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Tunnel Concept
East View of Tunnel



MDOT has announced the closing of M-52 in each direction just north of the Green Lake Campground beginning Monday, May 4 for the installation of a pedestrian tunnel for the Border-to-Border Trail (B2B) segment under construction.

The tunnel is part of a 2.1-mile segment of the B2B that will extend the trail from Green Lake Campground to Lyndon Township Hall on North Territorial Rd.

"Originally, we had planned for an "at-grade" crossing of M-52, mainly due to the cost associated with constructing a tunnel," explained Peter Sanderson, Architect for Washtenaw County Parks. "Some of HWPI's (Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative) private donors thought that the idea was not safe and chose to contribute to the project with the express purpose of funding the tunnel and making a safer crossing. More than \$900,000 was raised in the Chelsea area specifically for the tunnel."

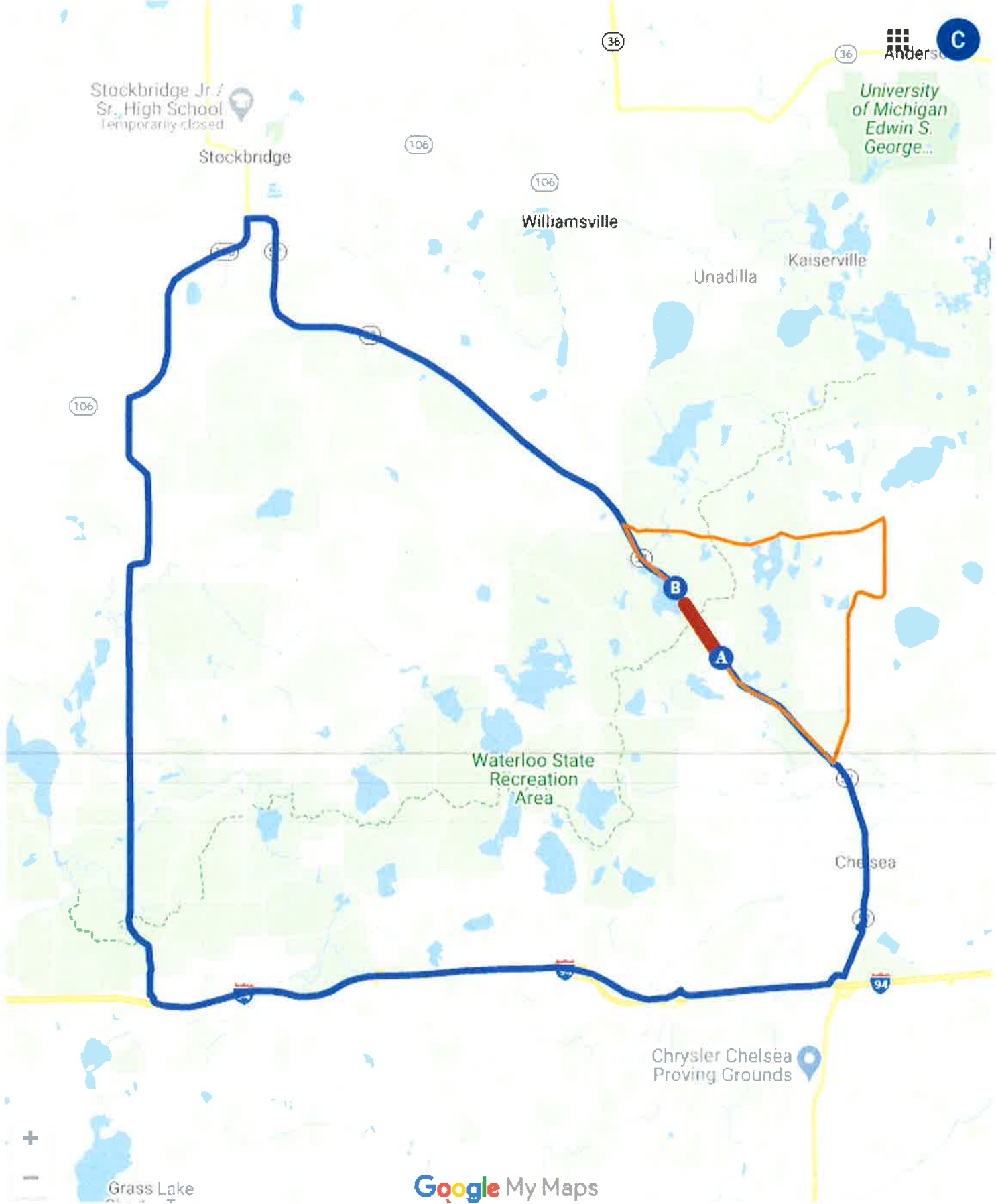
Trail planners decided the trail must cross M-52 in order to protect and preserve the wetlands associated with Green Lake. The tunnel crossing also creates a link between the Pinckney and Waterloo Recreation areas.

Maintenance of the tunnel will fall under the jurisdiction of the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission who oversees the B2B. When completed, the tunnel will be approximately 16' wide, 70' long, 10' tall and it will have lighting on the interior.

A 50-car trailhead parking lot for the B2B is also under construction at Lyndon Township Hall on North Territorial a quarter-mile east of M-52.

The tunnel project is expected to be completed by and M-52 reopened on May 22. Detours will be posted. MDOT advises motorists to plan ahead and find alternate routes.





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