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2019 Year End Photo Highlights

Temporary Bus Shelter at Southwest Station in Eden Prairie



Crews complete water proofing and roofing for the temporary bus shelter at SouthWest Station. The temporary facility will be completed in January.

Pile Supported Retaining Wall Adjacent to SouthWest Station in Eden Prairie





Shown in December 2019 and May 2019. Crews are currently working on the concrete for the pile supported retaining wall. This was one of the first activities that began on the project.

Retaining Walls Adjacent to Eden Prairie Town Center Station in Eden Prairie



Crews work to backfill retaining the retaining wall that will help support the Eden Prairie Town Center Station.

Pile Supported Pier for LRT Bridge at I-494 in Eden Prairie



Crews completed the center bridge pier over I-494 in fall 2019. Abutment work is resuming in January 2020.

LRT Bridge at Valley View Road in Eden Prairie



Crews are constructing multiple piers for the new LRT bridge. The various piers are at different stages of completion, with crews working on pile supports and formwork.

Foundation work at the Golden Triangle Station



For the Golden Triangle Station, what is above ground is just as important as what is below ground. This station was a focus of 2019 activities due to the need to build a pile supported foundation. Highway 212/Shady Oak Bridge work is currently a major focus in this area.

Excavation for Highway 62 LRT Tunnel in Eden Prairie



Westbound traffic has been shifted to the south side of the highway to accommodate tunnel construction on the north side of the highway. Crews continue LRT tunnel excavation.

Smetana and Feltl Roadway Progress in Minnetonka



First it was about utilities, then it was about a temporary bypass for the roadway. In the end it will be an underpass for LRT. Smetana Road from Feltl Road to Nolan Drive is closed through 2020.

Surcharge Construction Near Shady Oak Station in Hopkins



A surcharge is a construction method of mounding soil to create compaction. The Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail is closed between Shady Oak Road and 11th Avenue South for this work to be completed.

Downtown Hopkins Station in Hopkins



Foundation work for the station is complete. Work on the station structure will start in January 2020.

Pier Work for Excelsior Bridge in Hopkins



This is a complex area of the project as LRT and freight rail will swap sides of the corridor. A bridge will take LRT over Excelsior and freight will move to the north side of the corridor. Crews are working on building piers for the bridge over Excelsior as well as modifying freight rail tracks.

Abutment Work for Trail and Freight Bridges at Minnehaha Creek in St. Louis Park



Crews work on abutments and retaining walls at Minnehaha Creek in St. Louis Park.

Abutment Work for Trail and Freight Bridges at Louisiana Avenue in St. Louis Park



Bridge abutment and retaining wall construction is concluding and the crane, pictured, will be moving to another area of the project. Later this winter crews will begin work to place bridge beams.

Trail Bridge Construction at Beltline Blvd in St. Louis Park



Crews are working on bridge piers and beams.

Tunnel Sheeting in Kenilworth Corridor



Crews continue to make progress with installing sheet piles with the press-in-piler. Two pilers will work to install sheeting for tunnel construction through summer 2020.

Cedar Lake Channel Freight Bridge Construction in Minneapolis



Crews install the last of the freight bridge piers and complete abutment work. Some of the first bridge beams were set in mid-December 2019. Once the new freight bridge is complete, the old freight bridge will be demolished and work on the new LRT bridge will begin.

Concrete Plant Construction at Linden Yards in Minneapolis



In early July 2019, the contractor completed this temporary concrete plant, which has been used to distribute material to many of the sites pictured.

Glenwood Bridge Area Work in Minneapolis



December 2019

Crews move utilities, install retaining walls, and prep for the construction of the new Glenwood Bridge.



July 2019

A summer photo of Glenwood Bridge demolition.

Off-Site at Siemen's Facility in Sacramento



Not only do we have construction in the corridor, but 27 new Light Rail Vehicles are under production in California. The vehicle pictured is about to get the roof assembly installed that will allow it to connect to the overhead wires. The vehicles will arrive in Minnesota for pre-revenue testing.