

# Dakota County 2023 River to River Greenway Pedestrian Safety Improvements



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The River to River Greenway spans 7 miles from the Minnesota River Greenway in Lilydale through Mendota Heights and West St. Paul to the Mississippi River Greenway at Kaposia Landing Park in South St. Paul.

Six of seven planned grade-separated crossings along the River to River Greenway are in place with the recently completed underpass at Robert Street. The remaining grade-separated crossing planned for the greenway is a pedestrian underpass of Dodd Road (Highway 149), a major barrier along this Tier 1 Regional Bicycle Transportation Network. This underpass would be a major safety improvement for the River to River Greenway and the Mendota to Lebanon Hills Greenway.

In 2023, Dakota County will complete final design for the underpass. Right-of-way acquisition is planned for 2024 and construction is scheduled for 2026 if funding is secured. The county will partner with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the City of Mendota Heights on the project.

**The issue:** The existing at-grade crossing of Dodd Road (Highway 149) along the River to River Greenway is a major barrier to safe use of the River to River Greenway.

**The solution:** A new pedestrian underpass at Dodd Road (Highway 149) will enhance safety for River to River Greenway users.

**State request: \$4.38 million**

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Safety is a concern at the existing at-grade crossing of Dodd Road (Highway 149) along the River to River Greenway.