



# Border-to-Border (B2B) Trail

## Segment D2, Dexter-Huron Metropark to Zeeb Rd

### Project Overview

The Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) and Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC), in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have bid and awarded a contract for the construction of a non-motorized shared use path.

The WCRC, WCPARC, MDOT, and Wade Trim (Construction Engineering consultant) will work with Davis Construction (Contractor) to:

- Construct 1.2 Miles of non-motorized shared use pathway from the Dexter-Huron Metropark to Zeeb Road.
- Construct two, 200-foot span pedestrian bridge crossings of the Huron River.
- Construct six segments of timber boardwalk, totaling an estimated 1,080 feet.

### Project Timeline

Pending access approval from the railroad (Amtrak), the Contractor intends to commence work in late-January 2019. Identified tree removals will occur in February and March of 2019. Per the project documents, the project is scheduled to be substantially completed by Fall 2019.

### Contact Information

- Questions concerning the project should be directed to:
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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q: What are the limits of construction?**

A: The pathway construction will extend 1.2 Miles from the Dexter-Huron Metropark to the intersection of Huron River Drive / Zeeb Road.

### **Q: What is the estimated cost of construction for the project?**

A: The contracted price for the proposed construction is \$4.4M.

### **Q: How is construction of this project funded?**

A: Funding of \$2.8M has been secured through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). This is a competitive grant program using federal transportation funds designated by Congress for specific activities that enhance the intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options. Local matching funds of \$1.6M have been allocated by the WCPARC.

### **Q: Does the Contractor have experience with this scope of construction?**

A: Davis Construction is an MDOT prequalified contractor. They most recently worked with the WCRC and WCPARC on the 2018 construction of Phase 1A of the Huron-Waterloo Loop pathway, along M-52 between Werkner Road and the Green Lake Campground. Davis Construction is also well-experienced with bridge construction projects.

### **Q: When is construction expected to start and be completed?**

A: The Contractor intends to commence work in late-January 2019. Identified tree removals will occur in February and March of 2019.

Per the project documents, the project is scheduled to be substantially completed by Fall 2019.

### **Q: Will Park users have access to the Dexter-Huron Metropark during construction?**

A: Yes. The point of beginning (POB) for the pathway project is at the easterly end of the Metropark. Some temporary closures in or near the existing parking areas may be needed to accommodate some portions of the work.

The Contractor will be expected to maintain reasonable access to beach, pavilion, and playground areas.

The extent of this inconvenience to park users will be limited. Coordination with Metroparks staff will be ongoing for the duration of work.



**Q: Will Huron River users have access along the river corridor during construction?**

A: Yes and no. In order to perform construction associated with the bridge crossings, and to provide construction access to isolated park property between the bridge crossings, periodic closures of river segments will be needed. The river segments closed at or near construction operations will include the installation of buoys and warning signs. Coordination with Metroparks and local canoe livery operators will be ongoing for the duration of the work.

**Q: Will traffic on Huron River Drive and Zeeb Road be impacted during construction?**

A: Yes, but the impact is not expected to be significant. Traffic will be maintained by use of flag control and temporary signage, as needed to accommodate work in the roadways.

**Q: Will area utilities be affected?**

A: Utilities are not expected to be impacted by the proposed pathway construction. Utility owners have been informed of the proposed work. Plans have been prepared based on the location information provided by utility owners.

**Q: How is the Amtrak railroad line involved?**

A: The Contractor is required to obtain a right-of-entry permit to access the railroad property. This will be needed to remove identified trees and construct a chain-link style fence. The fence will provide a barrier between the railroad and the pathway, promoting the safety of construction and railroad personnel (during construction), and future pathway users. WCPARC has obtained a permit from the MDOT Office of Rail for the construction of that segment of the proposed pathway within the railroad property limits.

**Q: Will trees be removed as part of the construction project?**

A: Yes. Some trees will be removed to accommodate the new pathway footprint. The number of trees to be removed is directly related to the pathway geometry, safety and drainage. Tree removal work will be completed before March 31, 2019.