



OFFICIAL NOTICE & AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
DATE/TIME: Monday, August 24, 2026, at 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Maple Room
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Kristin Slonski (C) Arlene Kaatz
Cody Shaide (VC) Brad Lenz
Terry Kilian (Ex Officio)
Chris Filtz

- 1 Call to order by the presiding officer.**
- 2 Public comment on agenda items and reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement.**
- 3 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).**
Approving July 27, 2026, meeting minutes.
- 4 Discussion and possible action.**
 - a. Approving painted curb extension project proposed by the Wausau River District
- 5 Discussion.**
- 6 Update on City Projects**
 - a. BPAC Project Updates
 - b. River Edge Parkway
 - OCR petition
 - Bikeshare station relocation
- 7 Items for future agendas.**
- 8 Adjournment.**

**Next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2026.*

NOTICE POSTED AT CITY HALL (407 GRANT STREET) AND TRANSMITTED TO THE OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED NEWSPAPER

DATE: August 17, 2026

TIME: 3:00 PM

POSTED BY: Carrie Edmondson, AICP, Assistant City Planner

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MINUTES

July 27, 2026

Members Present: Alder Kristin Slonski (Chair), Alder Terry Kilian, Chris Filtz, Cody Shaide, and Arlene Kaatz

Others Present: Makayla Galecki (Wausau MPO), Thomas Niksich (staff) and Carrie Edmondson (staff)

Location: Wausau City Hall, 407 Grant Street, Council Chambers

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the Wausau Daily Herald in the proper manner.

1. Call to Order by the presiding officer

Chair Slonski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment on agenda items and reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement

One emailed public comment was received from Jonathan Smith and included information about RRFB's, speed concerns with bicyclists going south on River Drive, and noting that a car had accidentally driven on the River Edge Parkway from Adolph Street.

3. Consideration of the June 22, 2026, meeting minutes.

Motion/second by Kilian/Kaatz to approve with modification correcting spelling of Cody Schaide. Passed unanimously, 5-0.

4. Discussion and possible action

- a. Approve Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Thomas Street and River Drive.

Carrie noted that the pedestrian crossing counts were well below the suggested threshold of 20 or more in one hour and were done over two different days. However, all other criteria were met. Alder Kilian noted that counts may be low because it is dangerous and that there may be higher utilization during the Farmer's Market. Alder Slonski noted that there is a new development under construction on Thomas Street and Grand Avenue. Thomas Niksich, Project Engineer, noted that there is a controlled crossing at Thomas Street and Grand Avenue. Kaatz noted that there are still pedestrian concerns.

Motion/second by Kilian/Shaide to recommend approval of the RRFB to the Infrastructure and Facilities Committee. Passed unanimously, 5-0.

- b. Approve fall Wausau Works for You newsletter topic.

Newsletter content is due Monday, August 17 and the BPAC can include a submission of 500 words. Alder Slonski noted that she hears a lot of concern about e-bikes and she thought there would be value in publishing an article about rules of the road, she would like the emphasis to be on motorists. Carrie noted that the summer newsletter provided a good overview of the new e-bike ordinance created by Patrol Captain Pauls and Lieutenant Kurtzhals from the Wausau Police Department. Alder Slonski agreed to author the article with Shaide providing edits.

Motion/second Kaatz/Slonski to approve submitting a rules of the road/right-of-way article for the fall newsletter. Passed unanimously 5-0.

5. Discussion

a. Wisconsin Open Meetings Law

Carrie provided an overview of Wisconsin Open Meetings Law including discussion of proper procedure for agenda discussion, public noticing of agendas, and walking quorum. Chris noted that public comment is one-sided if not related to an agenda item.

b. Bicycle Friendly Community survey discussion

The survey is currently open and closes on September 8. Chris shared with the Cycling Without Age community. Arlene noted that she brought it to WAGOS – Women Actively Enjoying the Great Outdoors. The MPO has shared with CWOC and Wausau Wheelers. The group agreed to share with their networks.

6. Update on City projects.

a. RRFB installation 6th Avenue/Bridge Street

Will be installed in the near term.

b. River Edge Parkway

The OCR petition process continues to move forward.

c. Comprehensive Plan Update – Public Engagement

Carrie provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan update and public engagement strategies currently available.

7. Items for future agendas.

- RRFB at 6th Avenue/Bridge Street
- River Edge Parkway
- Updates on previously approved items

8. Adjournment

Motion/second by Kilian/Filtz to approve. Passed unanimously. 5-0 The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Planning, Community and Economic Development

Date: August 24, 2026

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

From: Carrie Edmondson, AICP Assistant City Planner

RE: Painted Curb Extensions – 4th Street and Scott Street

The intersection of 4th Street and Scott Street has known pedestrian safety challenges due to limited visibility, particularly for pedestrians traveling north through the intersection. To address these concerns, the Wausau River District is proposing the installation of painted curb extensions on the east side of the intersection.

Painted curb extensions offer several benefits, including:

- Shortened pedestrian crossing distances
- Improved sightlines between pedestrians and motorists
- Reduced vehicle speeds through traffic calming created by the perceived narrowing of the roadway

The painted area would be bordered by spaced flexible delineator posts (bollards). Bicycle parking is also being considered as part of this project. The painted curb extensions will feature a geometric design that adds a public art and placemaking component to the area, enhancing overall livability.

The Wausau River District has received a grant from Aspirus Health to fund the project and is not requesting City financial support. The only City contribution needed is staff time for the seasonal removal and replacement of the flexible delineator posts (bollards).



Downtown Pedestrian Safety Improvement Proposal

For

Bike and Pedestrian Committee

400 Scott Street,
Wausau, WI 54403

Project Overview

The Wausau River District is proposing a small-scale streetscape improvement at **400 Scott Street** and **427 N 4th Street** designed to increase pedestrian visibility and improve the overall safety and experience of one of downtown Wausau's more challenging intersections.

As downtown continues to grow as a destination for residents, visitors, businesses, and events, creating a safe and accessible environment for people walking and biking is an important part of maintaining a vibrant and inviting downtown. The proposed project would create a more clearly defined pedestrian space at the intersection while improving visibility between pedestrians and vehicles.

The project would include **bollards and a simple, geometric painted street design**, with the potential to incorporate **bike parking** into the space. The design would be clean, modern, and complementary to the surrounding downtown streetscape.

The project is made possible through **\$2,500 in grant funding from Aspirus Health**, providing an opportunity to make a targeted investment in pedestrian safety and the downtown public realm.

The Proposed Improvement

The River District is proposing to reconfigure a portion of the existing streetscape at 400 Scott Street to create a small curb bump-out that extends the pedestrian area and increases visibility at the intersection.

The improvement would incorporate:

- **Bollards** to provide a clear and visible separation between pedestrians and moving vehicles.

- **A simple, geometric painted design** to visually distinguish the pedestrian area and draw greater attention to the space.
- **Potential bike parking** to support alternative transportation and add functionality to the improved area.
- **A more defined pedestrian zone** that improves visibility and creates a clearer relationship between pedestrians and vehicles.
- **An intentional streetscape design** that enhances the appearance and functionality of the surrounding public space.
- The proposed design would be simple, clean, and geometric, allowing the improvement to complement the existing downtown environment while creating a noticeable visual cue for drivers and pedestrians.

The River District would also be open to exploring subtle design elements that could acknowledge or complement Marathon County Credit Union and the CVA's presence at the location.

Our Why

The proposed artistic bump-out would extend the pedestrian area into the existing street configuration, helping pedestrians, and vehicles, become more visible to approaching and turning vehicles. The addition of bollards and a high-visibility painted design would further define the space and provide drivers with a clear visual indication that they are entering an area where pedestrians are present.

This type of improvement can help create a more intuitive and pedestrian-friendly downtown environment where people feel comfortable walking, biking, and spending time.

The project also supports the River District's, and their partner's, broader efforts to improve downtown placemaking and invest in public spaces that are safe, accessible, and welcoming to the entire community.

The City's Bike/Pedestrian Committee proposed a modification to this crosswalk a few years ago but was unable to secure funding. We are excited to have received enough funding to complete this project with the support of the city and surrounding businesses.

Our goal is to work collaboratively with you to ensure that any improvement to the space is thoughtfully designed and takes your organization's concerns into consideration.

Our Request

The proposed reconfiguration would include an existing on-street parking space within the area being redesigned in front of the Center of Visual Arts and Marathon County Credit Union.

At the same time, we believe the proposed improvement offers an opportunity to address a meaningful pedestrian and vehicular safety concern and make a lasting investment in the broader downtown environment.

The River District would oversee the project and utilize the \$2,500 in grant funding from Aspirus Health to support the improvements. We anticipate that this will cover the cost of paint and bollards. It is anticipated that the bollards will need to be removed for snow removal and replaced each year. The placement and removal of bollards is our ask of the city.

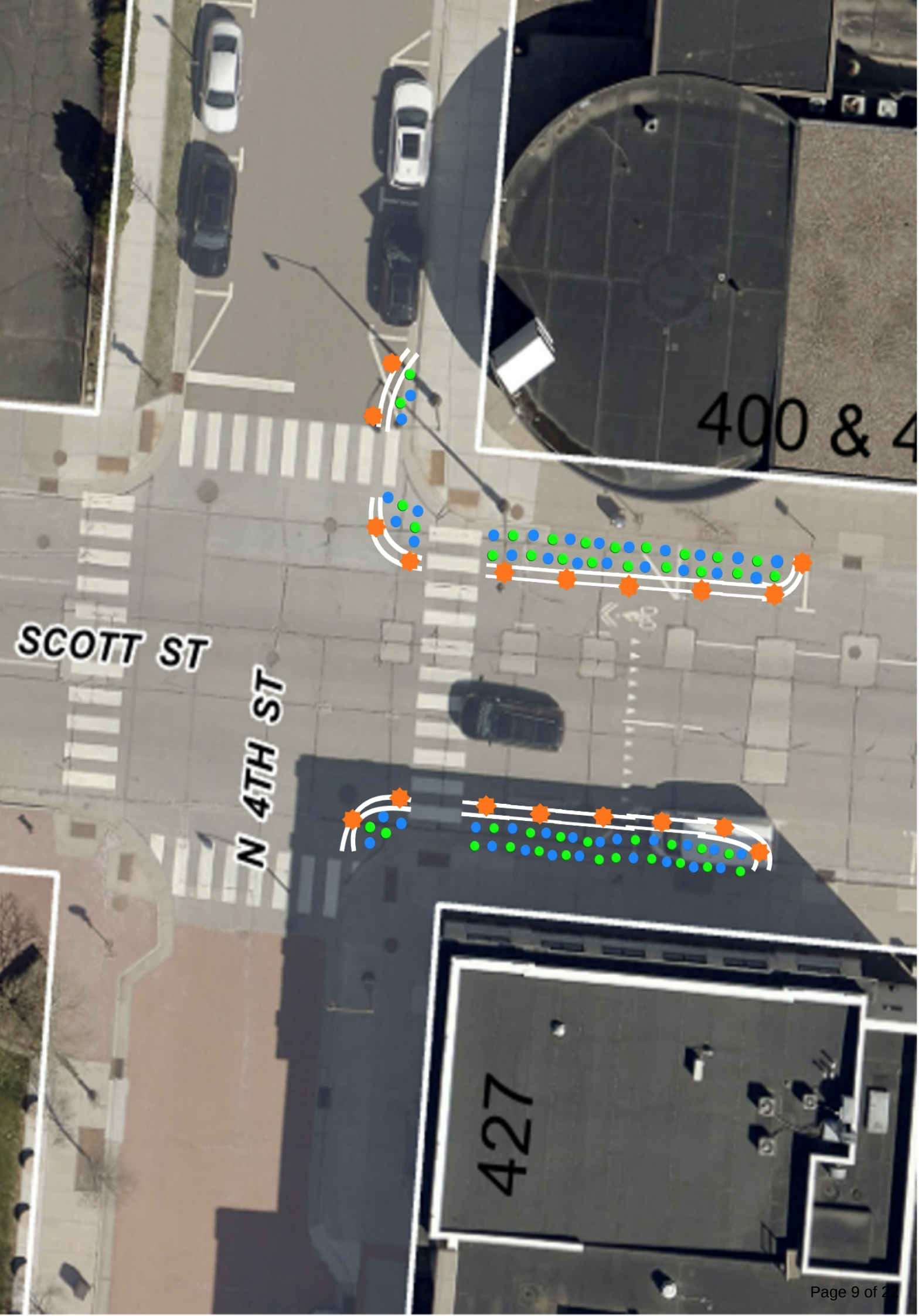
We welcome the opportunity to meet with you and hear your feedback as we work toward a thoughtful and effective improvement.

We hope that the city of Wausau will join the Center for the Visual Arts, Shepherd and Schaller, the Wausau River District, and Aspirus Health in supporting this investment in pedestrian safety and partner to make downtown Wausau safer, more accessible, and more welcoming for everyone.

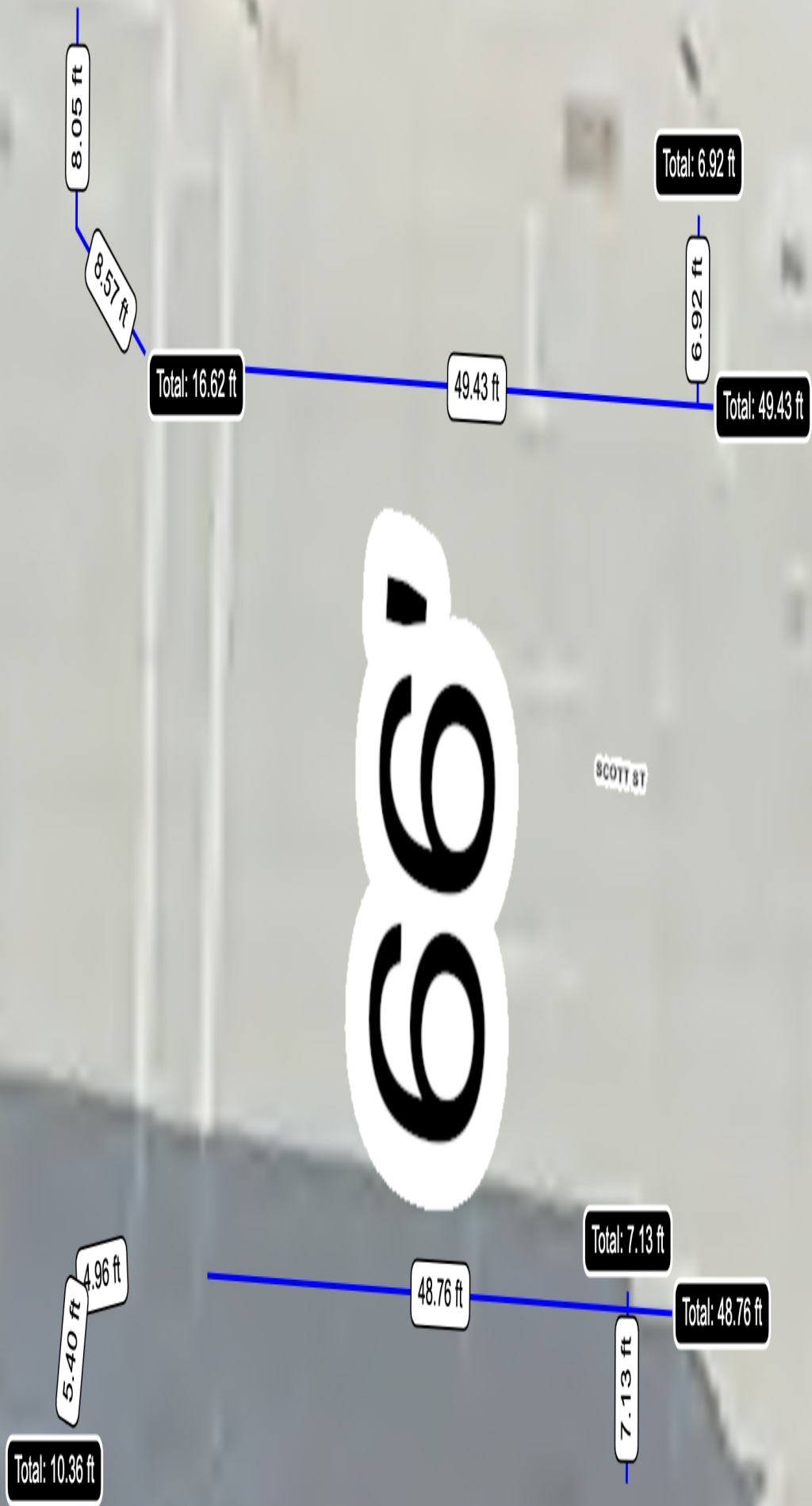
I've attached the dimensions and information on the project to this email and look forward to hearing from you soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rylie Hutchinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rylie" being more prominent than the last name "Hutchinson".

Rylie Hutchinson
Executive Director
Wausau River District
Rylie@wausauriverdistrict.org
715-297-1829



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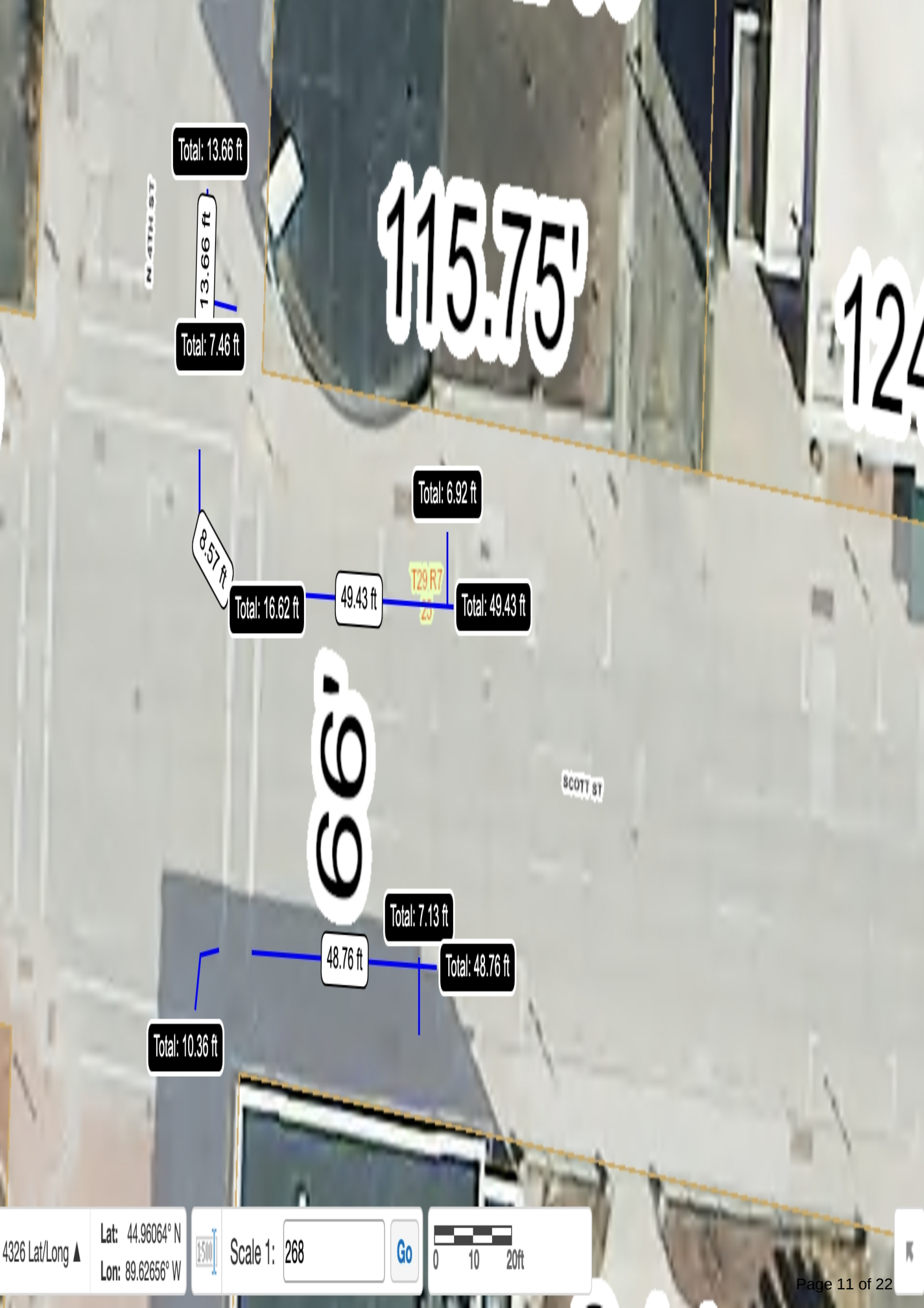
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Scale 1: 134

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Total: 13.66 ft

N 4TH ST

13.66 ft

Total: 7.46 ft

115.75'

124

8.57 ft

Total: 16.62 ft

49.43 ft

Total: 6.92 ft

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23

Total: 49.43 ft

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SCOTT ST

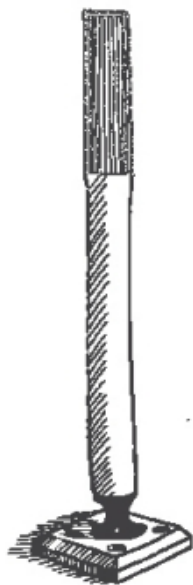
Total: 7.13 ft

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Total: 48.76 ft

Total: 10.36 ft

FLEXIBLE DELINEATOR POST



Typical Dimensions: 27 in. - 36 in. high.

Estimated Cost: \$20 - \$25 / post (including base).

Overview: Standard reflective delineator post, available in multiple colors.

Demo (1 day - 1 month)

► Pilot (1 month - 1 year)

Interim (1 - 5 years)

Recommended Applications and Installation

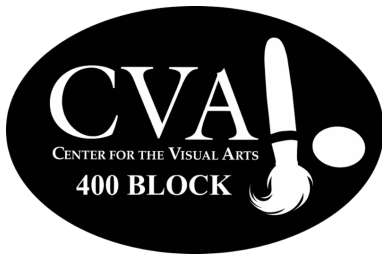
- **Bikeways:** Center delineator within the buffer zone along the edge of the bikeway. Typical spacing is every 8 - 20 ft., depending on the thoroughfare's design speed / bikeway configuration. Allow a minimum of 1.5 ft. clear width for installation.
- **Median Islands:** Place approximately 2 - 3 ft. apart to demarcate median area. Provide a minimum 6 ft. break for crosswalk/pedestrian accessibility.
- **Curb Extensions:** Place along edge, approximately 1 post every 8 - 10 ft.
- **Plazas:** Place along edge of plaza area, approximately 1 post every 8 - 10 ft.
- **Roundabouts:** May be used to demarcate roundabout area, in conjunction with signs and other design elements.

Tips and Considerations

- » Easily installed / removed: use adhesive for short-term projects, bolts for long-term projects; Make sure selected delineator is rated as "crashworthy."
- » Minimal / no stormwater obstruction.
- » Cities such as Chicago and Seattle use 27 in. model to reduce the chances of interfering with bicycle handlebars.
- » May be removed in winter to facilitate snow removal.
- » High visibility but durability / aesthetic quality can present challenges for longer-term pilot and interim design projects.

Potential Sources

- » Purchase from traffic control or construction equipment suppliers.



CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS

April 14, 2026

—
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City of Wausau and Wausau River District,

I am writing on behalf of The Center for the Visual Arts (CVA), in support of the Wausau River District's crosswalk bump-out project on Scott and 4th Street to create a safer pedestrian crossing.

The Center for the Visual Arts is a cultural institution with free public art exhibits and a popular School of Art. The CVA does not have off-street parking and relies on street parking and city lots for our patrons. As an adjacent business and community partner, CVA believes the project will increase safety and pedestrian traffic to downtown's eastern end.

Current parking obstructs visibility for those using the crosswalk and creates an unsafe crossing. Though parking is limited, giving up a spot is necessary to meet DOT safety recommendations and increase sight line distances, allowing for an appropriate time for vehicles to stop.

Painted bump-out murals will enhance driver visibility and serve as a public art destination. CVA will be consulting on the mural design to ensure a high-quality, visually eye-catching design that integrates into the site to add to the beautiful downtown area.

The Center for the Visual Arts (CVA) will consult on the design of the painted bump-out murals to ensure a high-quality, visually striking result that integrates meaningfully with the site. These murals will not only function as a public art destination but will also contribute to enhancing driver visibility and the overall beauty of the downtown area.

We strongly believe the pedestrian bump-out will create a safer crossing at Scott and North 4th Street, and the increased safety outweighs the minor loss of parking. We are available to discuss our support further.

Thank you,

Mara Mullen
Executive Director

Madison Hager
Curator of Art

Asphalt Art: Paint Conditions and Durability

Samples from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Initiative

Intersection Mural

North Carolina

3,866 AADT

H&C Colortop Water-Based Concrete Stain,
H&C ClariShield Clear Concrete Sealer Natural Look,
Shark-Grip Slip-Resistant Additive
73 gallons of paint for 2,900 square feet

May
Install



3 months



6 months



1 year



Crosswalk Mural

New Jersey

High traffic volume (+ bus route)
SealMaster ColorPave paint
20 gallons of paint for 2,375 square feet



August Install



3 months



6 months



1 year

Intersection Mural

West Virginia

4,285 AADT
Sherwin Williams Heavy Shield paint
48 gallons of paint for 7,678 square feet

August
Install



3 months



6 months



1 year

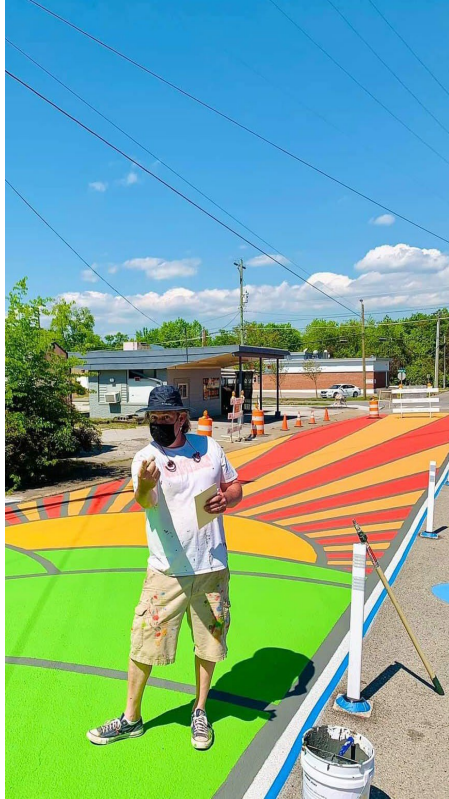


Street Mural

Tennessee

476 AADT

Armorpoxy – Surface Bond Asphalt & Concrete Coating
11 gallons of paint for 5,830 square feet



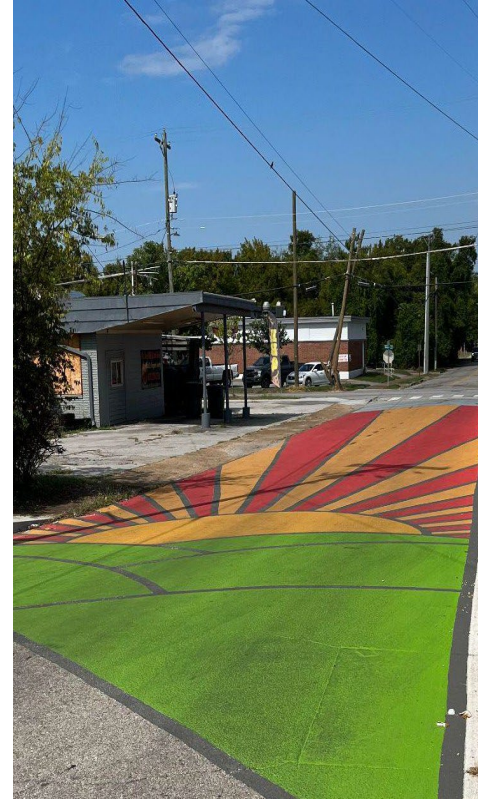
April Install



3 months



6 months



1 year

Plaza Mural

Nevada

Pedestrian-only space (with protective fencing)
Sherwin Williams Armorseal Treadplex
175 gallons of paint for 18,000 square feet



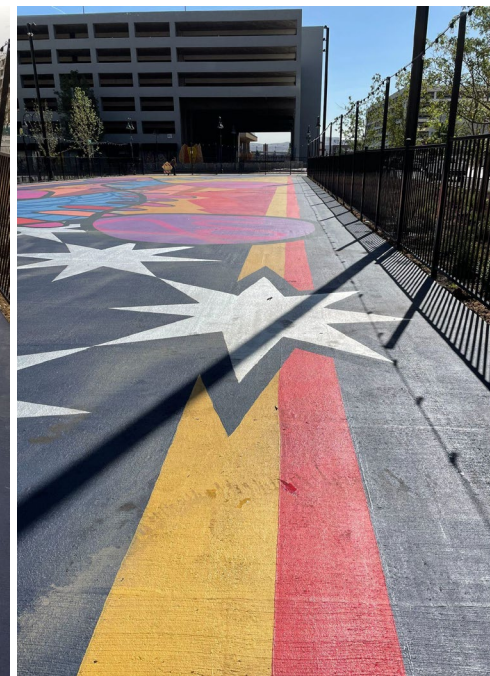
June Install



3 months



6 months



1 year

Curb Extension Mural

Missouri

Pedestrian-only space (with protective bollards)
Rustoleum 2300 Traffic Striping Paint
86 gallons of paint for 4,500 square feet



Underpass Mural

New York

Vertical surfaces only
Vandguard Anti-Graffiti Coating
100 gallons of paint for 30,000 square feet

October
Install



3 months



6 months



1 year





Planning, Community and Economic Development

Date: August 24, 2026

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

From: Carrie Edmondson, AICP Assistant City Planner

RE: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Project Updates

River Edge Parkway and Thomas Street Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)

- Approved by Infrastructure and Facilities Committee
- Finance Committee and Common Council will consider with next budget cycle

Thomas Street and River Drive Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)

- Infrastructure and Facilities Committee did not approve

Rules of the Road Municipal Code Amendment – Bicycling on River Drive sidewalk from Thomas Street bridge to Oak Island Park

- Approved by Public Health and Safety Committee and Infrastructure and Facilities Committee – will be considered by Common Council at their regular meeting on September 8.

6th Avenue/Bridge Street Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)

- Installation Update