

AUTHORIZING PETITION OF AN AT GRADE RAILROAD CROSSING FOR THE
LOWER YAHARA RIVER TRAIL AT LAKE KEGONSA STATE PARK

Construction of phase 2 of the Lower Yahara River Trail is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2023. The trail will extend between Fish Camp County Park and Lake Kegonsa State Park in the Town of Pleasant Springs. A new trail crossing of an active railroad line is needed to provide bicyclists and pedestrians a connection to the State Park from Williams Drive. Completion of proposed trail crossing improvements is anticipated by mid-summer of 2024.

Dane County Parks staff have been working with KL Engineering, Eight and Sand Consulting, Wisconsin and Southern Railroad Company and the DNR on planning and design for the proposed crossing. The establishment of the crossing is necessary to promote public safety and convenience and is advisable under all circumstances. The funding for all proposed crossing improvements is included the capital budget.

Section 195.29 Wisconsin Statutes authorizes the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads to determine whether the establishment of the crossing is necessary to promote public safety and convenience and is advisable; to determine what necessary warning devices for the new crossing will be required, and apportion costs for required crossing improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dane County hereby directs staff and their consultants to take all necessary steps to petition the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads for an investigation and order to approve the establishment of the new crossing.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that staff and their consultants shall comply with Chapter 195, Wisconsin Statutes and RR 1.025, Wisconsin Administrative Code in the filing of the petition.