



Plan of proposed tunnel and trail crossing Old Highway 52 with bike lane to Luana.



Perspective A: Looking south from railroad tracks.



Perspective B: Looking northwest on Old Highway 52.



Perspective A: Proposed pedestrian tunnel under the railroad.



Perspective B: Proposed trail crossing and bike lane on shoulder.

Safe Crossings and Access to Luana

Connecting the Butterfly Trail with the rest of Monona is a common theme found in the inventory and analysis workshops. In particular, railroad crossings are most limiting. A trail extension heading north from Garden View is proposed and crosses the railroad through a tunnel as shown on the plan to the left. This trail also crosses Old Highway 52, providing safe access via paved shoulder to Luana.

This crossing concerns from the railroad company are minimized by removing the interaction of trains and pedestrians. The proposed tunnel location provides ample room between the railroad and Old Highway 52 for a safe crossing. Another goal is to continue the bike route to Luana along the roadway. The design proposes an eight foot wide bike lane on the north side of the road providing enough room for comfortable bike traffic in both directions. The bike lane includes a trail branching off heading north and east to continue a trail loop within Monona.



Plan of proposed trailhead at Butterfly Garden.



Existing Garden View trailhead looking east from Jim Burger Boulevard.



Proposed Garden View trailhead.

Butterfly Garden Trailhead

The current trailheads at the Butterfly Garden and Garden View Park need formal parking and improved pedestrian access to the Butterfly Trail. To the left is a plan for a trailhead at the Butterfly Garden. Extending Davis Street into a parking area provides room for ten vehicles to park. Adjacent to the parking is a widened area serving as the trailhead area, where trail signage is already present. Site furnishings and trail amenities are proposed as well.

The image to the right shows what a new formalized Garden View trailhead area looks like with a more defined parking area and additional signage to highlight the trail crossing of James Burger Boulevard. There is a gas line along the north edge of the parking area, so caution is to be taken with shrub planting and excavation. Additional trees are proposed along the trail to provide shade to the area.

Monona Trail Safety and Amenities

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