

Getting from here to there by bike on the northside of La Crosse could become much easier in a couple years. A project that's been on the drawing board for more than a decade for a bike and pedestrian bridge to cross the BNSF rail yard on the northside is heading for a start date. Planning for the bridge began at least a dozen years ago but ran into opposition from the rail company and then a complete redesign when BNSF decided it needed room to expand in the future. Now, that redesign is done. Funding's approved. And city engineer Randy Turtenwald expects to break ground on the 4.3 million dollar bridge next year.