

Targeted Improvements Task Force Proposal: 25th & Canal

Issue: The Hank Aaron State Trail crossing at 25th & Canal runs near a roundabout on Canal Street; and crosses through 25th Street. Traffic coming from both 25th Street and Canal tends to be fast, with most drivers moving right through crosswalk without slowing down.

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

Proposal: Currently, there are “Pedestrian Crossing” signs and a painted crosswalk at 25th and Canal. We recommend that DPW officials explore adding additional features to this crossing, including:

- Enhancing signage to include cycling icons; along with trail crossing alerts. This would better mirror the signage at other HAST crossings (see the signage in pictures C, D and E)
- Increased lighting at the crosswalk
- A raised crosswalk, and/or creatively painted crosswalk via the city’s Paint the Pavement program (if applicable).

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.

Visuals:

Picture A: The crossing at 25th & Canal at dusk, looking west. The current signage makes no mention of a trail; or to expect cyclists.



Picture B: The roundabout at 25th & Canal, looking west. Note that there are yield signs, but no mention of a trail.



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



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



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



Pictures F & G: 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.

