Construction Update: June 14, 2019
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Construction Hotline
For urgent Southwest LRT construction issues, please call the 24-hour hotline at 612-373-3933 for assistance. Call the hotline for problems such as blocked access to business or residential areas, improper traffic sign placement or parking issues. For general questions or comments about Southwest LRT, please contact your Community Outreach Coordinator. For emergencies, always call 911.

Corridor-wide Activities: Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins, St. Louis Park, Minneapolis
In June, expect to see the following activities throughout the alignment as crews prepare for construction:

- Surveying and staking
- Erosion control
- Utility locates and potholing to pinpoint the exact location of underground utilities
- Utility relocation and/or removal by private utility companies (electric, gas, communication)
- New utility installation such as sewer and water lines
- Retaining wall construction
- Earthwork
- Construction equipment and material delivery
- Trees, vegetation, roots shrubs and stump removal
- Fence installation around work areas
- Pile driving

Conditions are changing along the corridor and we want you to be safe. Construction areas and work zones are considered restricted property and trespassing laws/finances will be enforced. Please observe signage around construction areas and note conditions may change. Safety is our number one priority during construction. Stay alert. Stay safe.

Southwest LRT Construction Activities and Freight Trains
Please note, with portions of the SWLRT construction corridor located immediately adjacent to active freight rail lines, freight trains will follow their standard operating rules when approaching a construction area. Freight trains are required to sound their horn as the train approaches a construction area that is occupied by workers or equipment
adjacent to the freight line, until the front of the train has passed the construction area. This will mean additional
train horn soundings during construction.

SouthWest Station in Eden Prairie: On-going
The passenger drop-off lanes for SouthWest Transit Station have been moved to the west end of the parking
structure. SouthWest Transit Station and buses will operate as usual. Reconstruction of the east entrance to
SouthWest Transit and surrounding businesses began, anticipate median work and afterhours closures, with access
from the west entrance. Demolition of the Culver’s building has begun. Once demolition finishes, the sidewalk on the
north side of Technology Drive will be closed and a pedestrian detour will be in place to the south side of Technology
Drive to allow for utility work.

LRT Bridge at I-494/Flying Cloud Drive in Eden Prairie: On-going
Traffic control is set up on I-494 and shoulder lane closures will occur to enable bridge abutment work for new LRT
bridge construction over I-494 adjacent to Flying Cloud Drive. Expect to see a crane set up on site. On June 17, a six-
hour closure with occur during non-peak hours of the I-494 ramp to eastbound TH 212 is anticipated.

Golden Triangle Station in Eden Prairie: On-going
Expect heavy equipment in the area and activities such as pavement removal, excavation and grading. No detours,
road or lane closures are anticipated for this work. Pile driving work will resume in the area in the coming weeks.

Cedar Lake and Kenilworth Trail Closures
The Cedar Lake Trail and Kenilworth Trail closed on Monday, May 13 (see detour maps below) and will be closed for
two to three years. Since the closures, adjustments have been made to detour signage in St. Louis Park and
Minneapolis. We appreciate and thank you for the feedback; we’ll continue to evaluate the opportunity for
improvements.

• Cedar Lake Trail: Closed through Hopkins and St. Louis Park until Fall 2021
  o The portion of the Cedar Lake Trail that closed starts just east of the North Cedar Lake Trail
    connection in Hopkins to France Avenue in St. Louis Park.
  o At this time, automobiles, bikes and pedestrians will continue to cross at Jackson Street, Blake Road,
    Louisiana Avenue, Wooddale Avenue, TH-100 and Beltline Blvd.
  o 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.

• Kenilworth Trail: Closed in Minneapolis until Summer 2022
- The portion of the Kenilworth Trail that closed at the intersection with the Midtown Greenway and extends northeast to just south of W 21st St.
- At this time, automobiles, bikes and pedestrians will continue to cross at Cedar Lake Parkway and at W 21st Street.
- Kenilworth Trail access will remain open between W 21st Street and the North Cedar Lake Trail, even though construction activities may commence in this area and trail access will be modified. The Midtown Greenway will remain open.

The civil contractor will be doing the following construction activities that do not result in significant vibration generation:

- Field surveys
- Installation of construction site fencing and erosion control work
- Utility relocations
- Clearing and grubbing, including tree removal

Tree removal will begin in earnest the week of June 17, which means heavy equipment will be moving and there will be very active construction work in the area along the Kenilworth corridor, north and south of Cedar Lake Parkway. Please observe posted closure signage on the Kenilworth Trail and do not trespass into the construction zone for your safety and the safety of the workers. Thank you for your patience as we completed survey work and prepared for safe working operations in an active freight rail corridor.

**Works Progress Administration (WPA) Wall Located at the Cedar Lake (Kenilworth) Channel: Late-June/ Early-July**

Salvage work is scheduled to begin in late-June to early July. This work includes manual and mechanical excavation in sections. This work may take up to 4 months depending on the condition of the wall and preservation protocols. The channel will remain open for recreational use but will be narrowed to approximately 25 feet during this work. A full closure of the channel is expected later this summer; a 14-day advanced notification will be provided prior to a full closure.

**Upcoming Roadway Closures: Advanced detour signage will go up approximately seven days prior to closure. As more information is available, we will include in weekly updates.**

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<td>June 17</td>
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**Glenwood Avenue in Minneapolis: Late-June/ Early-July**

Full road closure between Lyndale Avenue N and 11th Street N is scheduled to close as early as late June/early July for approximately two years; local access to businesses will be maintained. Generally, vehicle detours will use Lyndale Avenue, Olson Memorial Highway and 7th/10th Streets. Pedestrian detour will utilize Border Avenue, Holden Street and Royalston Avenue sidewalks. See detour map below. Advanced detour signage will go up approximately seven days prior to the roadway closure.

**Cedar Lake Trail Minneapolis: Late-June/ Early-July**

The Cedar Lake Trail in Minneapolis from Linden Yards located west of Van White Blvd to east of Royalston Avenue will close as early as late June/early July and be closed for approximately two years. Detour signage will notify trail users of alternative routes which have been designed in coordination with members of the biking community and project partners. See detour map below.

**Stakeholder Outreach**

Project staff will host pop-up events and attend community events to share upcoming construction information with residents, businesses and trail users. Follow us on Twitter (@SouthwestLRT) for the latest information. Upcoming community activities include:
- Friday, June 14: Elmwood Neighborhood Gathering; Justad Park; 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
- Saturday, June 15: Parktacular; Wolfe Park; 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Cedar Lake and Kenilworth Trail Detours

TRAIL DETOUR

MORE DETAILS: SWLRT.ORG
Louisiana Avenue Full Closure at Cedar Lake Trail Detour Map: Late-June

Louisiana Ave S - CLOSED
Cedar Lake Trail - CLOSED
Vehicle detour route
Pedestrian detour route

Louisiana Ave S
Four-day CLOSURE
to remove trail bridge

Vehicle detour

Cedar Lake Trail - CLOSED
until Fall 2021

Vehicle detour

Employee & customer parking (Red)

Pedestrian detour

Park Nicotinist Methodist Hospital
Burnham Road Partial Closure at Cedar Lake Parkway in Minneapolis Detour Map: Late-June

Two-way traffic allowed on Burnham Road Bridge during detour

Burnham Road closed to northbound traffic

Kenilworth Trail closed until summer 2022

Northbound Burnham Road detour
Glenwood Avenue in Minneapolis Detour Map: Late June/Early July

- **Vehicle Detour**
  - Glenwood Ave CLOSED until Summer 2021
  - Local Access to Businesses Open During Construction

- **Pedestrian Detour**

Legend:
- Glenwood Ave - CLOSED Two Years
- WB Vehicle Detour
- EB Vehicle Detour
- Pedestrian Detour
- Local Access to Businesses
- Cedar Lake Trail CLOSED
- Cedar Lake Trail Detour
- Construction Work Zone
Cedar Lake Trail Minneapolis Detour Map: Late June/Early July

- Glenwood Ave - CLOSED Two Years
- Cedar Lake Trail CLOSED
- Cedar Lake Trail Detour

Glenwood Ave CLOSED until Summer 2021

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Luce Line Trail Remains OPEN

Bicycle & Pedestrian Detour

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