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Lake Forest receives $764K grant for McClory bike path connection

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A new section of the Robert McClory Bike Path will be constructed in downtown Lake Forest with a $764,000 grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, city officials announced this week.

The new one-half mile connection will be a shared-use pedestrian and bike path along the west side of McKinley Road between Illinois and Woodland roads. It will connect two ends of the existing bike path, which provides access to regional rail transit at the East Side Train Station on the Union Pacific North Line.

The path will provide access to the Central Business District and several other municipalities along the trail from Highland Park on the south into Wisconsin on the north.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in August and be completed by the end of the year.

The new bike path will provide improved safety for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists by separating bicycle and automobile traffic within the train station parking lots by reducing potential conflicts between bicyclists and motorists. The path will include new ramps and pavement markings at the two roadway crossings to move bicycle traffic to the designated crosswalk.

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