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Highway 212 Closure in Eden Prairie Today

A closure of Highway 212 between Highway 62 and Shady Oak Road in Eden Prairie is planned to set LRT bridge beams. Today, Friday, June 11 in the evening all westbound lanes will close. Eastbound Highway 212 will then close on Saturday, June 12, in the late afternoon. All lanes will reopen on Tuesday, June 15, by late evening. [See Eden Prairie detour information.](#)

Weekly Construction Photo: Minnetonka-Hopkins LRT Bridge



As LRT travels into Hopkins a bridge structure is needed for LRT to cross over freight rail tracks, as seen in the background of this image. The piers for the LRT bridge continue to take shape.

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Eden Prairie Construction: Map 1 of 2



SouthWest Station to Eden Prairie Town Center Station

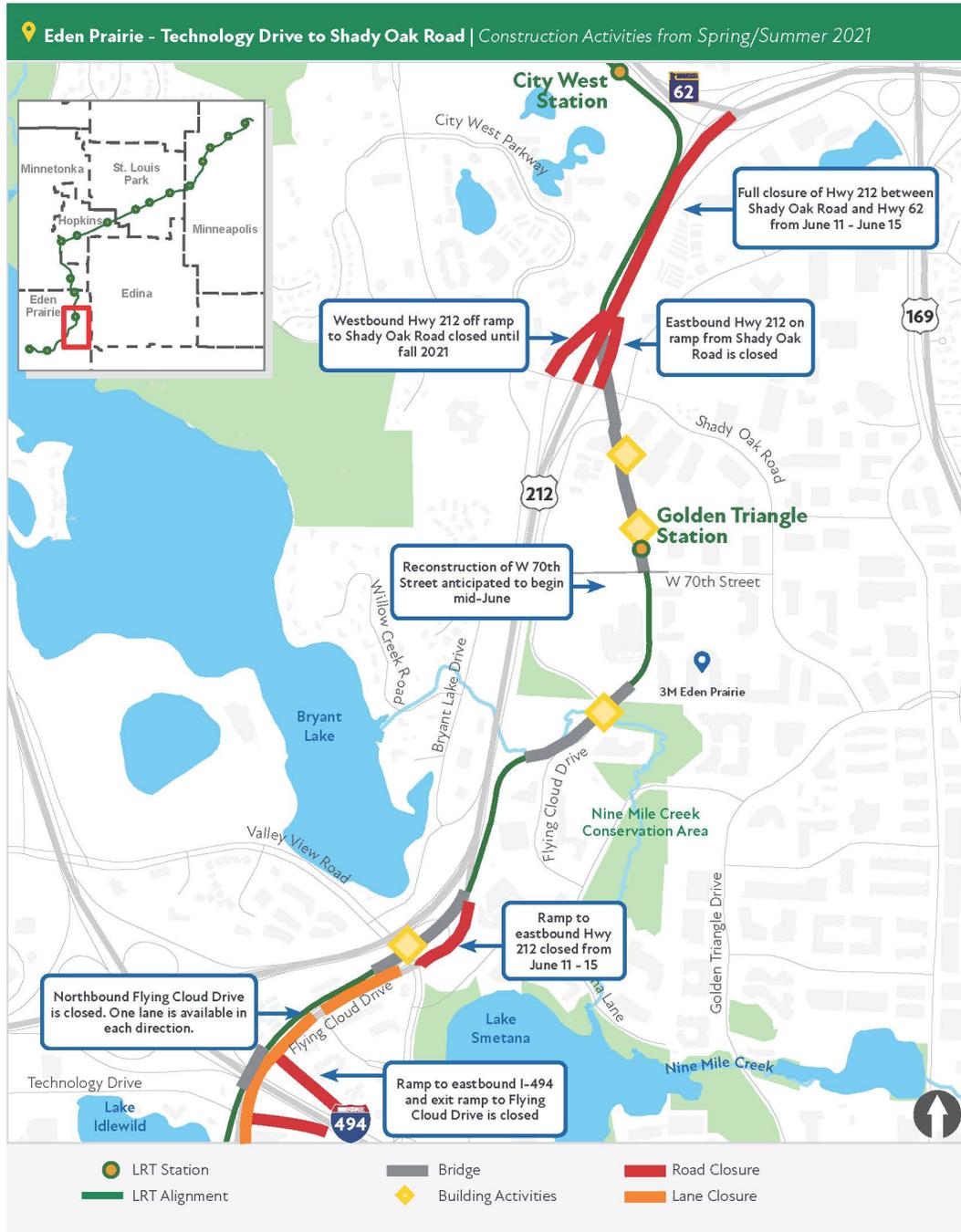
Construction Overview: At the SouthWest Station we are constructing a new park-and-ride ramp adjacent to the existing ramp and a combined bus and LRT station. Moving east, the Prairie Center Drive LRT Bridge extends from the SouthWest Station area over Technology Drive and Prairie Center Drive. Moving east, LRT will enter the Eden Prairie Town Center Station area.

Current activities to expect in this area:

- Near Southwest Station on Technology Drive, expect westbound lane closures the week of June 14 as crews pour concrete.
- Work continues on the Prairie Center Drive LRT bridge as crews build walkways, paint and work on piers in the roadway. From Prairie Center Drive from Technology Drive to Singletree Lane continue to expect southbound lane closures through June.

- The SouthWest station area remains a busy construction site with ongoing piling and concrete work.
- Work continues on the Prairie Center Drive as crews work on bridge walkways.
- Sidewalks near the intersection of Prairie Center Drive and Technology Drive remain closed, please follow signage to ensure your safety. ([See the SouthWest pedestrian detour map](#)).

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LRT Bridge at I-494 to Shady Oak Road

Construction Overview: In this portion of Eden Prairie, an LRT bridge will cross over I-494, parallel to Flying Cloud Drive; this bridge is almost complete. Flying Cloud Drive is being reconstructed and LRT track installed. LRT will travel on bridges over Flying Cloud Drive and Nine Mile Creek. The Golden Triangle Station is being constructed as well as an LRT bridge over Shady Oak Road and Highway 212.

Current activities to expect in this area:

- The I-494 off-ramp to Flying Cloud Drive has closed for the 2021 construction season. The I-494 on-ramp from Flying Cloud Drive is expected to remain closed through the summer. [See Eden Prairie detour information.](#)
- Traffic is reduced to one lane in both directions on Flying Cloud Drive between Town Center Place to Valley View Road through summer. Intersections from Flying Cloud Drive to Technology Drive and Viking Drive will remain open, subject to intermittent, short-term lane reductions. Left turns in and out of Technology Drive at the Flying Cloud Drive intersection are prohibited through the summer.
- The on-ramp to eastbound Highway 212 from Shady Oak Road is closed for construction staging and will reopen shortly after the bridge beams are set over Highway 212. The westbound off-ramp to Shady Oak Bridge will remain closed into the fall. The on-ramp to eastbound Highway 212 from Valley View Road will be closed during Shady Oak LRT bridge beam work, starting Saturday, June 12.
- Crews are advancing the southern portion of the Highway 62 LRT tunnel and area retaining walls. Anticipate noise and vibration associated with installation of piling and sheeting between Highway 62 and southbound Highway 212.

Minnetonka Construction: Map 1 of 1



City West Station in Eden Prairie to Shady Oak Station in Hopkins

Construction Overview: The City West Station area continues with preparation work for retaining walls. Major elements in this segment include an LRT tunnel under Highway 62, the Opus Station, many large retaining walls, the Smetana/Feltl roadway bridges over LRT and the Hopkins/Minnetonka LRT Bridge ending at the Shady Oak Road Station.

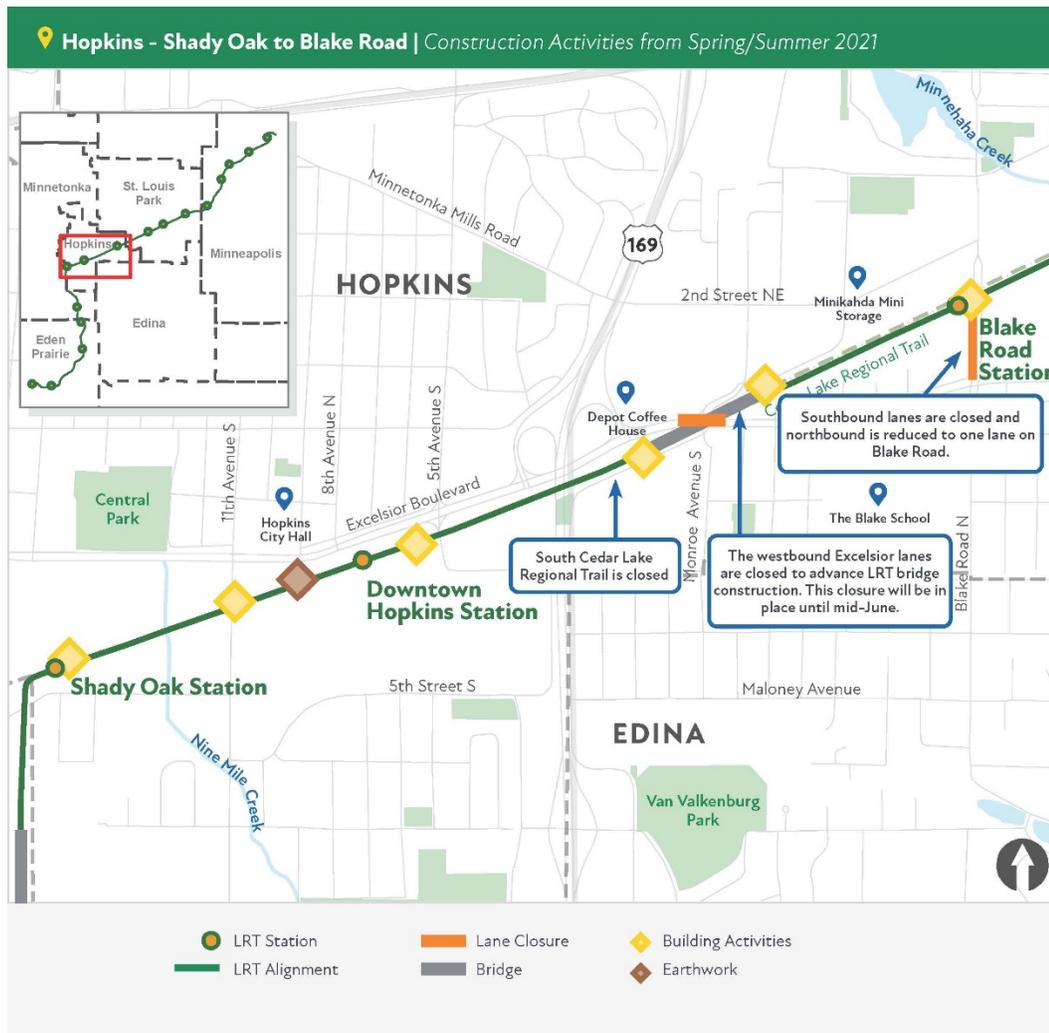
Current activities to expect in this area:

- Expect a lane closure for westbound traffic from Red Circle to Yellow Circle Drive starting the week of June 14.
- The westbound lane on Green Circle Drive near the intersection with Bren Road West is closed through the 2021 construction season to complete work in the LRT corridor.
- On Tuesday, June 15, bridge work on Smetana Road will begin at 6:00 AM due to the heat and the need to pour concrete in cooler temperatures.

- Smetana Road from Feltl Road to Nolan Drive remains closed until late summer. A bypass is in place east of the intersection of Smetana and Feltl Roads to accommodate local traffic. [See Minnetonka detour maps here.](#)
- Crews continue to work on the Minnetonka-Hopkins LRT bridge. Expect noise from piling as bridge piers are constructed.

Hopkins

Hopkins Construction: Map 1 of 1



Shady Oak Road Station to Blake Road Station

Construction Overview: There are three stations in Hopkins: Shady Oak Road, Downtown Hopkins and Blake Road. Major structures in Hopkins include an LRT bridge over Excelsior and a regional trail underpass at Blake

Road. In addition to LRT track construction there is also freight rail and regional trail work in the area. There are multiple LRT and freight railroad crossings at roadways.

Current activities to expect in this area:

- Westbound Excelsior Boulevard is closed at Jackson Avenue. Traffic will remain detoured while crews advance the construction of the cantilevered LRT bridge over Excelsior Boulevard. [See detour map.](#)
- The construction of the regional trail underpass at Blake Road North is underway. Blake Road traffic has been reduced to one northbound lane between Excelsior Boulevard and 2nd Street N.E. while southbound Blake Road traffic is detoured at 2nd Street N.E. [See detour map.](#)

St. Louis Park

St. Louis Park Construction: Map 1 of 1



Louisiana Avenue to Beltline Boulevard

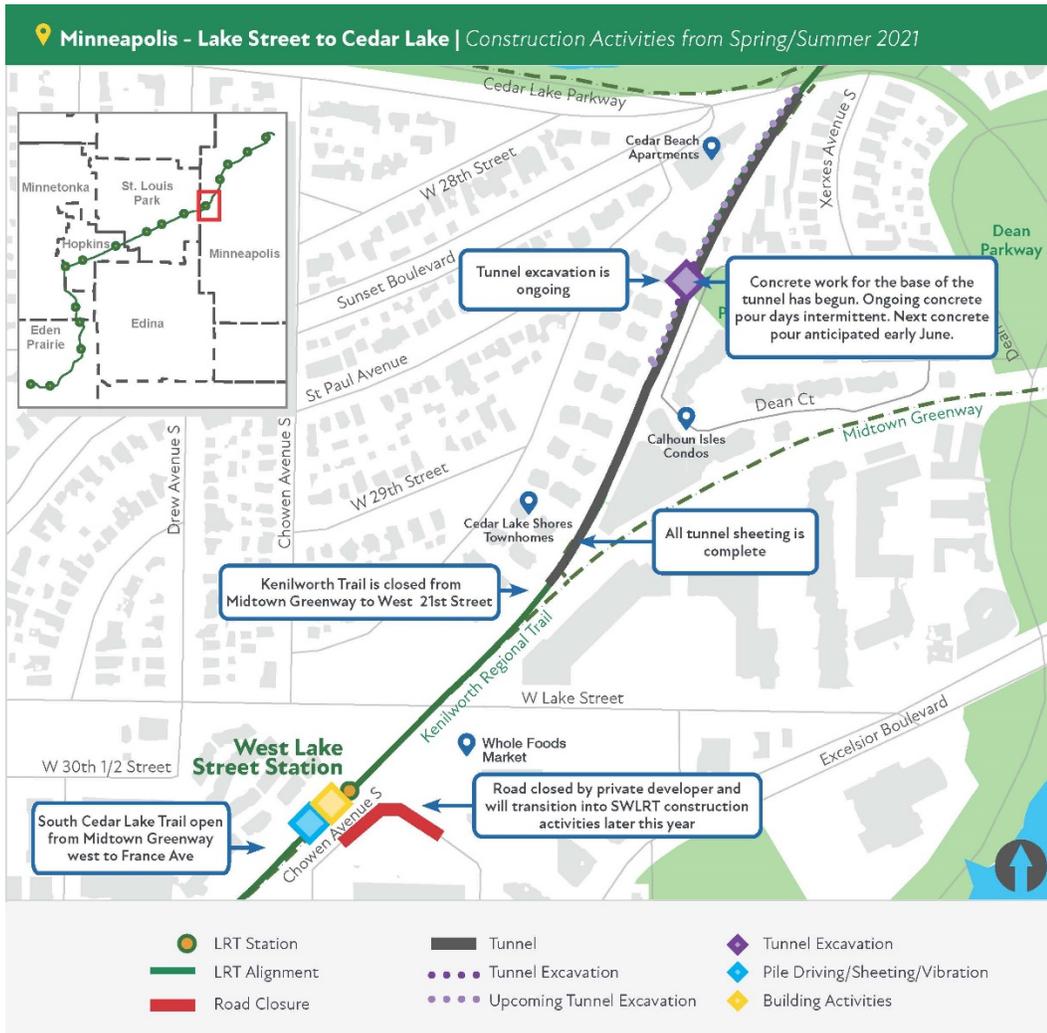
Construction Overview: Like in Hopkins, the project includes the construction of LRT track, freight rail track, and the regional trail. There are also three stations in St. Louis Park: Louisiana Avenue, Wooddale Avenue and Beltline Boulevard. Structures in this area include LRT and freight rail bridges over Louisiana Avenue, a connection between freight lines, a pedestrian/trail underpass east of Louisiana Avenue, freight, LRT and trail bridges over Minnehaha Creek, a regional trail underpass at Wooddale Avenue, freight, LRT and trail bridges over Highway 100 and a regional trail bridge crossing over Beltline Boulevard.

Current activities to expect in this area:

- Expect lane closures through early summer along Louisiana Avenue between West Lake Street and Oxford Street while crews advance bridge construction. Sheet piling is expected.
- Crews continue earthwork at the Louisiana Avenue Station area. Expect ongoing hauling activities along Oxford Street between Louisiana Avenue and Edgewood Avenue. Currently crews are working on soil compaction, which can have some noticeable vibration.
- Crews continue to drill and pour concrete for pier protection foundations at the MN&S Spur freight rail bridge, through early June.
- Sheet piling is ongoing for most of June to construct retaining walls east of Beltline Boulevard.

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Chowen Avenue to Cedar Lake Parkway

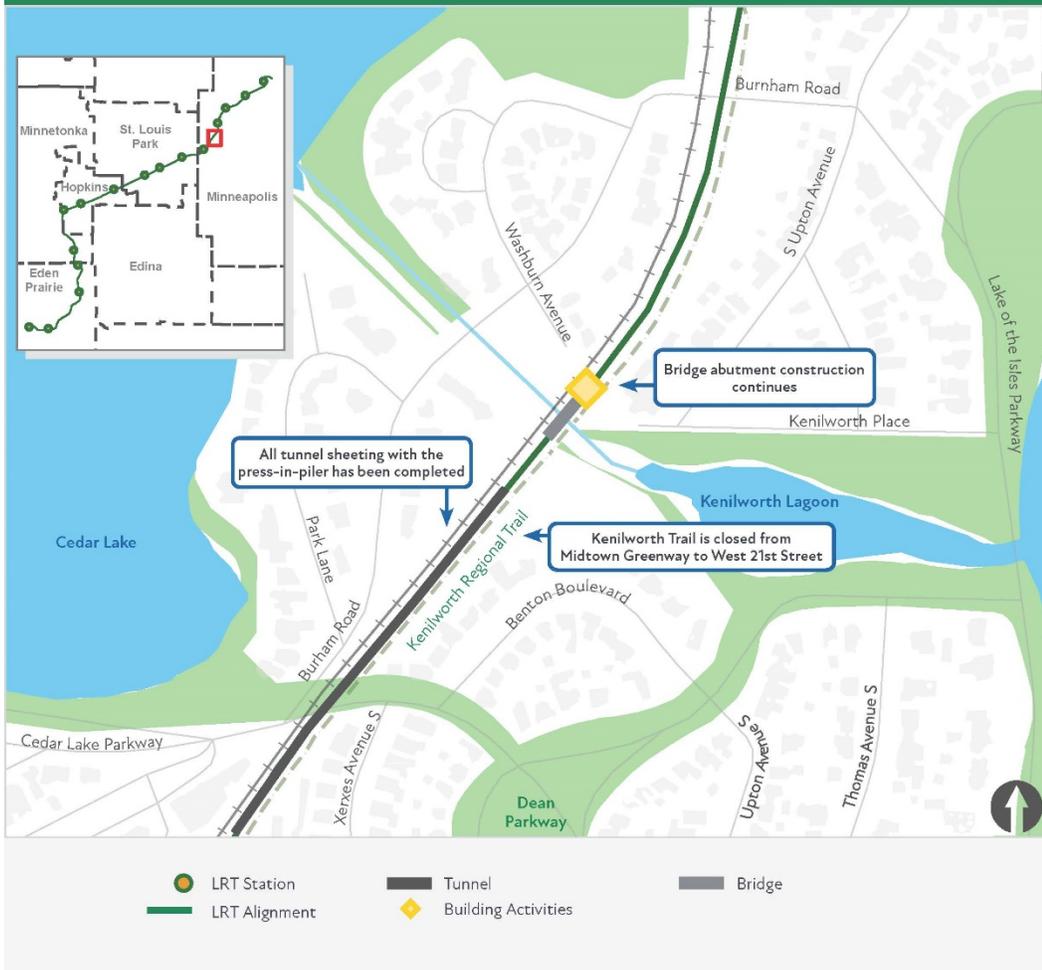
Construction Overview: In addition to the West Lake Street Station, crews will be reconstructing the Chowen/Abbott roadway connection. The LRT tunnel is being constructed in this area, running between the West Lake Street Station and the Cedar Lake Channel. To complete work in this area there is also freight rail infrastructure and trail facilities.

Current activities to expect in this area:

- Private development work is occurring next to Southwest LRT construction along Abbott and Chowen Avenues. The private developer is piling in the area through the summer. They are also conducting utility work along Abbott and Chowen Avenues and have closed the roadway. The closure will then transition to accommodate Southwest LRT construction activities. Trail access in this area remains open.
- Construction activities including excavation and concrete work for the West Lake Street Station are ongoing. Sheeting with a vibratory hammer is also expected into next week.

- Excavation activities, which also includes power washing the sheets and grouting, continue for the Kenilworth LRT Tunnel, progressing in the direction of Cedar Lake Parkway. Continue to expect construction equipment hauling materials through the corridor. As part of this work, divers continue to inspect the excavation below the water line during the extended hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on weekdays.
- Pile driving continues near Van White Boulevard for the new Luce Line Trail bridge. The old bridge that connects the Luce Line Regional Trail between Bryn Mawr Meadows Park and the Cedar Lake Regional Trail is scheduled to be demolished in July. More details to follow.
- Construction activities to advance the LRT bridge at Glenwood Avenue continues. High-vibration sheeting installation and pile-driving will be ongoing in this area for most of the summer. Glenwood Avenue between Lyndale Avenue North and North 12th Street remains closed. [See detour map.](#)
- Saturday construction is expected to continue to build corridor a protection wall between Glenwood Avenue and I-94.

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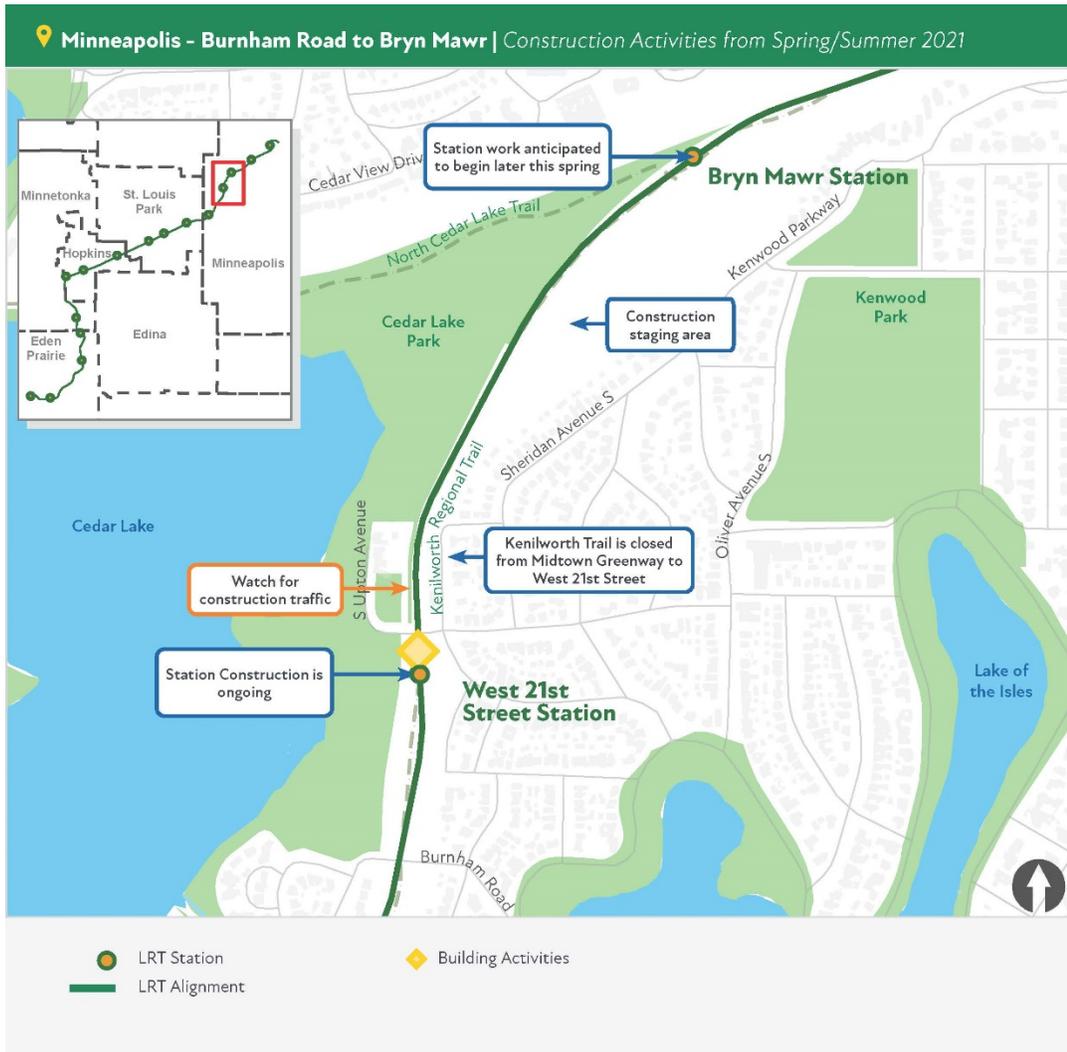
Cedar Lake Parkway to Burnham Road

Construction Overview: The LRT tunnel continues in this segment. Other elements include the construction of retaining walls (complete), and freight, LRT and trail bridges over the Cedar Lake Channel.

Current activities to expect in this area:

- Construction of the LRT bridge at the Cedar Lake Channel continues with concrete and deck work throughout the summer.
- The main construction haul route is being shifted to accommodate utility work, which requires a detour of the North Cedar Lake Trail for about two weeks starting in June. [See detour map.](#)

Minneapolis Construction: Map 3 of 5



Burnham Road to Bryn Mawr Station

Construction Overview: In addition to the LRT, freight rail and trail construction, this area has two stations: West 21st Street and Bryn Mawr. The Bryn Mawr Station includes a pedestrian bridge that will extend over the freight tracks from the bluffs to the station platform.

Current activities to expect in this area:

- Truck traffic and noise from moving materials to and from laydown areas.
- Work on the 21st Street Station is ongoing. The West 21st Street Station will be under construction throughout 2021.

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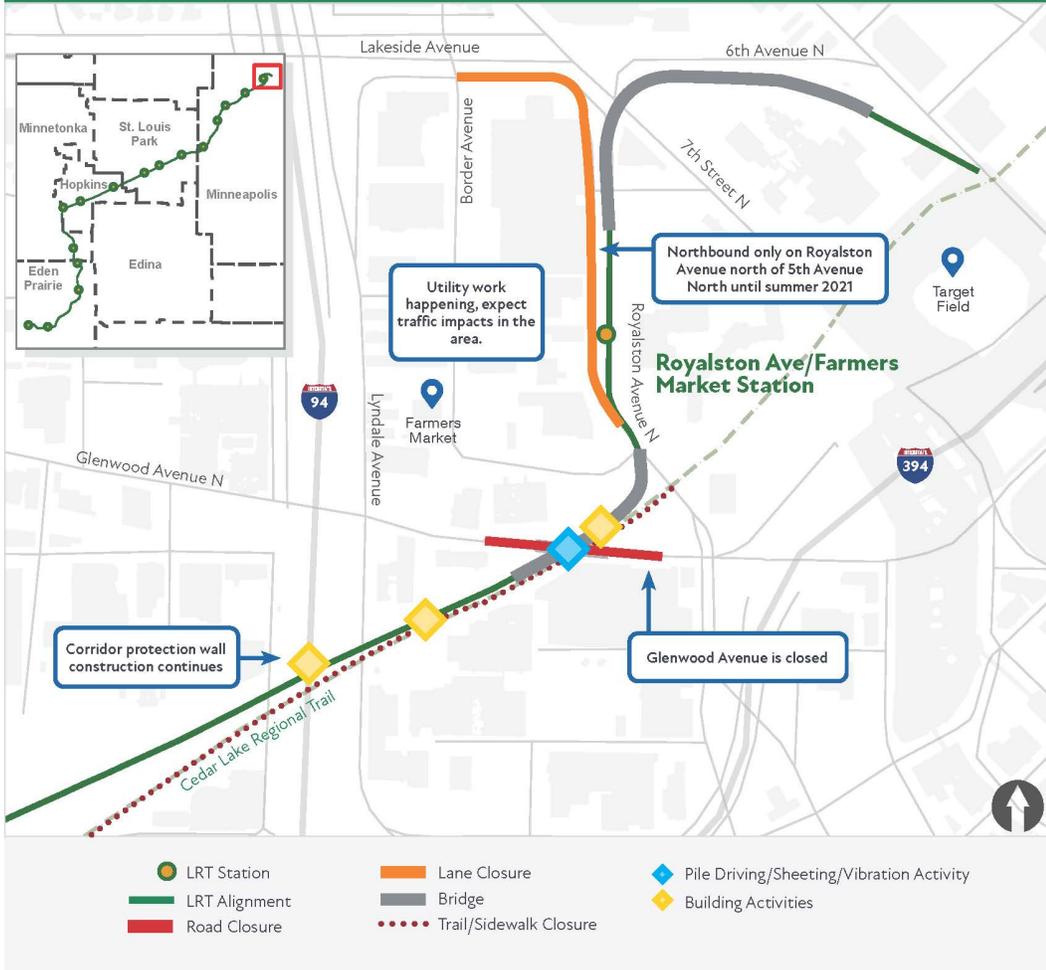
Bryn Mawr Station to Bassett Creek Valley Station Area

Construction Overview: There are two stations serving residents in this area; Bryn Mawr Station and the Bassett Creek Valley Station. In addition, area construction includes LRT track, trails and the corridor protection wall.

Current activities to expect in this area:

- The main construction haul route is being shifted to accommodate utility work, which requires a detour of the North Cedar Lake Trail for about two weeks starting in June. [See detour map.](#)
- Pile driving continues near Van White Boulevard for the new Luce Line Trail bridge. The old bridge that connects the Luce Line Regional Trail between Bryn Mawr Meadows Park and the Cedar Lake Regional Trail is scheduled to be demolished in early July. More details to follow.

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Glenwood Avenue to Target Field Station

Construction Overview: LRT will cross a new Glenwood Avenue bridge at the roadway grade. To make that happen three bridges need to be constructed, freight rail shifted, and extensive retaining walls built. This area will see the development of the Royalston Avenue/Farmer’s Market Station, an LRT bridge crossing over North 5th Avenue and North 7th Street and LRT connecting to the Target Field Station. The Holden/Royalston/Border roadway loop will also be reconstructed with improvements.

Current activities to expect in this area:

- Construction activities to advance the LRT bridge at Glenwood Avenue continues. High-vibration sheeting installation and pile-driving will be ongoing in this area for most of the summer. Glenwood Avenue between Lyndale Avenue North and North 12th Street remains closed. [See detour map.](#)
- Corridor protection wall work continues between Glenwood Avenue and I-94.

- Along Border Avenue and Holden Street, expect traffic lane and parking impacts as multiple utility companies perform relocation work.

Regional Trails

Opus Area in Minnetonka

- Various trails within the Opus area are closed as crews work to advance many project elements.

Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail

The Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail in Hopkins is closed between Shady Oak Road and 5th Avenue South.

[See detour map here.](#)

- The section between Shady Oak Road and 11th Avenue South is closed due to storm sewer construction activities. This portion of the trail is closed until 2022.
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South Cedar Lake LRT Trail

The South Cedar Lake Trail from just east of the North Cedar Lake Trail connection in Hopkins to France Avenue in St. Louis Park is closed until 2022. The South Cedar Lake Trail will remain open between France Avenue in St. Louis Park and Kenilworth Trail/Midtown Greenway intersection in Minneapolis. The Midtown Greenway will remain open. Currently, cross streets remain open to automobiles, bikers and pedestrians. [See detour maps here.](#)

Kenilworth Trail Closure

The Kenilworth Trail is closed in Minneapolis at the intersection with the Midtown Greenway to just south of West 21st Street. We are currently assessing the tunnel schedule which impacts the opening of this trail segment and we will provide an update when the schedule is known. Access for automobiles, bikers and pedestrians remains open at Cedar Lake Parkway and at West 21st Street. [See detour map here.](#)

North Cedar Lake Trail in Minneapolis

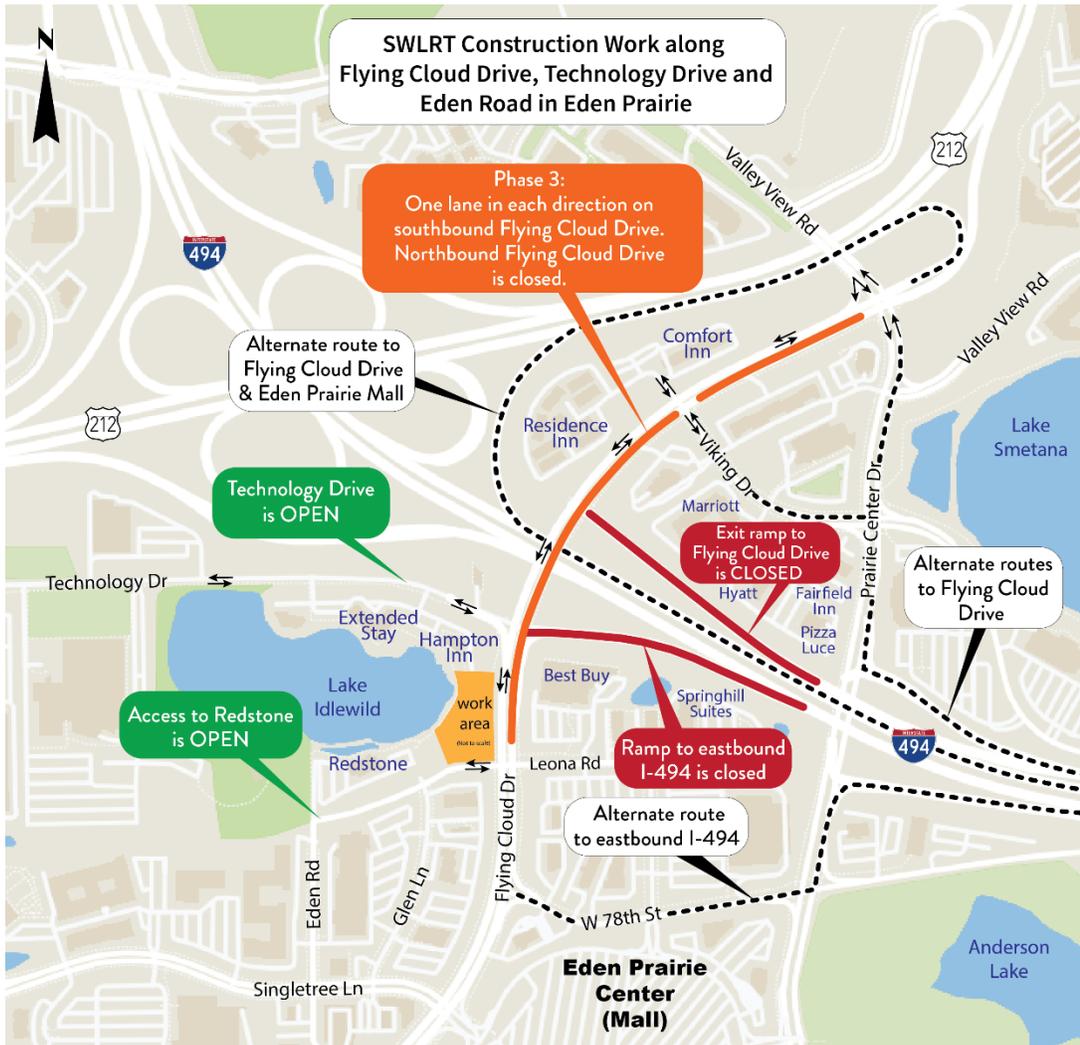
The North Cedar Lake Trail in Minneapolis from Linden Yards located west of Van White Boulevard to east of Royalston Avenue is now anticipated to be closed until 2022. [See detour maps here.](#)

Please note, construction vehicles cross the trail as they enter and exit staging areas. Construction vehicles yield to trail users but please be aware that you may encounter construction traffic in this area.

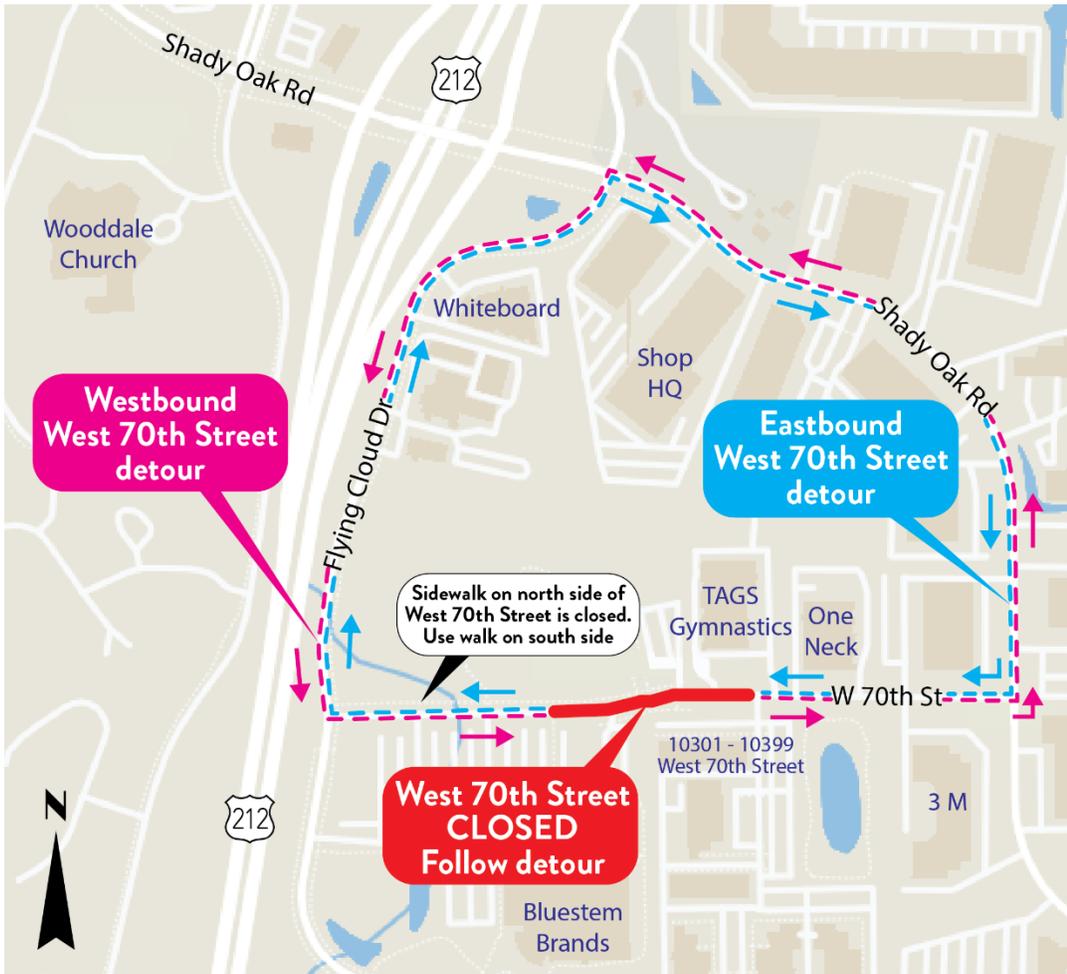
SouthWest Transit Station Pedestrian Detour in Eden Prairie



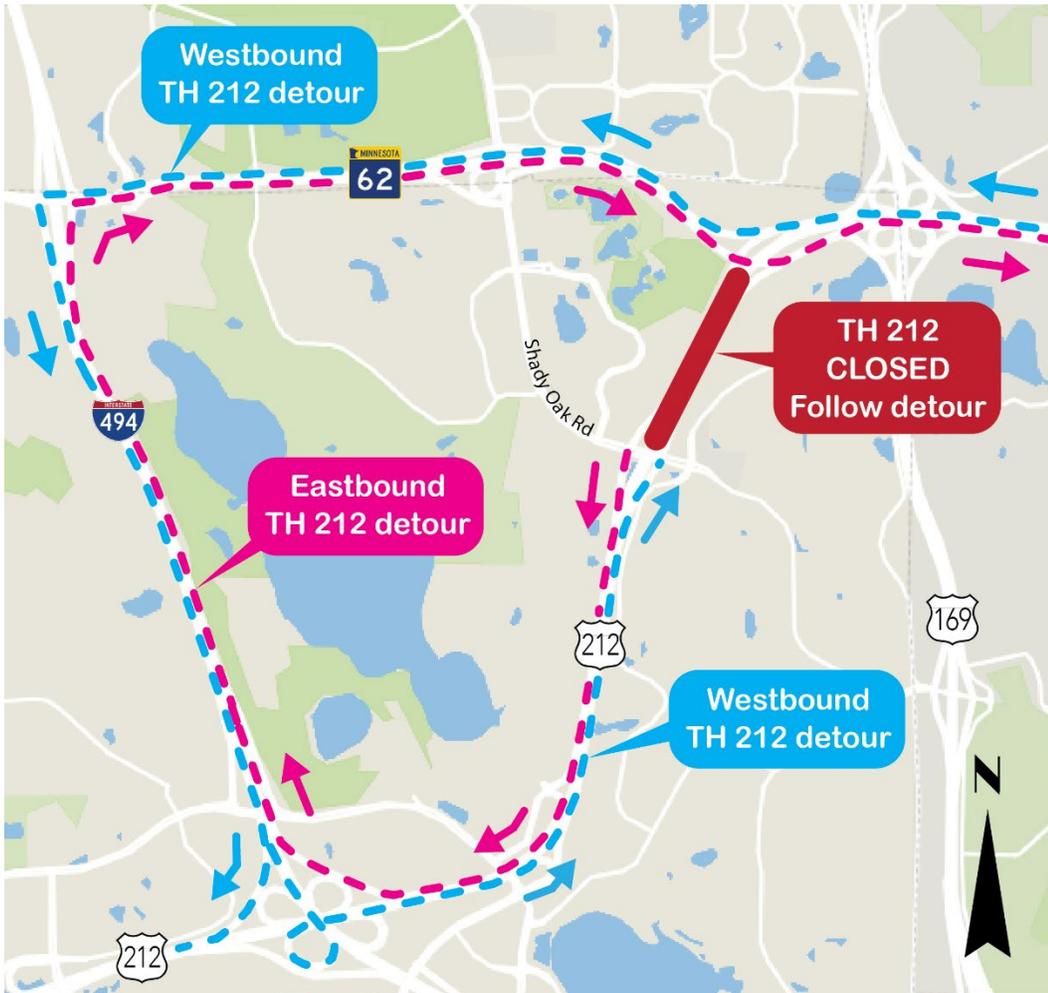
Flying Cloud Drive & Highway 494 Ramps in Eden Prairie



Upcoming West 70th Street in Eden Prairie



Highway 212 in Eden Prairie



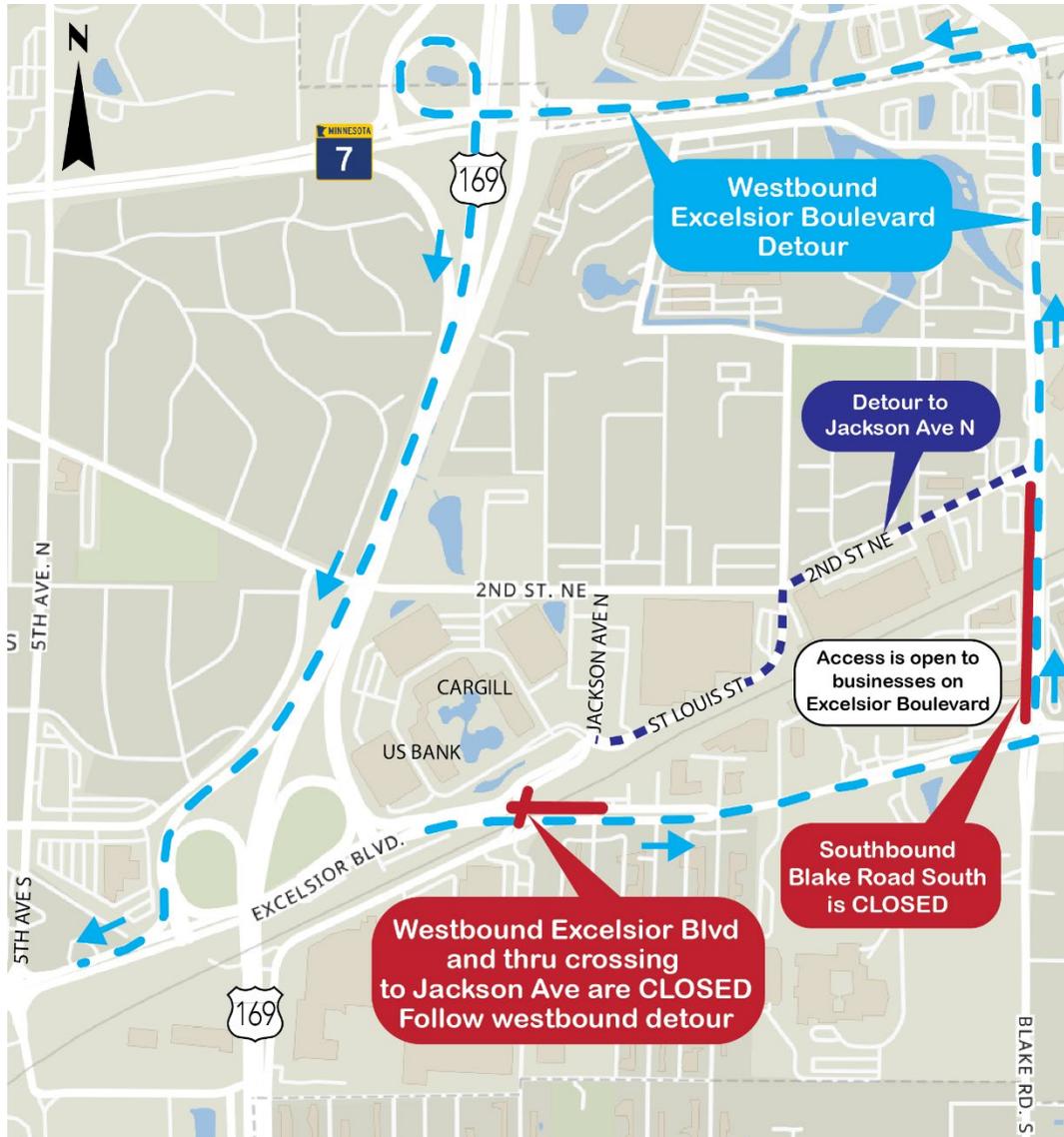
Opus Area Detours in Minnetonka: Red and Yellow Circles



Smetana Road in Minnetonka

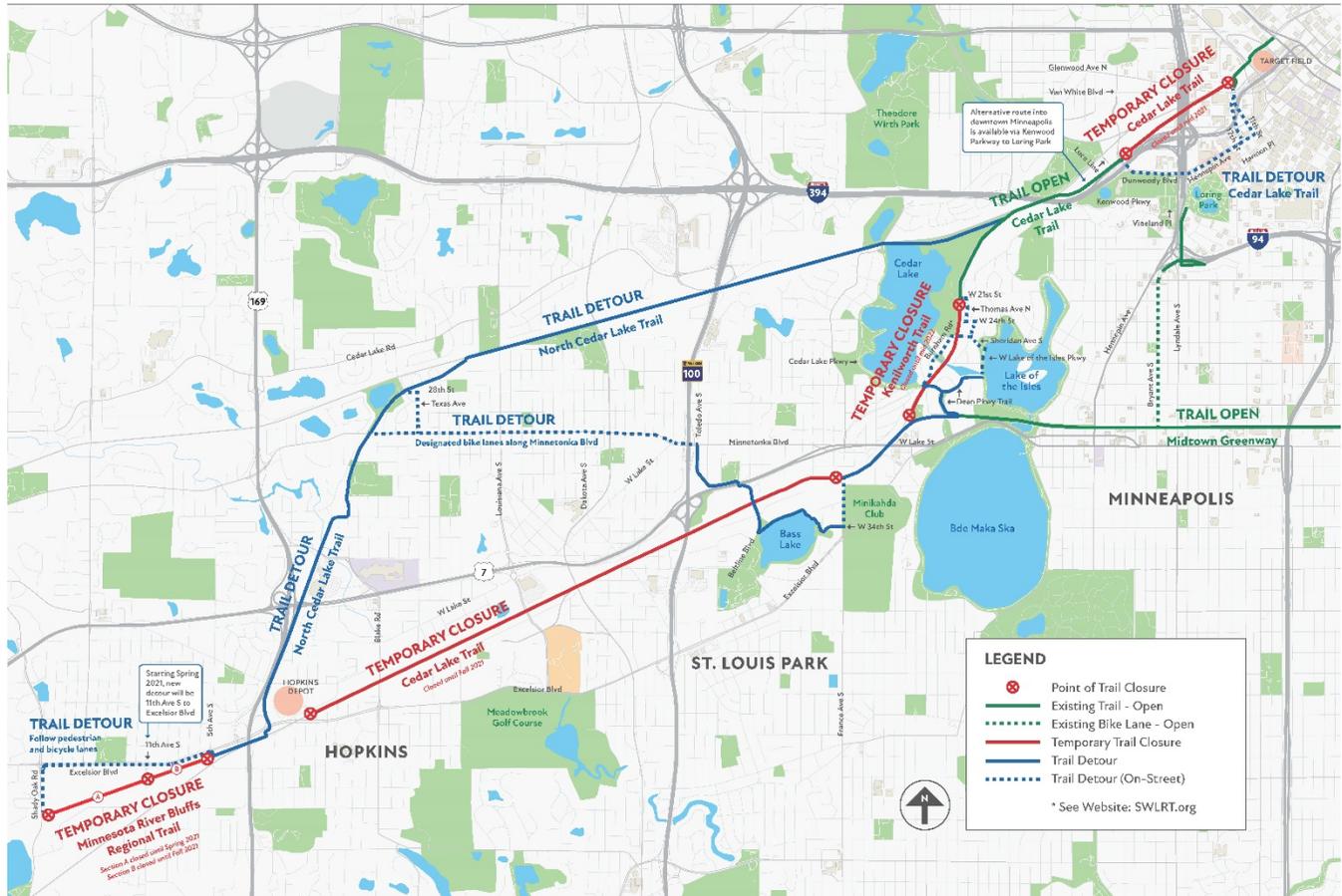


Blake Road in Hopkins



TRAIL DETOUR

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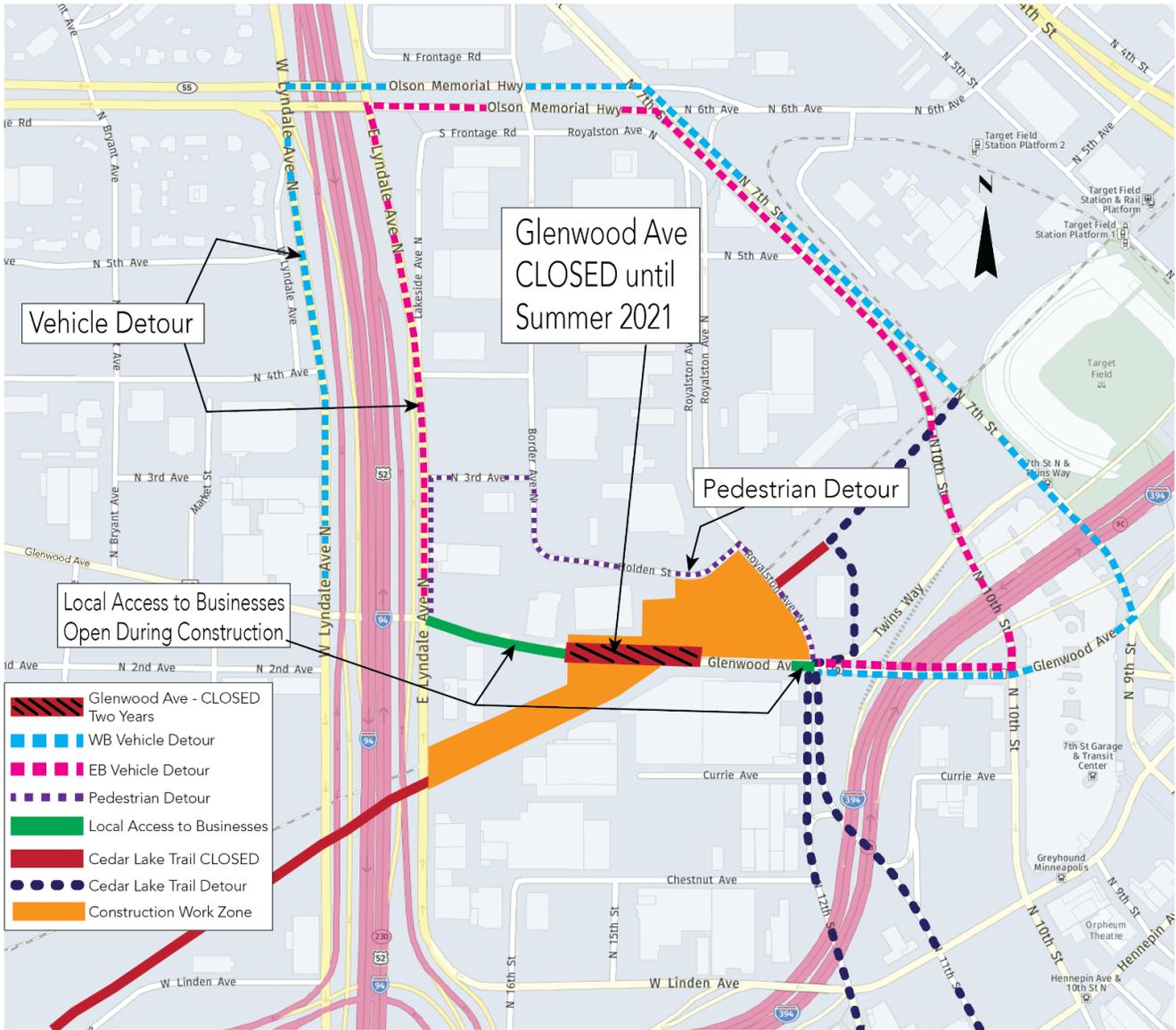
Cedar Lake Regional Trail in Minneapolis

CEDAR LAKE REGIONAL TRAIL

TEMPORARY ALIGNMENT
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Glenwood Avenue Detour in Minneapolis



Royalston Avenue Detour in Minneapolis

