Targeted Improvements Proposal: 6th Street HAST Crossing

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Issue: The Hank Aaron State Trail (HAST) stops at the northwest corner of the 6th & Canal intersection; and continues on the sidewalk south. For new riders to the trail, it can sometimes appear difficult to deduce where the trail continues. Furthermore, motorists have little to no visual reminders that a key trail crossing happens at this intersection. Though DNR is installing new HAST signage along the trail, an enhanced crosswalk could further aid in wayfinding and in pedestrian/cyclist safety.

Proposal: Highlight the west crosswalk that goes from north to south along 6th street. Consider green paint, arrows for cyclists, a raised crosswalk, etc.

Additional recommendations:

- Consider additional pavement markings on the southern end of the 6th street sidewalk so that trail users may more easily understand that this sidewalk is in fact part of the trail connection.
- Add "trail crossing" signs to increase awareness for nearby motorists.

Visuals:

The HAST crossing at 6th & Canal, looking north. Trail continues across the street.



The HAST crossing at 6th & Canal, looking south. Trail continues onto the sidewalk.

