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 <p style="text-align: center;">STATE/MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL AGREEMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR A STATE- LET HIGHWAY PROJECT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES</p>	<p>Date: May 9, 2014</p> <p>I.D.: 8110-02-71/72/73/75</p> <p>Hwy: STH 64</p> <p>Road Name: Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail (St. Croix Crossing Loop Trail)</p> <p>Limits: New Cul De Sac at STH 35/64 Interchange to the Minnesota State Line on the New St. Croix River Bridge (B-55-224)</p> <p>County: St. Croix</p>
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Background

The Loop Trail was identified as a mitigation item in the 2006 Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement. As part of the compensation to offset impacts of a new river crossing on the recreational values of the Riverway, WisDOT will complete a loop trail system from the existing Lift Bridge (B-55-0919) to the New River Crossing Bridge (B-55-224). WisDOT has agreed to include the upfront capitalization costs for specialized maintenance additional equipment and will pay 100% of the design and construction costs. This loop trail is included in the County's Long Range Bike/Pedestrian Plan and will ultimately be connected to the County's trail system. Upon completion and acceptance of the Projects, St. Croix County will become responsible for the operations and maintenance of the pedestrian bridge and trail facility located within WisDOT right of way.

This request is subject to the terms and conditions that follow (page 2) and is made by the undersigned under proper authority to make such request for the designated Municipality and upon signature by the State and delivery to the Municipality shall constitute agreement between the Municipality and the State. No term or provision of neither the State/Municipal Agreement nor any of its attachments may be changed, waived or terminated orally but only by an instrument in writing executed by both parties to the State/Municipal Agreement.

Signed for and in behalf of the St. Croix County (please sign in blue ink)

Name *Patricia Thompson* Title *County Administrator* Date *8/7/14*

Signed for and in behalf of the State (please sign in blue ink)

Name *[Signature]* Title *WISDOT NEW REGION SYSTEM PLANNING CHIEF* Date *7/15/14*

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The County will assume operational and maintenance responsibility of the trail upon completion of its construction, as outlined in the State/Municipal Maintenance Agreement.

Initial construction of the loop trail will include, at State expense as part of the improvement project, the trail head and limited amenities to include:

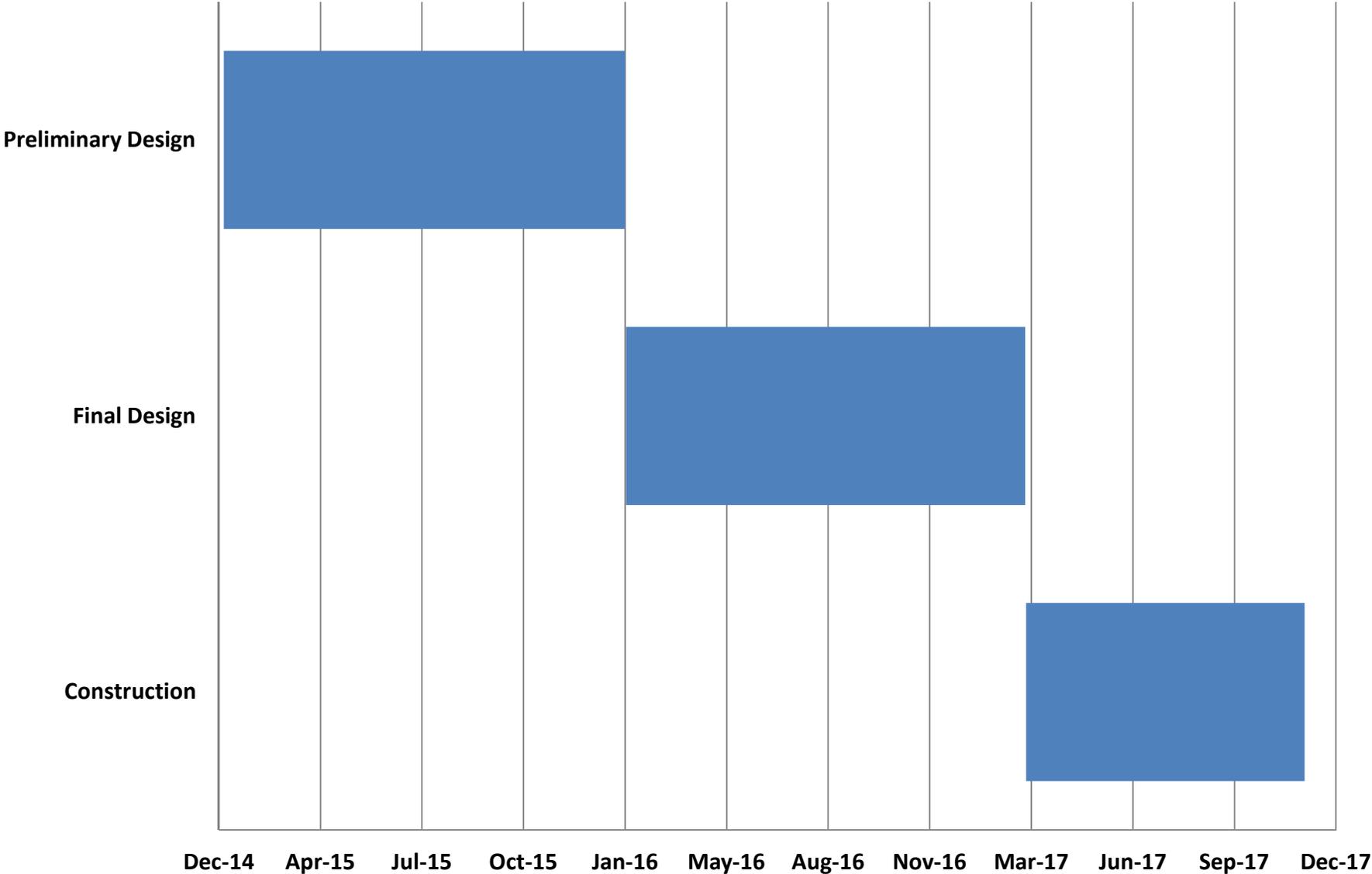
- Small shelter
- Signage/Kiosk
- Picnic tables (4-6)
- Recycling and Trash receptacles (2-4)
- Benches (1-2)
- Landscaping
- Electricity
- Well/Water/Drinking Fountain
- Parking Areas (2) with 30-40 stalls
- Restroom (pit vault toilet, handicapped accessible, multiple occupancy, power vents, security lights, storage area) delivered, installed
- County sanitary permit
- Facilities along the trail: Historic Interpretive Signage (12), Recycling and Trash receptacles (2-3), and benches (2-3)

Upon the County assuming operational and maintenance responsibility for the bicycle/pedestrian trail (Trail Segment 6D and 6E), as described in (MOA and STH Change #864 and #865), WisDOT will make a Lump Sum Payment to the County in the amount of \$200,000.00 (Two hundred thousand dollars). This Lump Sum Payment will be used by the County for future maintenance/replacement costs of the facility and equipment purchase as described below:

1. A lump sum payment of \$123,000 for future replacement costs. This payment is based on construction estimates of \$123,000 for work necessary to provide a 20 year life cycle based on a low traffic volume town road. It is adjusted for inflation, beginning in 2017, the anticipated year of trail completion.
2. A lump sum payment of \$62,000 for capitalization of specialized equipment necessary for the ongoing maintenance of the trail.
3. A lump sum payment of \$15,000 for specialized emergency service equipment for use on the specific trail.

In addition to the lump sum payment agreements, the County will be able to use State contracts and have work such as crackfill or chipseal maintenance done when road repairs are scheduled.

St. Croix Crossing Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Preliminary Design and Construction Schedule



Where would you like to have input?

How can a “community stamp” be added to the project?

How to add input for the project:

1. Fill out the WisDOT comment form at this meeting and place in the box or mail as directed.
 2. Fill out the WisDOT comment form on the WisDOT website.
 3. Fill out the WisDOT comment form on the St. Croix County website.
 4. Comments can be brought to the public information meeting at the Town of St. Joseph Town Hall on Tuesday, September 29th. The meeting runs from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
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WisDOT is limited to a pre-determined scope of provisions for shared use path amenities and additions.

1. If you would like something WisDOT is unable to provide, we encourage you to work with St. Croix County to approve the item, and then fundraise to obtain that item.
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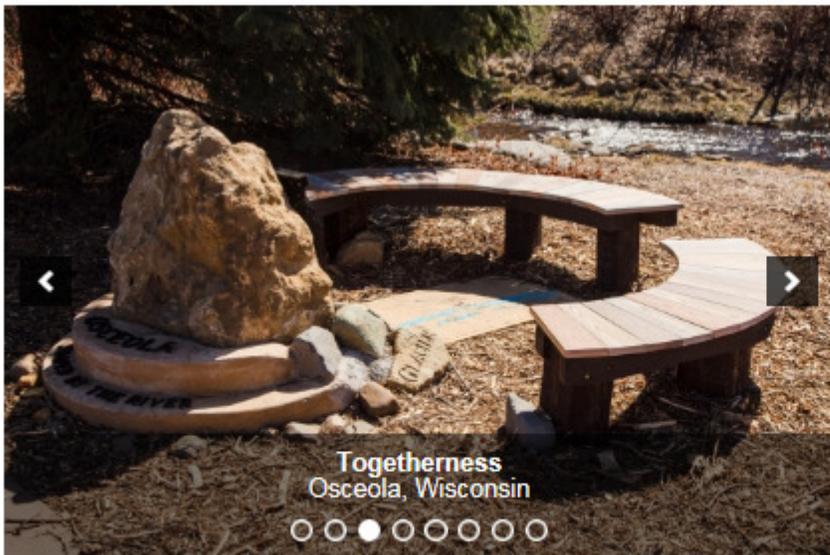
Potential Input Options:

1. Choose specific varieties of trees and shrubs from a list generated by the landscape architect. These shrubs and trees will be used to beautify the path and trailhead area.
2. Help design the information to be presented on an interpretive panel along the trail.
3. Develop an “artful” or educational rain garden in the main trailhead area. There are a few potential locations for community rain gardens.
4. Create a pollinator habitat area in the main trailhead location.
5. Create an educational planting in the main trailhead location.
6. Develop an Art Bench and place in the trailhead area. WisDOT or St. Croix County could construct concrete bench pads and Art Benches could be fundraised and constructed for those pads. See next slides for examples of art benches.
<http://www.artbenchtrail.org/>
7. Other input options.



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River Bench

Lakefront Park, Hudson, Wisconsin

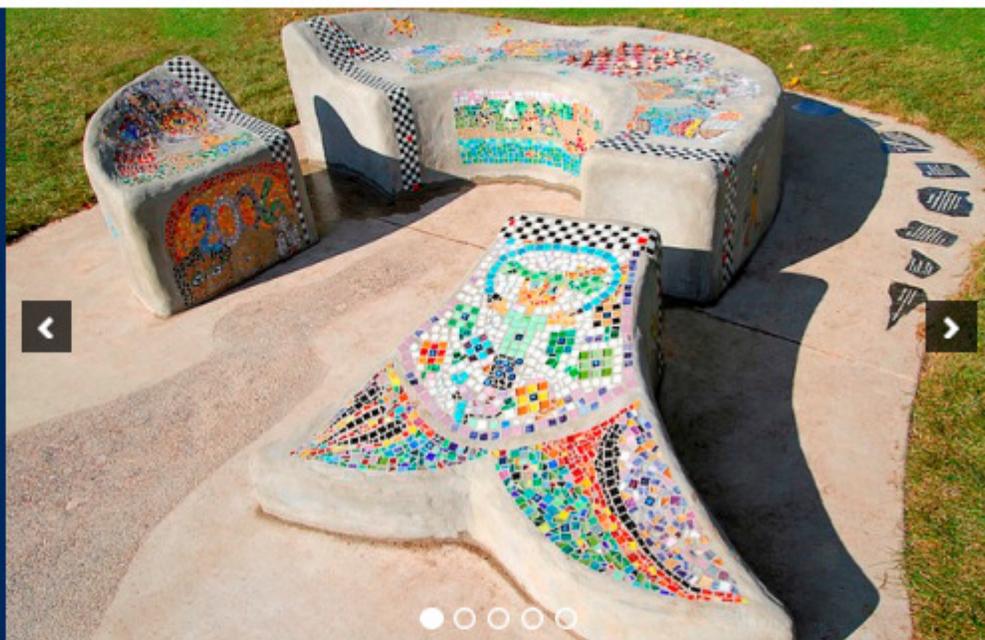
Sixty children from Hudson's Destination Imagination program and their parents contributed more than 1,000 hours to this project, working with artist Lynn Jermal.

DIRECTIONS:

From I-94: Take WI Exit 1 north, turn west at first light on Buckeye Street. Go one block to First Street, turn south. Bench is at Picnic Point, between playground and boat launch.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

- www.ci.hudson.wi.us
- hudsonwi.org



DON'T JUST SIT THERE!

Play a game of checkers with your friend or family member! Search the park to find shells, rocks, or other items to use as checker pieces, and remember to put them back where you found them when you are done with your game!

[More activities...](#)

PARTNERS & PARTICIPANTS

The River Bench was created by over 60 Hudson children and parents who contributed more than 1,000 hours and an immeasurable amount of creativity in collaboration with local artist Lynn Jermal in partnership with The Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson Destination Imagination

Concrete, Mosaic, and Memories

The raw material for the Hudson Art Bench was ideas. The bench was sculpted from the imaginations of 60 adults and kids, and what sits on the riverfront today contains something of everyone.

What sits there is a fish, arcing as if swimming or leaping. Its scales are mosaic – graphics of glass and tile – depicting memory and history, nature and people. And a checkerboard.

"Some of the images are sort of crude, and there is something so gentle and kind and sweet about that. It really is the perfect representation of this humble community," says Daniel Selon, son of lead artist Lynn Jermal. "It was people taking a moment to think about the history of this place and represent it to the best of their ability."

'Shut your eyes and keep smiling'

Selon says the project showcased his mother's ability to organize the necessary materials and intentions, and then "let go." She showed that art

Upcoming Important Dates for Public Involvement

- Today's date: August 20, 2015
- Comments from today's meeting are due on or before Friday, September 18th, 2015
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Public Information Meeting
 - Tuesday, September 29th, 2015
 - Public Information Meeting
 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
 - Town of St. Joseph Town Hall
- Comments from the September 29, 2015 meeting are due on or before Friday, October 30th, 2015
- Comments from today's meeting will be addressed by WisDOT by Monday, November 30th, 2015
- All public input must be received by Friday, January 15, 2016 to allow for incorporation into final design