

# COON CREEK REGIONAL TRAIL PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE



## Project Description

The Coon Creek Regional Trail Pedestrian Bridge will connect the Coon Creek Regional Trail from the east side of Coon Rapids Boulevard, to the west side of Coon Rapids Boulevard, just north of the current intersection at Zilla Street. This will provide greater safety and accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists across this busy, six-lane roadway which carries over 25,000 vehicles per day.

### Benefits

- Provides a safe grade separated crossing of Coon Creek Regional Trail at Coon Rapids Boulevard.
- Enhances connectivity of the regional trail system and removes a major barrier to multi-modal transportation in the area.
- Improves walkability from adjacent high density residential development, high school and bus stops.
- Allows communities in underserved areas enhanced access to recreational opportunities (abutting Area of Concentrated Poverty designated as an Opportunity Zone).

### Why State Funding?

- The pedestrian bridge provides connections to the Coon Creek Regional Trail, Mississippi River Trail Bikeway (MRT) and the regional trail system located within Hennepin County.
- The bridge connection encourages continued investment in sustainable alternative transportation options.
- State funding will compliment local funding sources and leverage \$2.4M in federal Regional Solicitation funds that has been allocated by the Met Council.

### Future Development in the Area

- The City of Coon Rapids and Anoka County have invested approximately \$10 million in the street, sidewalk, and trail infrastructure, as well as landscaping and streetscape in the area near the proposed pedestrian bridge.
- Private investment in redevelopment added 136 new residential units adjacent to the site (construction approximately two-thirds complete).
- New residents expect multi-modal transportation opportunities, including the ability to walk or bike to destinations and access to transit.

Total Project Cost → **\$6.5 MILLION**

How Much State Funding is Being Requested? → **\$3.5 MILLION**

Regional Funding → **\$2.4 MILLION**

City Contribution → **\$0.6 MILLION**



## Timeline

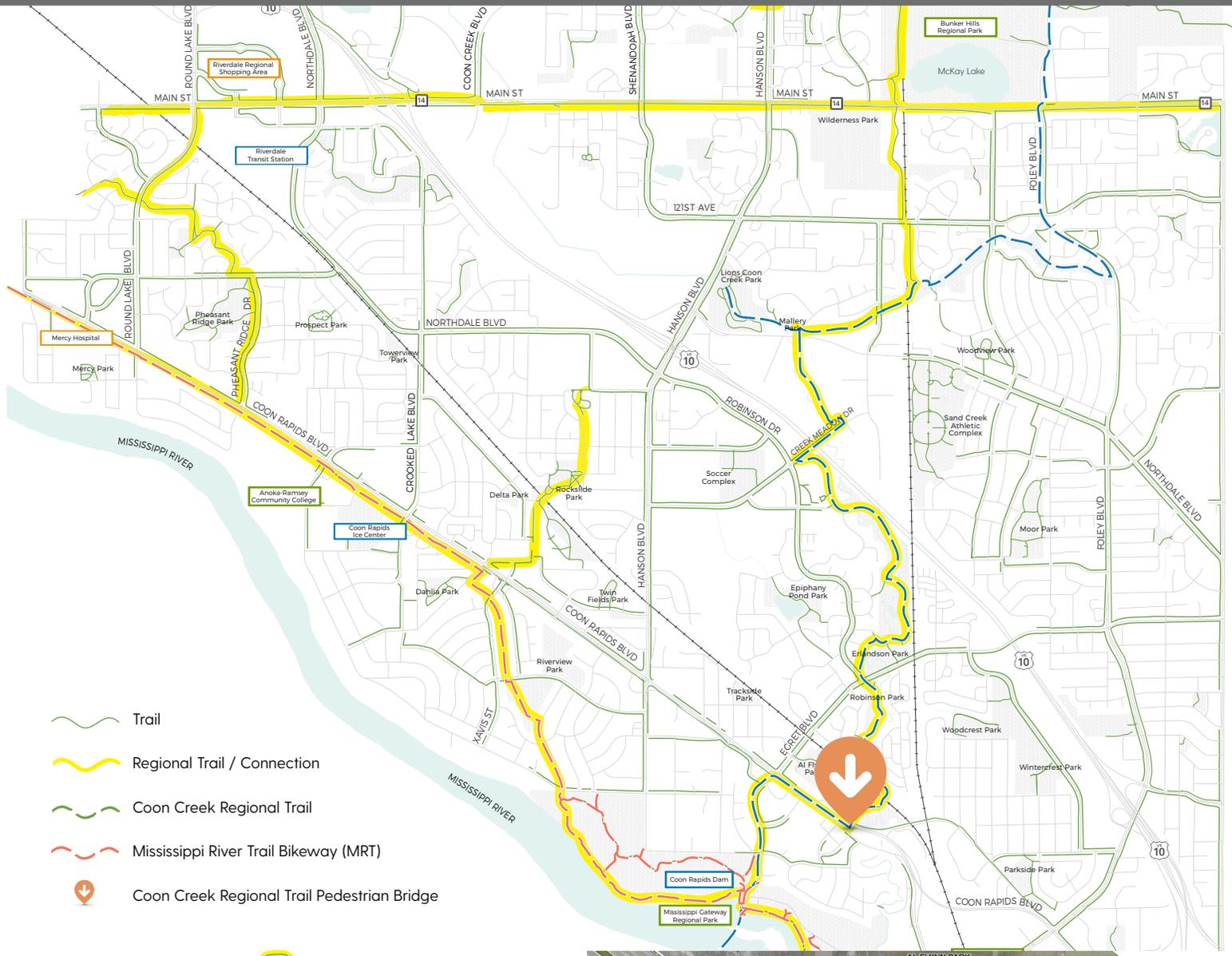
Upon funding approval, construction of the pedestrian bridge could begin in the next two years.



See how the pedestrian bridge will improve the connections between Coon Creek Regional Trail and Mississippi River Trail Bikeway (MRT) on page 2.



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-  Regional Trail / Connection
-  Coon Creek Regional Trail
-  Mississippi River Trail Bikeway (MRT)
-  Coon Creek Regional Trail Pedestrian Bridge

