. Install Share the Road signage.
<b>Cameron Ave</b> between 3 <sup>rd</sup> St and 4 <sup>th</sup> St	Install bike lane symbols in shared bike/parking lane (this segment of road is one-way eastbound).
<b>Market St</b> between 2 <sup>nd</sup> St and Losey Blvd	Install sharrows with parking between 2 <sup>nd</sup> St and 3 <sup>rd</sup> St and between West Ave and Losey Blvd.  Install sharrows with parking between 3 <sup>rd</sup> St and 10 <sup>th</sup> St.  Install curbside sharrows between 10 <sup>th</sup> St and West Ave.
<b>Tyler St</b> between 7 <sup>th</sup> St and Clinic Ct	Sign as a bike route only; no additional roadway treatments recommended.
<b>Clinic Ct</b> between Tyler St and Denton St	Sign as a bike route only; no additional roadway treatments recommended.
<b>Denton St</b> between Clinic Ct and Losey Blvd	Install sharrows with parking.
<b>Green Bay St</b> between South Ave and 26 <sup>th</sup> St	Install sharrows with parking between South Ave and Losey Blvd.  Install bike lanes between Losey Blvd and 26 <sup>th</sup> St.
<b>26<sup>th</sup> St</b> between Green Bay St and State Rd	Sign as a bike route only. No additional roadway treatments recommended.
<b>Weston St</b> between East Ave and Losey Blvd	Remove parking from one side and install a bike lane and a shared bike/parking lane.



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**Table 4-6 (continued)**

Segment	Treatment
<b>Ward Ave</b> between South Ave and 33 <sup>rd</sup> St	Repaint the faded bike lanes between South Ave and Losey Blvd.
	Remove parking from one side and install a bike lane and a shared bike/parking lane between Losey Blvd and 32 <sup>nd</sup> St.
	Install bike lanes between 32 <sup>nd</sup> St and 33 <sup>rd</sup> St.
<b>Broadview Pl</b> between Mormon Coulee Rd and 33 <sup>rd</sup> St	Remove parking from both sides and install bike lanes between Mormon Coulee Rd and Holly Ct.
	Install curbside sharrows between Holly Ct and 33 <sup>rd</sup> St.
<b>South La Crosse Trail Connections</b>	
<b>Isle La Plume Trail</b> between the 3 Rivers Trail and the VIP Trail	The portion south of Joseph Houska Dr has been funded largely by a DNR grant. The portion north to the 3 Rivers Trail is still in the planning phase.
<b>Golf Course Trail</b> between the east end of Main St and STH 16	This trail would allow bicyclists to bypass Losey Blvd on the east to access the STH 16 sidepath and the recommended facilities on La Crosse St. It would run adjacent to the BNSF tracks from Main St north onto the golf course grounds. It would then veer west through golf course property to Edgewood Pl and Losey Blvd.
<b>Wagon Wheel Trail – 3 Rivers Trail Urban Connector</b> between the Wagon Wheel Trail and the west end of the Main Channel bridges  (See Map 4-6.)	The urban route connecting the two trails would follow the 8-ft south sidewalk along eastbound USH 14/61 and utilize the west crosswalk at the east end of the Cameron Ave Bridge for two-directional travel on 3 <sup>rd</sup> St and to connect to the sidewalk that connects 3 <sup>rd</sup> St to 2 <sup>nd</sup> St on the north side of the bridge. The alignment would continue on 2 <sup>nd</sup> St along the block between the sidewalk and the bridge access road beneath the Cass St Bridge and along the access road to Front St. In the short term, the alignment would continue along Front St to the sidewalk across from Jay St to connect to the 3-Rivers Trail. In the mid-term, the alignment would continue along the access road to its current terminus and along a new trail that would continue along the river on Marriott property to connect to the 3-Rivers Trail.



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Recommendations illustrated north of La Crosse St are addressed in [Table 4-5](#) and [Map 4-4](#) for North La Crosse and French Island.

Recommendations east of 33<sup>rd</sup> St and STH 35 are addressed in [Table 4-4](#) and [Map 4-3](#) for Rural La Crosse.

### *Recommended Short-Range Projects*

Three projects have been identified as short-range projects for South La Crosse: 7<sup>th</sup> St between La Crosse St and Main St; La Crosse St between West Ave and East Ave; and, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sts between La Crosse St and Hood St.

Bike lanes and curbside sharrows would be provided on **7<sup>th</sup> St** between **La Crosse St** and **Main St** and on **La Crosse St** between **West Ave** and **East Ave**. (Curbside sharrows would be provided on 7<sup>th</sup> St through the segment planned for pedestrian bumpouts.)

#### Southbound on 3<sup>rd</sup> St:

- 1) Install curbside sharrows between La Crosse St and Badger St.
- 2) Install sharrows with parking between Badger St and Pearl St.
- 3) Install bike lane between Pearl St and Cass St.
- 4) Install a bike lane between Cass St and Market St.
- 5) Install sharrows with parking between Market St and Jackson St.
- 6) Install a bike lane between Jackson St and Hood St.

#### Northbound on 4<sup>th</sup> St:

- 1) Install curbside sharrows between Hood St and Adams St.
- 2) Install sharrows with parking between Adams St and Cass St.
- 3) Install sharrows with parking between Cass St and Vine St.
- 4) Install bike lane between between Vine St and Badger St.
- 5) Install curbside sharrows between Badger St and La Crosse St.

