

# Targeted Improvements Task Force Proposal: 32<sup>nd</sup> & Canal

**Issue:** The Hank Aaron State Trail crossing at 32<sup>nd</sup> & Canal is unmarked, and motorists often appear unaware that this is a trail crossing. There is a stop sign on 32<sup>nd</sup> street, but traffic turning onto 32<sup>nd</sup> from Canal are not required to stop.

**Goal:** Increase awareness of trail and cyclists/pedestrians at this crosswalk.

**Proposal:** Currently, there is a faded crosswalk connecting the trail across 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. We recommend that DPW officials install additional signage that includes cycling icons; along with trail crossing alerts. This would better mirror the signage at other HAST crossings (see the signage in pictures D, E, F, G, and H).

**Follow-Up Proposal:** As seen in the visuals below, trail crossings along the HAST lack consistency in their signage. We recommend a more uniform approach to signage and visibility, with a goal of maximizing awareness to the trail and pedestrians/bicyclists.

## Endorsements & Potential Partnerships:

- Ms. Sharlen Moore, Neighborhood Leader of Merrill Park Neighbors.
- Ms. Corey Zetts, Executive Director of Menomonee Valley Partners.

**Other Notes:** The crosswalk may be eligible to be creatively repainted through the city's Paint the Pavement program.

## Visuals:

Picture A: The crossing at 32<sup>nd</sup> & Canal, looking south. The current signage makes no mention of a trail; or to expect cyclists.



Picture B: The crossing at 32<sup>nd</sup> and Canal, looking west. There is only a striped yellow/black sign indicating any needed caution when turning right.



Picture C: The crossing at 32<sup>nd</sup> and Canal, looking east. No signs alerting any motorists who may be turning onto 32<sup>nd</sup> street.



Picture D: The HAST crossing in the Menomonee Valley, looking northwest. Here, the signs alert drivers to both pedestrians and cyclists.



Picture E: The crossing at General Mitchell Blvd, near the Veteran's Home. Note the crossing alerts motorists to potential bike traffic.



Picture F: The crossing signs at 76<sup>th</sup> Street in West Allis, near State Fair Park. Note that the crossing again alerts motorists to potential bike traffic.



Pictures G & H: The “Trail Crossing” signs at and around Canal & Emmer, looking south. Here, drivers are alerted to the trail crossing 300 feet away, and again at the intersection.

