

*Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)*  
**ARRA - STAGE 2 PROJECT APPLICATION FORM for: Transportation Enhancements (TE) Program**  
**DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO APPLY FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAMS**

1. Project Name: City of La Crosse Reconstruction of Existing Bike Path \_\_\_\_\_
2. Project Location: Municipality: City of La Crosse \_\_\_\_\_ County: La Crosse \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address of Project (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Describe location and boundaries of the project: Mormon Coulee Road/State Hwy 35 (Great River Road) from Calvert Road south to Sunnyside Dr and Southern Bluffs Elementary. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name of the MPO the project is represented by: **LaCrosse Area Planning Committee**  
**NOTE:** A Wisconsin map with areas covered by MPOs is located on p. 13 of the CY 2008 TE Guidelines section.
4. Name and Location of Public Sponsor: City of La Crosse \_\_\_\_\_  
 Indicate Sponsor Type:  State  County  City  Village  Town  Indian Nation
5. If public sponsor is submitting more than one application, prioritize this project here: (e.g., 1 of 5):  
 1 of 6 . This is required for all projects.
6. Primary Contact Person of Public Sponsor Agency:  
  
 Name: Timothy Acklin \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Senior Planner \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Municipality: City of La Crosse \_\_\_\_\_ State: WI Zip: 54601 \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. **Check the appropriate box below and complete the following information. (See the CY 2008 TE Guidelines for detailed information) All TE projects must fit into one of the 12 categories AND relate to surface transportation:**

**Transportation Enhancements (TE) Program**

Indicate which **ONE** of these twelve categories **best** identifies your project:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provision of facilities for pedestrians/bicycles   | <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians & bicyclists   | <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails) | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping and other scenic beautification  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> * Historic Preservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Control and removal of outdoor advertising   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> * Rehabilitation/operation of historic transportation buildings (including historic railroad facilities and canals)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of transportation museums   | <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological planning and research  |

\*Historic Projects must be on the Wisconsin or National Register(s) of Historic Places, or officially designated as a local landmark.

8. **In the space allotted below (24 rows), describe the project (See Question 11 for instructions.)**

This project involves the reconstruction of 1,800ft of an existing 8ft wide asphalt bicycle path/walkway and creating 2,500 of new path along US Hwys 14/61/State Hwy 35 from Calvert Road to Sunnyside Dr. The project includes widening the path to AASHTO standards (10ft), regrading the slope, and covering approximately 700ft of shoulder to Sunnyside Dr. It also includes pedestrian improvements in the corridor including signage, pavement markings, crosswalk, and sidewalk extension as part of Safe Routes to School Plan to Southern Bluffs (See Attached Map) Elementary located on Sunnyside Dr. This path currently provides a link between the 33rd Street bicycle/pedestrian trail to the north and Southern Bluffs Elementary, Goose Island County Park and Vernon County the south.

This path currently receives high levels of usage. It is anticipated that this facility will be used by school-aged children, commuters, walkers, sports riders, Great River Road and Mississippi River Trail travelers, as well as bicyclists and pedestrians who want to travel to the Goose Island Park and Campground. This trail is along the Great River Road, which is designated as the Mississippi River Trail, and typically handles thousands of bicyclists a year.

Bicyclist and pedestrian movements in the southern portion of the City are hampered by the barriers imposed by the U.S. Highway 14/61 corridor and the State Highway 35 corridor. These improvements will help to mitigate these barriers and encourage greater commuter use by residents and older elementary school aged children from the County Highway K area in La Crosse and Vernon Counties, and will also improve visitation to and from Goose Island County Park by foot and by bike.

9. TOTAL PROJECT COST \$461,095 (Estimate Attached): An accurate cost estimate is critical because the sponsor may be at least partly responsible for any costs that exceed the final project award amount. If you are eligible for Track 1, it is assumed your engineering and design work is 90-100% complete and you should therefore have an accurate cost estimate. Track 2 projects are allowed design and engineering costs, with final construction estimate adjusted accordingly. Be sure to provide a separate estimate for design and engineering costs. Track 3 projects are currently scheduled January 1 to September 30, 2010 and are close enough to completing design and engineering work that a PS&E can be submitted June 1, 2009 for letting in 2009. To ensure the federal eligibility of your project proposal a more detailed budget should be attached, particularly for projects with many Construction components such as streetscaping and landscaping projects. Include a description of the entire project, noting eligible and non-eligible TE items if only a portion of the project is TE eligible. **The TE eligible Construction related project must be \$200,000 total and over. Please note that you should submit a separate application and budget for each stand-alone project you are willing to accept funding for.** We will not split or partially fund project requests.

10. Please confirm your understanding of the following project conditions by **marking an x in the boxes** below. ***Person initialing and signing the application must have fiscal authority for the public sponsor.***

- a. The sponsor agrees that the requested projects will be State LET, with the state ensuring that the projects will follow the applicable federal and state regulations required, and that all Project Eligibility criteria will be met. Failure to do so will result in the loss of federal ARRA funding participation.

Accepted.

- b. The sponsor must fund project costs in excess of the final award amount for the project at no expense to state/federal funding sources for any federal ineligible or non-participating costs. Other cost overruns will be funded 80% federal/20% local out of the regular TE program only if approved by WisDOT. State Delivery and Oversight costs by WisDOT staff and their agents for the original project request will also be 100% federal funded.

Accepted.

- c. If applying for a bicycle facility, it is understood that All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are not allowed. Snowmobile use is only allowable by local ordinance. Trail fees may only be charged on a facility if the fees are used solely to maintain the trail. WisDOT reserves the right to require snow plowing of facilities as part of the maintenance agreement where year round use by bicyclists and pedestrians is expected.

Accepted.

- d. The sponsor agrees to maintain the project for its useful life. Failure to maintain the facility, or sale of the assets improved with FHWA funds prior to the end of its useful life, will subject the sponsor to partial repayment of federal funds or various stipulations protected the public interest in the project for its useful life.

Accepted.

- e. The sponsor agrees to State Delivery and Oversight costs by WisDOT staff and their agents. These costs include review of Design and Construction documents for compliance with federal and state requirements, appropriate Design standards, etc. These costs will be in addition to the requested local amount but still be covered 100% federal.

Accepted.

11. For Question 8, please answer the following questions regarding the project you are applying for:

a) For **bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities**, clearly indicate the location, length, width and surface materials and any connections to existing or planned facilities.

b) For **historic related projects**, how does the project relate to Wisconsin's past or present surface transportation system? Document that the project is on the National and/or State Register of Historic Places or a local landmark designated under a locally adopted landmarks ordinance. Provide detail on the historic, architectural and other significance of the project. Including a picture with the application is particularly helpful for evaluating historic projects.

c) For **landscaping/streetscaping** applications, clearly detail the types of amenities and improvements that will be part of the project. Indicate how the improvements will promote opportunities for walking and biking. Beware that certain cost items such as parking improvements, street work not related to bike/ped usage, utilities like sanitary sewer and other items not strictly related to the TE project must be excluded. Street light fixtures are expected to be of a decorative, antique-look type.

d) Realistically, how much usage or impact will the proposed facility have on an **annual** basis? - e.g., how many bicycle or pedestrian users, visitors, viewers, etc., of the facility per year. For bicycle and pedestrian facilities there should be significant non-recreational usage of the trail such as for shopping, work, school trips, etc.

e) Broadly describe other project benefits (not already covered above) related to any of the following – improvement to Wisconsin's multi-modal transportation system (bicycle, pedestrian or transit); preservation of state historic, environmental and scenic resources; promotion of economic development, tourism, safety, etc.

12. Clearly indicate that you are either applying under Track 1, Track 2 or Track 3 conditions (check only one):

Track 1: Design & engineering work complete or 90+% complete; applying for construction funding only and can meet all Stage 2 benchmarks for a complete State Let PS&E submittal by May 1, 2009.

Track 2: Applying for design & engineering and construction work and can meet all Stage 2 benchmarks for a complete State Let PS&E submittal no later than (preferably earlier) December 1, 2009.

Be sure to provide a separate cost estimate for the design/engineering portion of the project.

Track 3: Applying for a construction-only project that is currently scheduled in WisDOT's financial system from January 1 to September 30, 2010 and can meet all Stage 2 benchmarks for a complete State Let PS&E submittal no later than June 1, 2009 for letting in the 2009 construction season.

13. I have read and understood the above statements.

Signed on behalf of City of La Crosse

(Name of Sponsor)

By Mark Johnsrud

(Name of Person with Fiscal Authority)

Mayor

(Title of Person Signing)

(Signature of Person)

(Date)

4-08-09

*Please remember to include the required 8 1/2" x 11" map for your project*

**Completed applications consist of 1 Microsoft Word electronic version of the application submitted to the appropriate WisDOT Region office *by 5 pm on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 (revised from the previous April 1 deadline)* to be eligible for Stage 2 funding. Include the name of the local unit of government submitting the application in your file name. If you are applying for Track 1 or 2 and have already filled out a Stage 2 application, you do not need to refill out a new application unless now applying under Track 3.**


**Reconstruction Mormon Coulee -- HWY 35 Bike Path  
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE**

<b>QTY.</b>	<b>UNITS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
		<b>Construction</b>		
12,000	CY	Borrow Excavation	\$8.00	\$96,000.00
7,220	SY	Topsoil & Finishing	\$1.50	\$10,830.00
2,800	SY	Pulverize and Re-lay	\$1.75	\$4,899.50
655	TONS	Asphalt	\$75.00	\$49,125.00
5000	SQFT	Retaining Wall	\$35.00	\$175,000.00
20	TN	BAD	\$12.00	\$240.00
	LS	Signage		\$20,000.00
		Pedestrian/School Crossing Identification		\$75,000.00
		<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$431,094.50</b>
1	LS	<b>Design Fee</b>		<b>\$30,000</b>
		<b>Total Est. Project</b>		<b>\$461,094.50</b>


**City of La Crosse  
Bicycle Path Resurfacing  
Project**

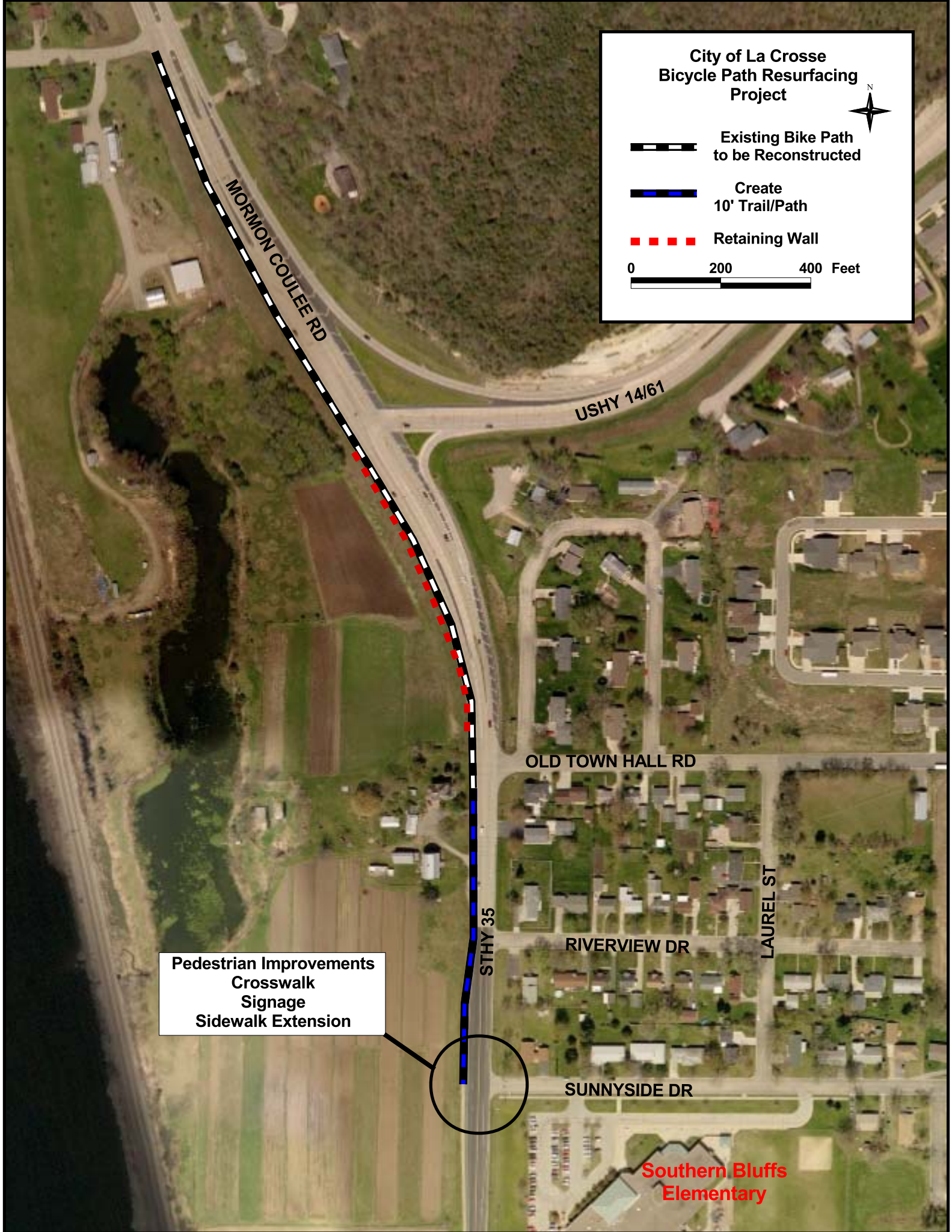


 Existing Bike Path  
to be Reconstructed

 Create  
10' Trail/Path

 Retaining Wall

0      200      400 Feet  




MORMON COULEE RD

USHY 14/61

OLD TOWN HALL RD

RIVERVIEW DR

SUNNYSIDE DR

STHY 35

LAUREL ST

Pedestrian Improvements  
Crosswalk  
Signage  
Sidewalk Extension

Southern Bluffs  
Elementary