Project background
Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District will start construction on the Northeast Interceptor - Truax Extension Relief Sewer Project beginning in July 2019. The project includes installation of approximately 7,800 feet of 42 inch diameter pipe running from Highway 51 and Rieder Road to the intersection of Lien Road and Thierer Road (yellow route on the map below). The project is needed to handle continued growth in the area and rehabilitate the existing line, which was constructed in 1969. In most places, the pipe will be installed by digging a trench. At the crossing of East Washington Avenue, a tunnel will be built to avoid digging across the road and disrupting traffic. The project includes a path in Reindahl Park and a sidewalk connection between the intersection of Orin Road and Onsgard Road and Reindahl Park.

Construction schedule
The work will begin at the south end of the route and take about one year, with completion anticipated by July 2020. Work through Reindahl Park will be phased over the winter to minimize disruption to park users.

Traffic Impacts
The contractor will work to minimize disruption to businesses and residents near the construction. However, there will be traffic impacts to Lien Road. Construction will be closed to through-traffic along Lien Road between Parkside Drive and Thierer Road from approximately July 2019 to October 2019. Local access to at least one driveway for each business will be maintained, however there will be a “rolling closure” progressing down the road as the pipe is installed from east to west. Depending on the work location at any given time, access to businesses will be from the west only or from the east only. Metro buses will be detoured off of Lien Road. Temporary closures of Bartillon Drive and Rieder Road will be required when the pipe crossings of these streets are being installed. No disruption to traffic is anticipated at the crossing of East Washington Avenue. Some night and weekend work should be expected.

Tree removals
Some tree and brush removals will be needed along the route; notably through the triangle park, through Reindahl Park and at the northern end of the project near Rieder and Old Gate roads. There will also be some tree removals required to install the sidewalk connection heading east from the intersection of Orin Road and Onsgard Road to Reindahl Park. The district worked closely with City of Madison Parks staff on the route to avoid high value trees and existing trees were avoided where possible. A certified arborist evaluated existing trees to determine their condition, species and protection requirements.

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