

PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST

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Project ID 5852-00-04	County Sauk	Funding Source <input type="checkbox"/> State Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal
Project Termini/Location Village of Prairie du Sac, Pedestrian Improvements (Various Locations)		Estimated Project Cost - Include R/W Acquisition \$138,500
Name of Facility to be Improved Local Street		Facility Classification NA
RW to be Acquired		
1.49 Total Acres	0.0 Fee Simple Acres	0.93 Permanent Easement Acres 0.56 Temporary Easement Acres
Number of Buildings Acquired		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	Vacant Buildings	Occupied Buildings
Name of Individual Completing this Form Josh Weiss		Date 8/18/2015

Based on current knowledge of the proposal, I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the conditions, concerns, and issues reported on this checklist accurately reflect those affecting and affected by the proposal.

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Description of Proposed Action - Insert project location map and other appropriate exhibits.

The purpose of the Federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program is to promote physical fitness in our children. In July 2005, Congress passed federal legislation that established a National Safe Routes to School program to improve safety on walking and bicycling routes to school and to encourage children and families to travel between home and school using these modes. The SRTS Program empowers communities to make walking and bicycling to school a safe and routine activity.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a user friendly, safe and serviceable multi-use path for pedestrian and bicycling activity. The path will be used by all citizens young and old to walk or bike to school, and encourage an active and healthy lifestyle. The facility will provide an off-street alternative for jogging, rollerblading, skateboarding and other recreational activities for users of all ages.

Currently, the area around Sauk Prairie Middle School lacks continuous pedestrian facilities. The school site contains sidewalks on the north and east sides but not on the south or west. Sidewalks in the immediate vicinity of the middle school are effective for east/west travel on Oak Street. North/south travel is primarily accommodated on 9th Street, Maple Street, and Spruce Street. Gaps in the sidewalk network force students to walk in the street and along some road segments the sidewalk switches from one side of the street to another requiring pedestrians to cross frequently.

In 2011, a survey was conducted to determine how students travel to and from school. The results showed a majority used a bus or family vehicle, with only 14% walking. Primary concerns affecting mode choice for parents were the safety of intersections and crossings and the speed of traffic along the route.

The project is located in southeastern Sauk County within the Village of Prairie Du Sac. The project is located Town 9 North, Range 6 East, Section 1.

Three alternatives were considered for the project: no build, construction of a 5 ft sidewalk along 13th Street/Sycamore Street and Hemlock Street, and construction of a 10 ft multi-use path. The no build alternative would not improve