Kenilworth Tunnel Concrete Activities

Extended weekday hours until 9:00 PM are anticipated for one day during the week of March 15. Crews will pour concrete to form the base seal of the Kenilworth Tunnel. The tunnel is excavated in 100-foot cells, and then concrete is poured into each cell individually to form a waterproof seal. There will be about 150 concrete truckloads arriving/leaving on site the day of the pour. The concrete must be poured continuously, thus an extended workday is needed. Community outreach coordinators will send out information as the date is confirmed and the project website will have updated information.

Weekly Construction Photo: Franklin Operations and Maintenance Facility Expansion in Minneapolis

With the construction of Southwest LRT comes the need for more trains to operate on the METRO Green Line. Crews are expanding the Franklin Operations and Maintenance Facility to store the expanded fleet and provide additional space to conduct repairs on the additional trains.

Eden Prairie
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:

- The right-turn lane on the eastbound Highway 212 ramp to Prairie Center Drive remains closed.
- On Tuesday, March 16, expect lane closures for westbound traffic along Technology Drive near Prairie Center Drive, between 5:00 AM and 5:00 PM as crews conduct concrete work.
- 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).

Eden Prairie Construction: Map 2 of 2

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:
• Crews continue to advance the deck of the Nine Mile Creek bridge, expect construction activities in the area.

• Crews are advancing the south leg of the Highway 62 LRT tunnel and area retaining walls. Anticipate pile driving for retaining wall work.

Minnetonka

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:
• Smetana Road from Feltl Road to Nolan Drive remains closed. A temporary bypass is in place east of the intersection of Smetana and Feltl Roads to accommodate local traffic. See Minnetonka detour maps here.

• Anticipated for Thursday, March 18, crews will set bridge beams for the Smetana Road bridge; expect flaggers.

• Work in the Opus area continues with retaining wall work north of Bren Road West, near Smetana Road. Sheet piling work is expected.

• Crews are working on Minnetonka-Hopkins LRT bridge piers and are installing sheeting to support excavation.

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:**

- Crews continue work on Excelsior Boulevard LRT bridge pier tables.
- Blake Road continues to have a single lane in each direction.

**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:

- Crews continue construction of retaining walls near Wooddale Avenue.
- Crews are working on various elements of the Beltline Boulevard Regional Trail bridge. The bridge is nearly complete.

Minneapolis
Minneapolis Construction: Map 1 of 5
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:

• Temporary trails near Chowen Avenue and Lake Street remain in place. For your safety and the safety of our crews, please following signage for the temporary trail and stay clear of the work zone.

• Extended weekday hours until 9:00 PM are anticipated for one day during the week of March 15. Crews will pour concrete to form the base seal of the Kenilworth Tunnel. The tunnel is excavated in 100-foot cells, and then concrete is poured into each cell individually to form a waterproof seal. There will be about 150 concrete truckloads arriving/leaving on site the day of the pour. The concrete must be poured continuously, thus an extended workday is needed. Community outreach coordinators will send out information as the date is confirmed and the project website will have updated information.
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:

- Truck traffic and noise from moving materials to and from laydown areas.
- LRT bridge construction activities at the Cedar Lake Channel have resumed. Excavation is ongoing and pile driving for the north bridge abutment is scheduled to take place later this spring.
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.
- 21st Street Station work to resume in the spring.

Minneapolis Construction: Map 4 of 5
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:

- Truck traffic and noise from moving materials to and from Linden Yards.
- Concrete production in Linden Yards.

Minneapolis Construction: Map 5 of 5
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 and includes pile driving. Glenwood Avenue between Lyndale Avenue North and North 12th Street remains closed.
- The continued closure of Glenwood Avenue between Lyndale Avenue North and North 12th Street. See detour map here.
• The southbound travel lane on Royalston Avenue from North 5th Street to Holden Street is closed; the closure will be in place until summer 2021. Business access is available via the northbound lane. See the roadway impact map here.

Regional Trails

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.

• The section between 11th Avenue South and 5th Avenue South is closed 2022.

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

Opus Area Detours in Minnetonka: Red and Yellow Circles
Smetana Road in Minnetonka
Minnesota River Bluff Trail from Shady Oak Road to 5th Avenue Detour

Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail CLOSED until Spring 2021 (Shady Oak to 11th Ave S)

Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail CLOSED until Fall 2021 (11th Ave S to 5th Ave S)

Pedestrian and bicycle temporary detour
Cedar Lake and Kenilworth Trail Detours

**TRAIL DETOUR**

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Cedar Lake Regional Trail in Minneapolis

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Legend:
- **Point of Trail Closure**
- **Existing Trail - Open**
- **Existing Bike Lane - Open**
- **Temporary Trail Closure**
- **Trail Detour**
- **Trail Detour (On-Street)**

*See Website: SWLRT.org*
Glenwood Avenue Detour in Minneapolis