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Inventory of Pedestrian Access Past ORBT Station Sites

From 10th Street Downtown to Westroads Transit Center

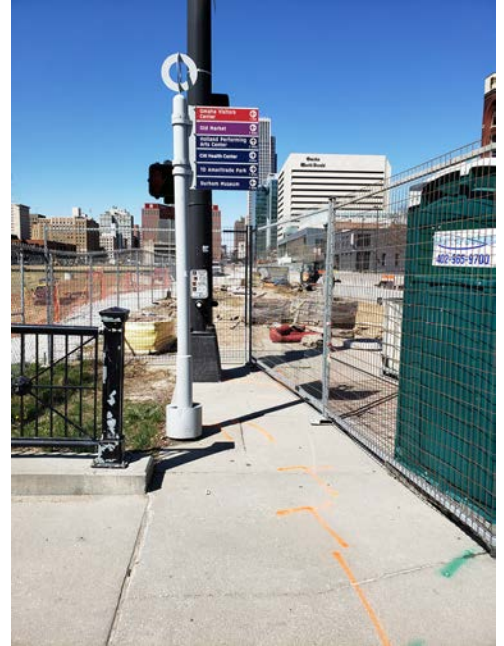
Survey Dates: April 10, 20, & 21, 2020

Based on several casual observations, members of Mode Shift Omaha's Walkability Team was concerned that some of the new ORBT Dodge Street Bus Rapid Transit stations being built don't have adequate pedestrian paths to get past the station platforms – whether during construction or after completion.

On Friday, April 10th I visited all of the ORBT station sites east of 72nd St. to observe the status of status of station construction and their impact on pedestrian traffic. I continued the survey west of 72nd St. on April 20th & 21st. My observations are summarized in the table below. Following the table are photos taken at the station sites to give the reader a visual of what pedestrians and wheelchair users face getting past these sites.

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Date	Station Location	Construction Status	Pedestrian Access	Notes/Comments
04/10/20	10th & Douglas - EB	In progress	None, but Mall const. also has sidewalk blocked	
04/10/20	12th & Dodge - WB	In progress	Pedestrians use sidewalk behind const. fence	Sidewalk closed signs, but open
04/10/20	15th & Douglas - EB	In progress	No pedestrian access, sidewalk blocked	No detour marked, no signs
04/10/20	15th & Dodge - WB	In progress	Pedestrians use sidewalk behind const. fence	No signs
04/10/20	19th & Douglas - EB	In progress	Pedestrians use sidewalk behind const. fence	No signs, entrance not clear from east
04/10/20	20th & Dodge - WB	In progress	Pedestrians use sidewalk behind const. fence	Sidewalk closed signs, but open
04/10/20	24th & Douglas - EB	In progress	Pedestrians use sidewalk behind const. fence	No signs
04/10/20	24th & Dodge - WB	In progress	Platform appears completed, board across path	Room for sidewalk behind platform
04/10/20	Park & Douglas - EB	In progress	No pedestrian access, sidewalk blocked	No signs
04/10/20	Park & Dodge - WB	Const. not started		
04/10/20	33rd & Dodge - EB	Const. not started	Next to Mutual of Omaha property	
04/10/20	33rd & Dodge - WB	Platform completed	Pedestrians must use station platform	Parking lot behind platform
04/10/20	42nd & Dodge - EB	Const. not started	Narrow sidewalk with grass slope	
04/10/20	42nd & Dodge - WB	Platform completed	Pedestrians must use station platform	
04/10/20	49th & Dodge - EB	Const. not started	Utility const. next to wide sidewalk	
04/10/20	49th & Dodge - WB	In progress	Pedestrians use sidewalk behind platform	Const. fence still in place
04/10/20	62nd & Dodge - EB	Const. not started	Wide sidewalk	Has roomy bus shelter
04/10/20	62nd & Dodge - WB	Platform completed	Pedestrians must use station platform	Room for sidewalk behind platform
04/10/20	72nd & Dodge - EB	Const. started 4/13	Sidewalk closed, no marked detour	Scooters drive-thru close by
04/10/20	72nd & Dodge - WB	Platform completed	Pedestrians must use station platform	Steep grassy slope to north
04/20/20	77th/Keystone Trl-EB	Const. not started	Stop added to plan	
04/20/20	77th/Keystone Trl-EB	Const. not started	Stop added to plan	
04/20/20	84th & Dodge - EB	In progress	Sidewalk on frontage road, sidewalk from 84th	New stairway to frontage Rd sidewalk
04/20/20	84th & Dodge - WB	Platform completed	New sidewalk behind platform	
04/20/20	90th & Dodge - EB	In progress	No pedestrian access, sidewalk blocked	Room for new sidewalk when done
04/20/20	90th & Dodge - WB	Platform completed	Pedestrians must use station platform	
04/21/20	Westroads Transit Ctr	Platform completed	Connects to existing TC platform to west	No sidewalk to the east, parking south

ORBT Station at 10th & Douglas – Eastbound



4/10/2020-Looking west from 10th St. crosswalk. Station platform under construction. No pedestrian path around the site, but sidewalk closed on the south side of Douglas because of Gene Leahy Mall redevelopment project. When the mall project is completed, there should be a new sidewalk on the south side of the station.

ORBT Station at 12th & Dodge – Westbound



4/10/2020-Looking east at the station construction from Dodge St.



4/10/2020-Looking east – the contractor provided a nice path for pedestrians past the construction site. Not sure why the Sidewalk Closed sign is there.

ORBT Station at 15th & Douglas – Eastbound



4/10-Looking east across 15th St. Library on the right.



4/10-Looking west – street view of station site.



4/10/2020-Looking east along sidewalk. No pedestrian path by site, and no signs posted. That's the Library's lower-level parking lot on the left (south). When the platform is completed, it appears that there will be room for a sidewalk behind the ORBT station, but it will be narrow.

ORBT Station at 15th & Dodge – Westbound



4/10/2020-Street view of 15th St WB station construction – Looking west



4/10/2020-Sidewalk view of 15th St WB station construction Looking west



4/10/2020-Sidewalk view of 15th St WB station construction looking east. Good pedestrian path behind construction site and station when completed.

ORBT Station at 19th & Douglas – Eastbound



4/10/2020-Sidewalk view looking west from across 19th St.



4/10/2020-Street view looking west at station construction site.



4/10/2020-Looking north along the sidewalk on the west side of 19th St. On the left is the entrance to the pedestrian path past the construction site. No signage to guide pedestrians. Construction fence blocks pedestrians from walking north to the crosswalk to cross Douglas St.

ORBT Station at 20th & Dodge – Westbound



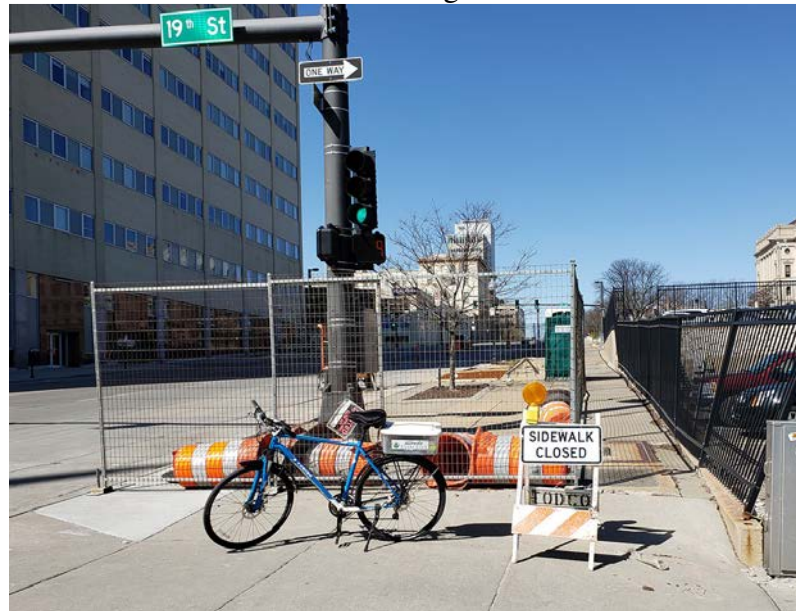
4/10/2020-Sidewalk view looking east from 20th St.



4/10/2020-Street view looking east from 20th St.



4/10/2020-Street view looking west from mid-block.



4/10/2020-Sidewalk view looking west. Pedestrian path behind construction site. Not sure why there is a Sidewalk Closed sign because the sidewalk is open.

ORBT Station at 24th & Douglas – Eastbound



4/10/2020-Sidewalk view looking east from 24th St.



4/10/2020-Street view looking west.



4/10/2020-Sidewalk view looking west. There is a pedestrian path on the sidewalk past the station construction site. However, there is no signage, but it's pretty obvious where to walk.

ORBT Station at 24th & Dodge – Westbound



4/10/2020-View looking NW across Dodge St. of the ORBT 24th St. WB station site.



4/10/2020-View from 24th St. looking west along the sidewalk towards the station site.



4/10/2020-View looking west from 24th St. at ORBT Station platform. Pedestrians must use the gravel path to the right (north) of the new station platform. Hopefully that sidewalk will be repaired or replaced.

ORBT Station at 29th/Park & Douglas – Eastbound



4/10/2020-Looking west across Park Ave. towards station construction site. No pedestrian path by site.



4/10/2020-Street view of station site looking west. No pedestrian signage.



4/10/2020-Sidewalk view looking west across Park Ave. No pedestrian path around construction site, and no signage.

ORBT Station at Park & Dodge – Westbound

Construction not started yet. No photos taken.

ORBT Station at 33rd & Dodge – Eastbound



4/10/2020-Sidewalk view of SW corner of 33rd & Dodge looking west. Future site of ORBT station.



4/10/2020-From the EB station site looking NW across Dodge to the WB 33rd St station platform.

ORBT Station at 33rd & Dodge – Westbound



4/10/2020-Sidewalk view looking west from 33rd St. Platform is completed. Pedestrian traffic must walk across station platform. No room for a sidewalk behind (north) of platform.



4/10/2020-Sidewalk view looking east towards station. Not sure why those white barricades are in the parking lot next to the station.

ORBT Station at 42nd & Dodge – Eastbound

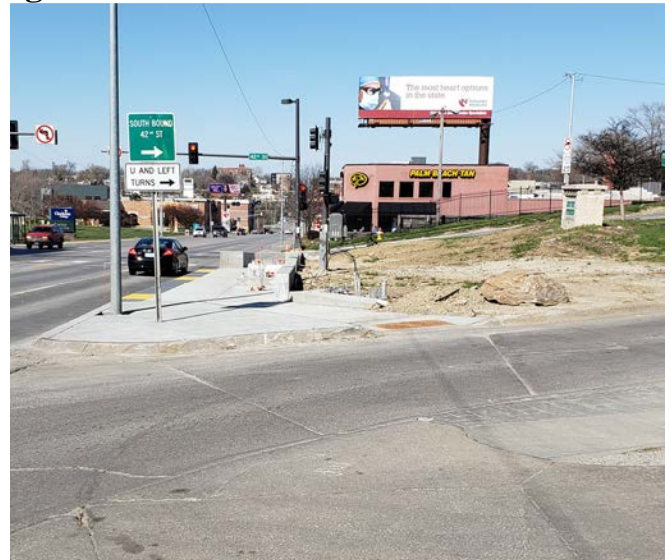


4/10/2020-Looking west at SW corner of 41st & Dodge St. This is the site of the eastbound ORBT station. Note the downward slope of the grass to the left (south) of the site. That's the WB station across Dodge St. and ½-block west.

ORBT Station at 42nd & Dodge – Westbound



4/10/2020-Sidewalk view looking east from 42nd St. Station platform is completed and is the only path for pedestrians past the site.



4/10/2020-Looking west across jughandle offramp from Dodge to 42nd St. Note the odd placement of the handicap ramp curb cut.



4/10/2020-Sidewalk closer view of platform looking west.

ORBT Station at 49th & Dodge – Eastbound



4/10/2020-Looking east past proposed EB station site. Utility work still in progress.

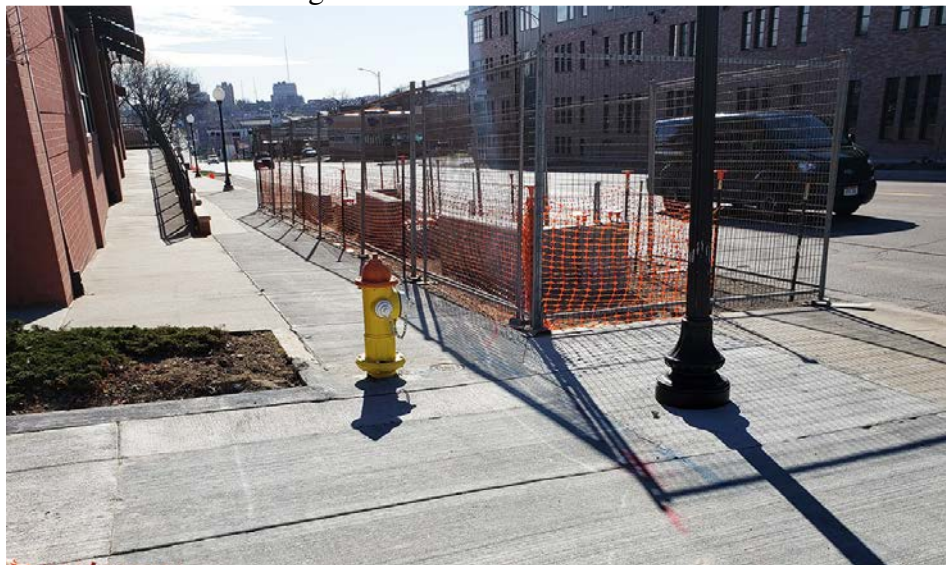
ORBT Station at 49th & Dodge – Westbound



4/10/2020-Street view of station looking west.



4/10/2020-Sidewalk view of station looking west.



4/10/2020-Sidewalk view looking east from 49th St. Sidewalk passes behind station.

ORBT Station at 62nd & Dodge (UNO) – Eastbound



4/10/2020-Sidewalk view looking west at existing bus stop. ORBT station construction not started.



4/10/2020-View across Dodge St. from EB station site to completed WB station platform.

ORBT Station at 62nd & Dodge – Westbound



4/10/2020-Looking west towards completed WB platform.



4/10/2020-Room for sidewalk behind platform but not built yet.



4/10/2020-Looking east past new station platform. Sidewalk behind platform not built yet.
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ORBT Station at 72nd & Dodge – Eastbound



4/10/2020-Looking West at EB station site. Little room for sidewalk behind station because of parking lot and Scooters drive-thru lane on left (south)



4/20/2020-Construction on the 72nd & Dodge EB station began the week of 4/13. Sidewalk was closed with no detour marked. Pedestrians could cross Dodge and use the north sidewalk, but the next traffic signal is at 69th St. Otherwise pedestrians must walk through commercial properties to bypass construction.

ORBT Station at 72nd & Dodge – Westbound



4/10/2020-Booth views looking west at completed station platform. Pedestrian traffic past station must walk across the platform. Will be a problem walking past a crowd of ORBT customers. That slope on the right (north) extends up to the Target Store parking lot.

ORBT Station at 77th/Keystone Trail & Dodge

This stop was added to the plan in 2019. Will not be fully-equipped stations.



4/20/2020-Standing on the bridge over Little Papio Creek looking east towards the Keystone Trail Connection sidewalk to the left (north). Assume WB stop would be in front of the Shell Gas Station. There is a stairway to the train just north of the bridge, and cyclists can continue north on the sidewalk to an at-grade connection with the train.



4/20/2020- Standing on the bridge over Little Papio Creek looking east towards the Keystone Trail Connection sidewalk to the right (south). Assume EB stop would be near that green OPPD electrical box which is in front of the McDonalds restaurant.

ORBT Station at 84th & Dodge – Eastbound



4/20/2020-Looking east towards 84th St. with Dodge on the left and the frontage road on the right. There is no sidewalk on the south side of Dodge at this point. The sidewalk follows the frontage road and is not affected by ORBT construction.



4/20/2020- A closer view looking east towards the ORBT station construction. The sidewalk is on the right (south) and about 8 ft. above the station site.



4/20/2020-View looking west from 84th St. towards the station site. Note there is an existing sidewalk on the left, and it may have led to a O-Metro bus stop at this location. A new stairway leading from the ORBT station to the sidewalk and frontage road is being built as part of the project. Wheelchair passengers will be able to use the sidewalk leading to 84th St.

ORBT Station at 84th & Dodge – Westbound



4/20/2020-Looking west towards the completed platform west of 84th St. just beyond the Amigos Restaurant.



4/20/2020-Sidewalk view of the 84th St. platform. The project includes a new sidewalk behind (north of) the station.



4/20/2020-Sidewalk view looking east towards the new station platform.

ORBT Station at 90th & Dodge – Eastbound



4/20/2020-Sidewalk view looking NE from 90th St. The sidewalk is closed with no marked detour. There should be room for a sidewalk behind (south of) the station, but there is a slope down to the Walgreens parking lot.



4/20/2020-Street view of the station site looking east from 90th St. Since there were no construction equipment present, I was able to bike past using the closed right lane on Dodge St.



4/20/2020- Looking west towards 90th St. from the driveway into Walgreens. Sidewalk closed sign but no marked detour. Pedestrians can walk through Walgreens parking lot.

ORBT Station at 90th & Dodge – Westbound



4/20/2020-Sidewalk view looking east towards the completed platform and 90th St. Pedestrian must use the station platform to walk past this station.



4/20/2020-Street view of the platform looking east. Sidewalk heading left (north) leads to parking lot for office building.



4/20/2020-Sidewalk view looking west from 90th St. across the completed WB station platform.

ORBT Station at Westroads Transit Center

The new station is located on the south side of Nicholas Street just east of the existing Westroads Transit Center.



4/21/2020-Sidewalk view looking west along Nicholas St. towards the completed WTC ORBT station platform. There generally are no sidewalks on the perimeter of the Westroads Shopping Center complex. That's why the sidewalk ends here with a connection to the parking lot.



4/21/2020-View looking west from the station platform to the existing transit center. Good sidewalk connection. Transit customers are allowed to park in the adjacent NW corner of the Westroads parking lot. Although the Granite City Brewery is nearby, it's about a 500-ft walk from WTC to the Mall.



4/21/2020-Parking lot view looking WNW towards the rear of the ORBT station with the WTC in the background.



4/21/2020-Sidewalk view looking east from the existing Westroads Transit Center towards the new ORBT station.