

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 Avocet Street. This will provide greater safety and accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists across this busy, six-lane roadway which carries 31,000 vehicles per day.

Benefits

- Provides a safe grade separation 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. In addition to bicycle and pedestrian benefits, the bridge also improves walkability from adjacent high density residential development and bus stops.
- Allows communities in underserved areas enhanced access to recreational opportunities. Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park is west of the proposed pedestrian bridge which is a widely used recreational area. One Census Tract abutting the site is considered an Area of Concentrated Poverty and designated as an Opportunity Zone.

Why State Funding?

- The pedestrian bridge provides a regional connection for the Coon Creek Regional Trail which feeds into Mississippi River Trail Bikeway (MRT) (less than one mile south of this location) which is a highly-utilized non-motorized trail and transportation corridor through the state.
- The bridge connection encourages continued investment in sustainable alternative transportation options.
- State funding will compliment what the City of Coon Rapids plans to dedicate to the Project and leverages \$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 are investing approximately \$10 million in the street, sidewalk, and trail infrastructure, as well as landscaping and streetscape in the area near the proposed pedestrian bridge.
- These investments are part of a redevelopment project which will add 136 new detached townhomes in the next four years.
- New residents expect multi-modal transportation opportunities, including the ability to walk or bike to destinations and access to transit.

Total Project Cost → **\$4.8 MILLION**

Regional Funding → **\$2.4 MILLION**

City Contribution → **\$1.0 MILLION**

How Much State Funding is Being Requested? → **\$1.4 MILLION**



Coon Rapids Boulevard, just north of Avocet Street looking west. Current view today.

Timeline

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

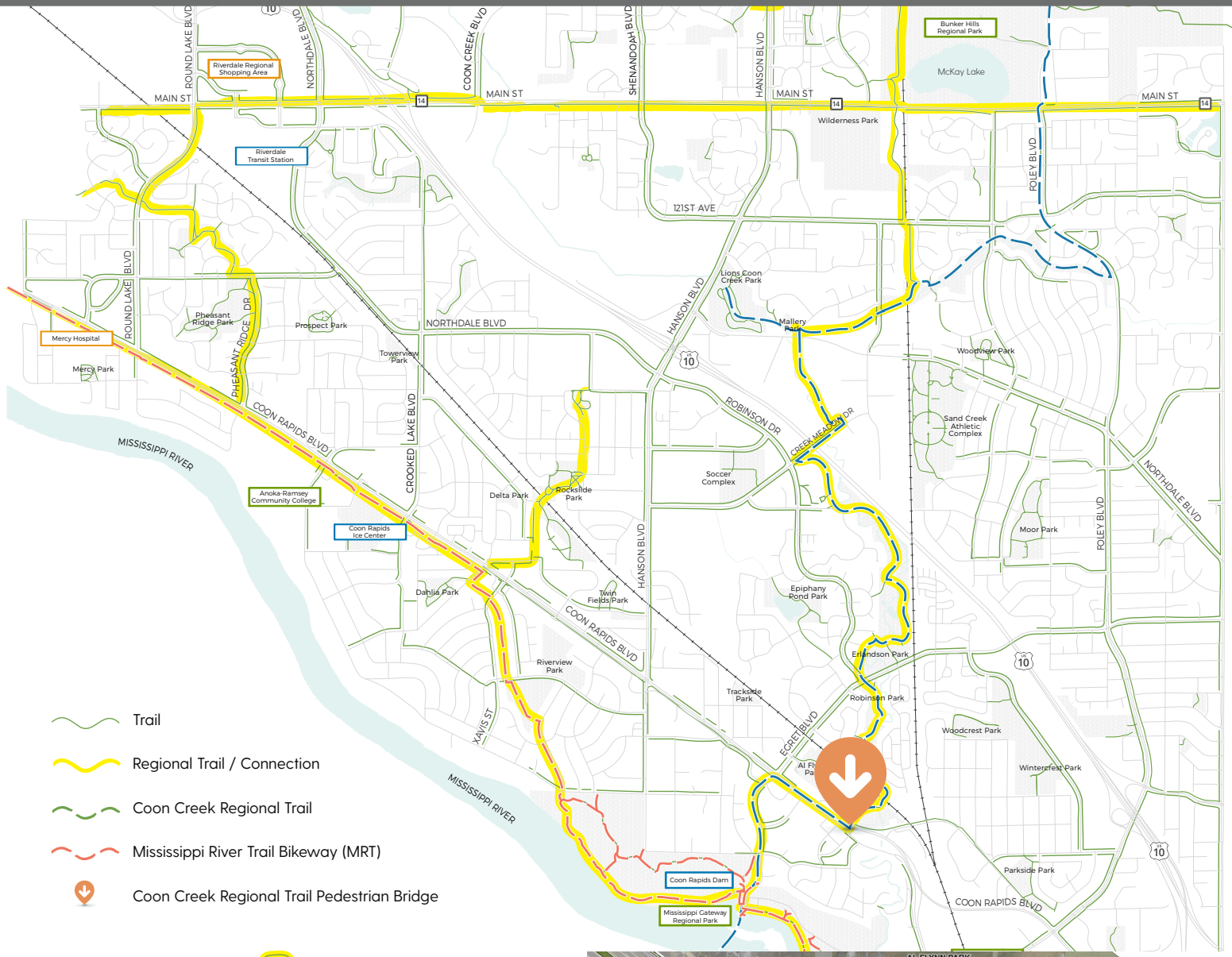


See how the pedestrian bridge will improve the connections between Coon Creek Regional Trail and Mississippi River Trail Bikeway (MRT) on page 2.



Coon Rapids Boulevard with proposed pedestrian bridge.

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