

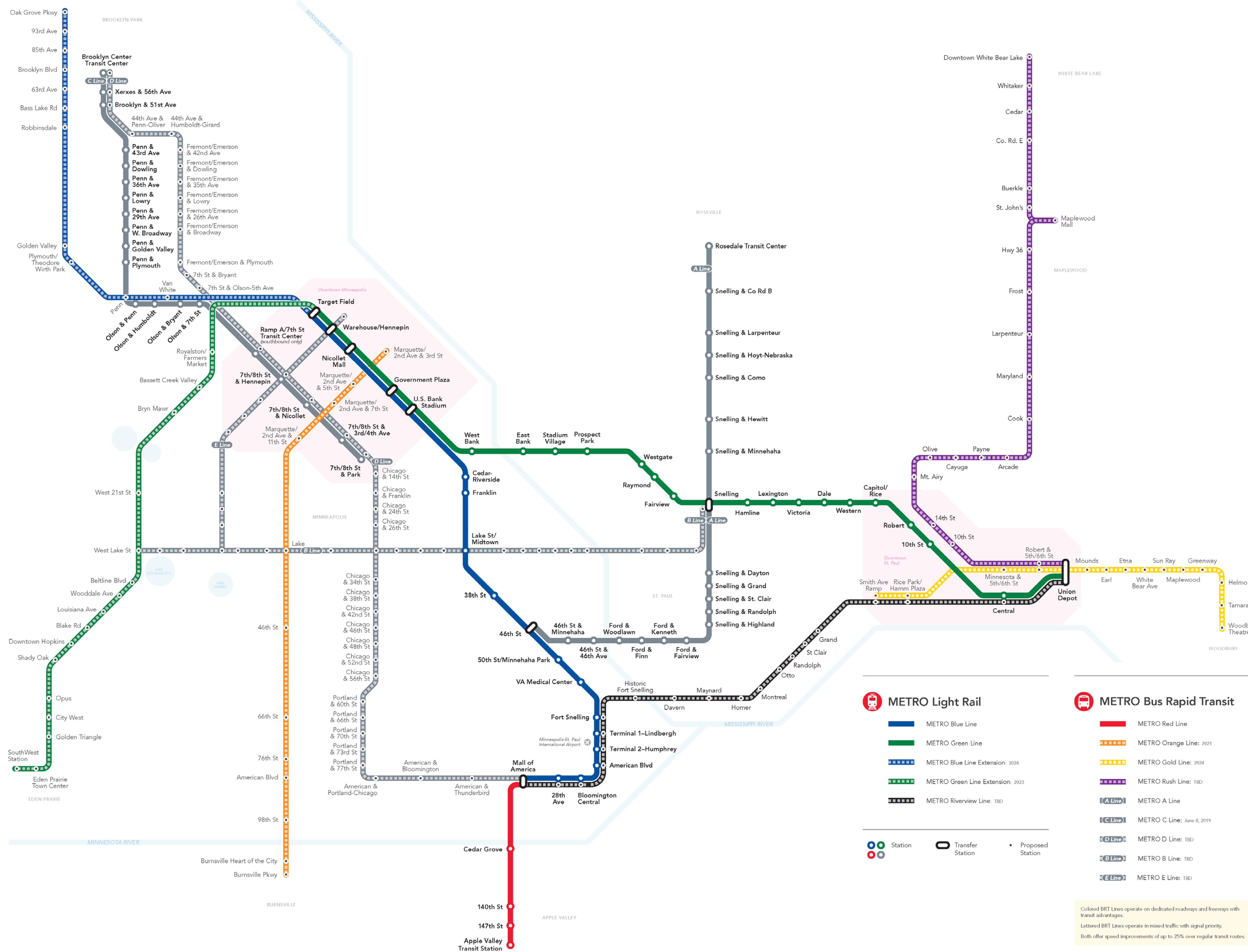
Connecting the Region

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Fast. Frequent. All day. All yours.

Future Rapid Transit Network



FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES

- 11 Fortune 500 companies are on an existing or planned regional transitways

CONSTRUCTION JOBS

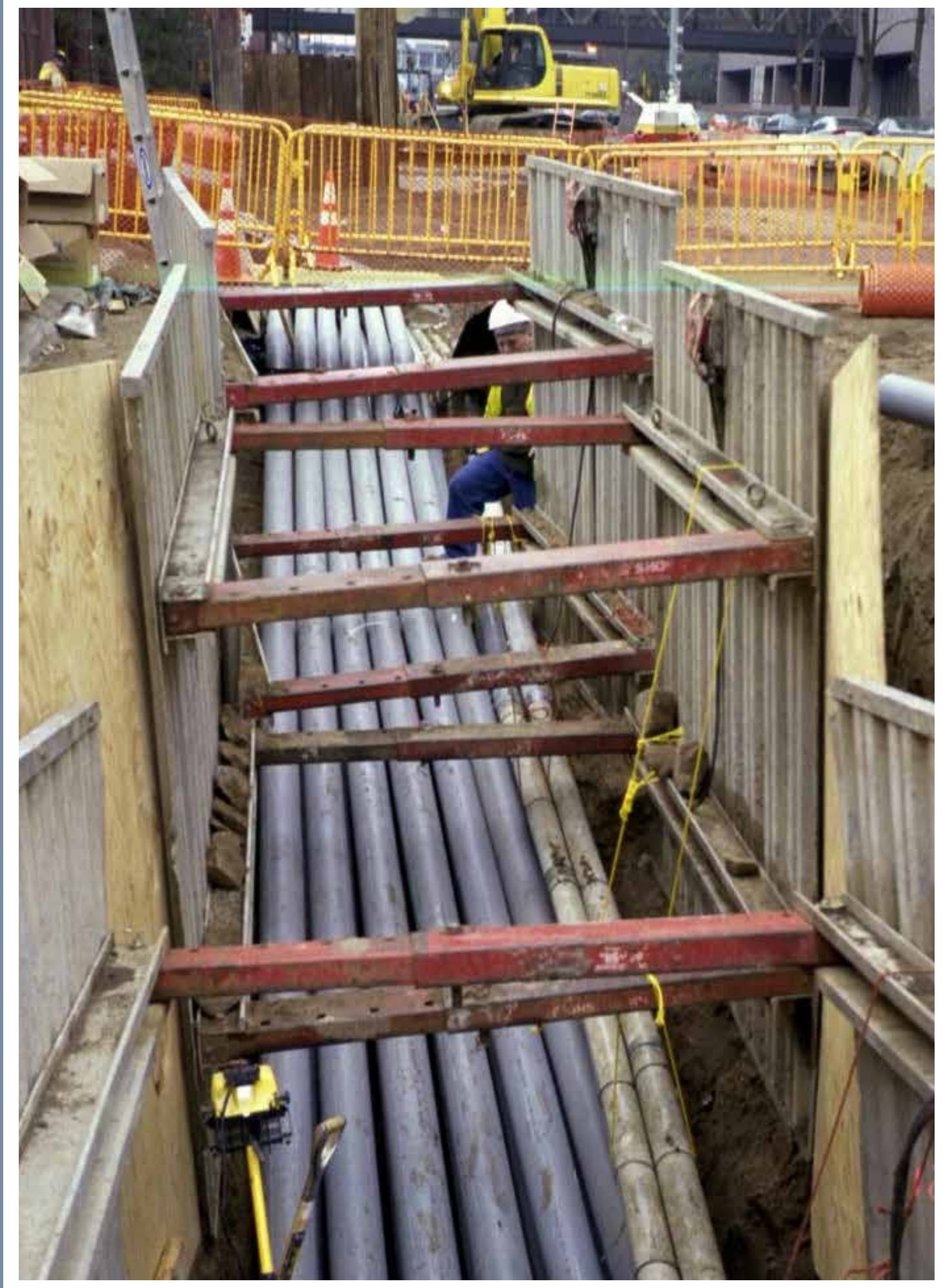
- Project will create 7,500 construction jobs and \$350 million in payroll to be reinvested in communities throughout the Twin Cities and State of Minnesota

REGIONAL GROWTH

- 64,000 new jobs are expected to be added within 1/2 mile of the planned new stations and 5 existing stations in downtown Minneapolis
- Southwest LRT is an integrated transit option that allows businesses to attract a talented workforce and meet employment demands

LRT Construction Phases

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Utilities

- Excavation
- Relocation
- Installation



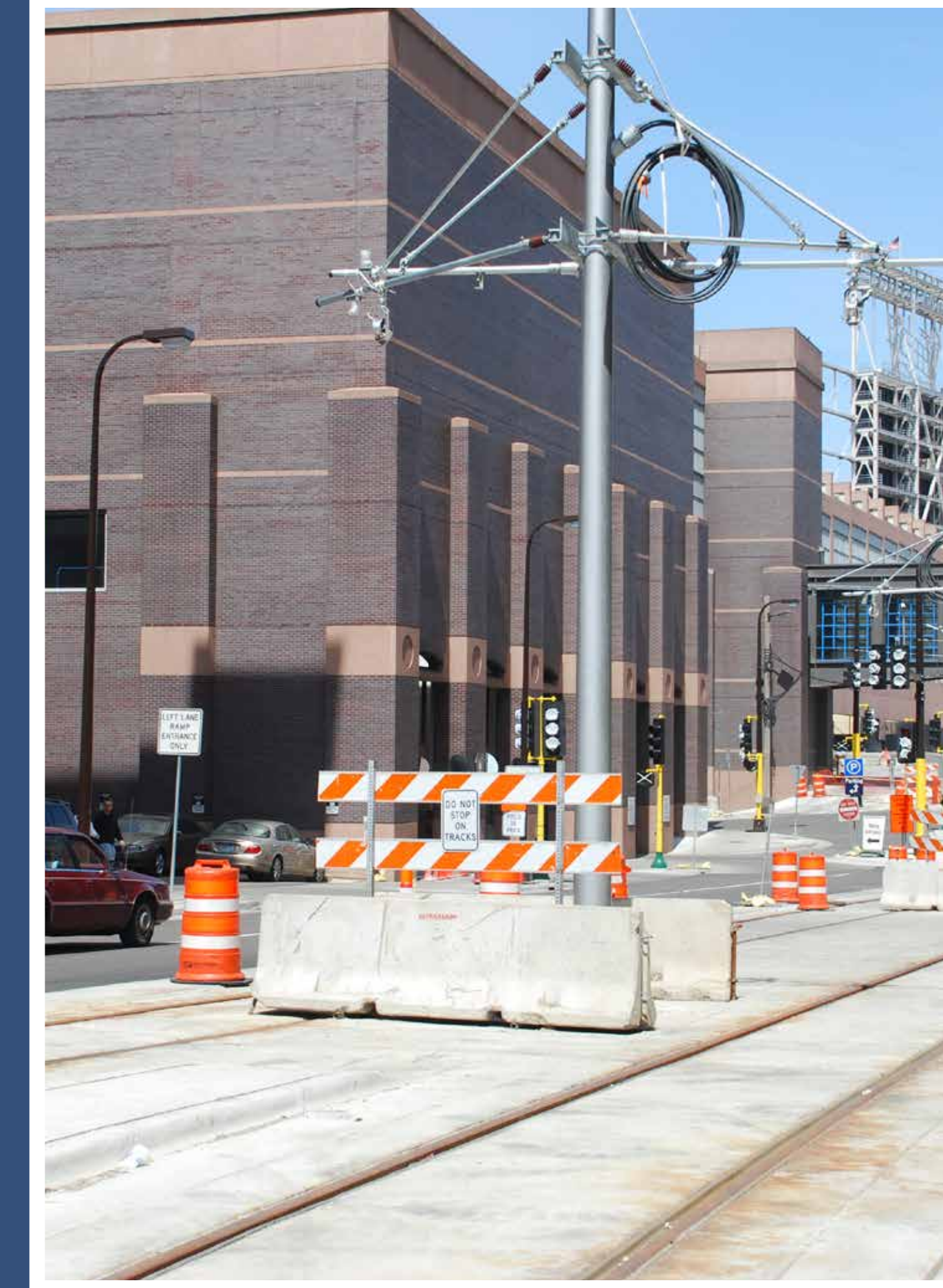
Site Prep

- Clear buildings
- Remove bridges
- Remove pavement
- Establish work zones
- Place fencing
- Implementing pedestrian, bike and roadway detours
- Shift freight rail



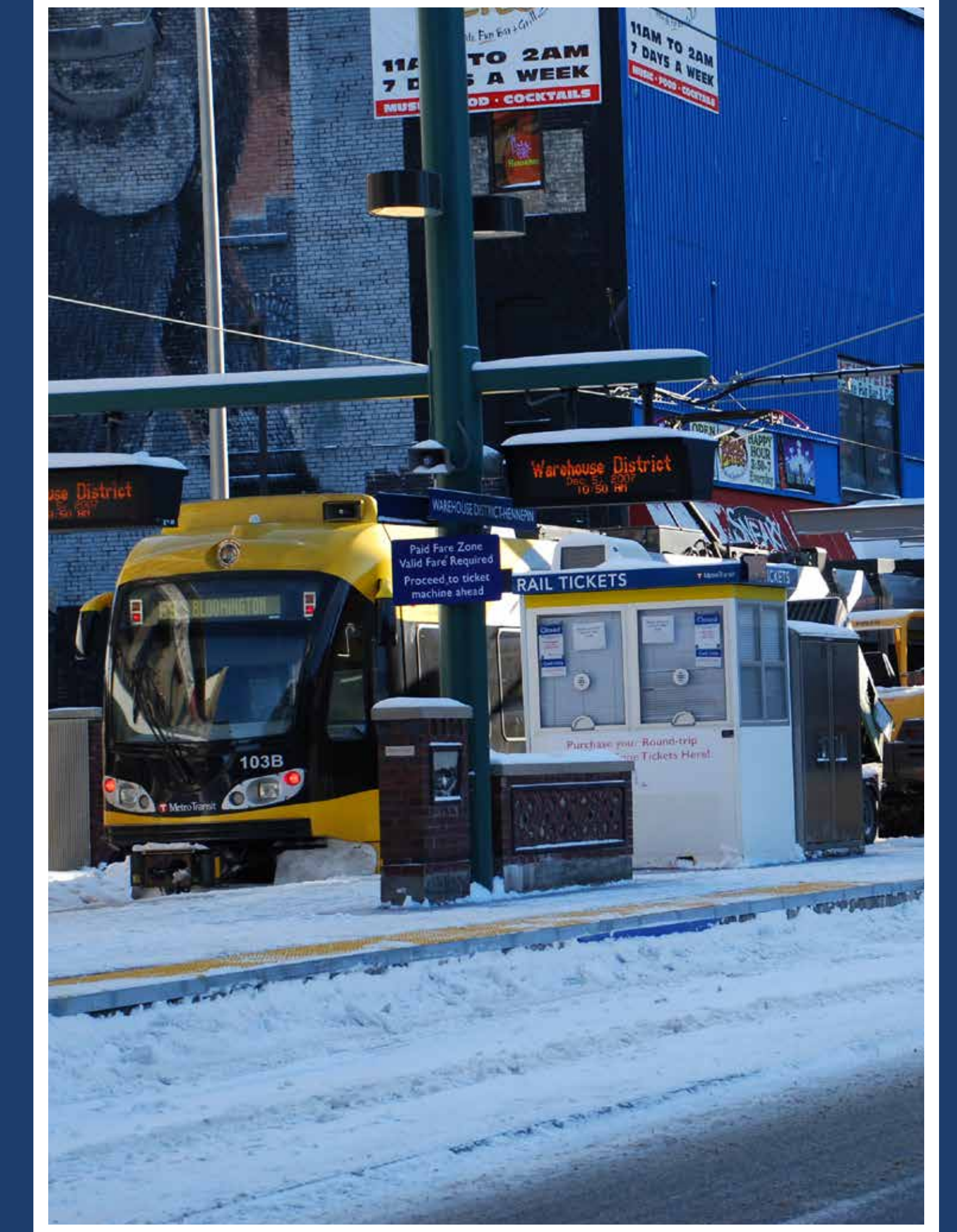
Structures and Tracks

- LRT track beds
- Stations
- Bridges
- Retaining walls
- Tunnels



Systems and Landscaping

- Overhead catenary
- Safety & security
- Ticket vending
- Planting trees, bushes, and grasses



Testing

- Safety
- Communications
- Operator training

2019

2023

2019 Current Activities Overview

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EDEN PRAIRIE



Retaining wall work at SouthWest Station



Pile driving at Golden Triangle Station

MINNETONKA



Survey and bird nest locating



Earthwork for site preparation

HOPKINS



Temporary Hopkins Depot Parking lot to accommodate Excelsior Bridge Construction



Work between 5th Avenue and 8th Avenue

ST. LOUIS PARK



Building access ramp to corridor



Rail delivery

MINNEAPOLIS



Establishing a concrete batch plant in Linden Yards



Pier protection work at I-394

CORRIDOR WIDE



Clearing and grubbing



Vibration monitoring in sensitive locations

Major Construction Elements

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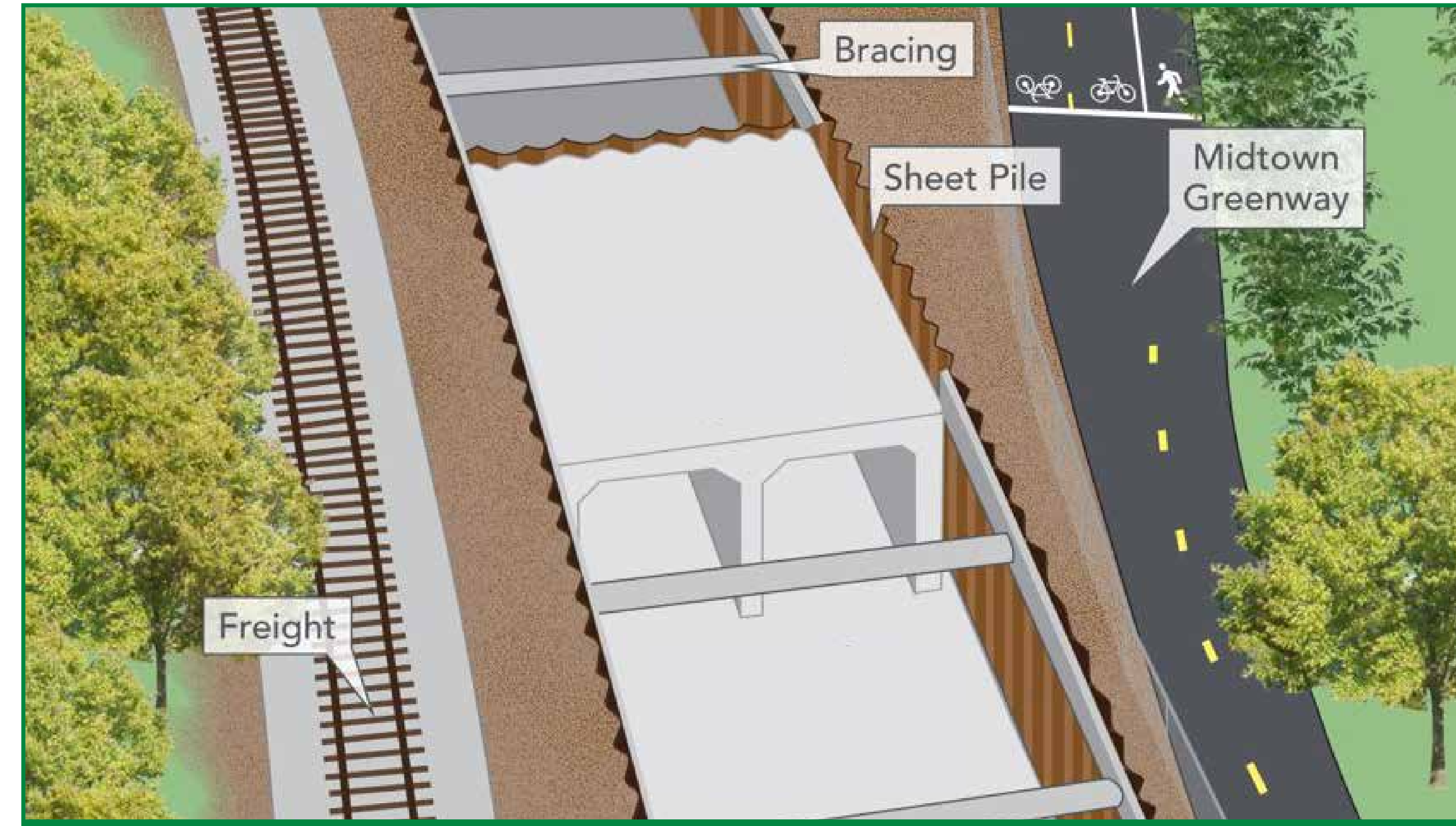
Glenwood Avenue Bridge Pre-demolition

BRIDGES

- 29 new bridges, including: LRT, pedestrian, roadway, freight
- Modifications of 7 existing bridges

HIGHLIGHTS

- Prairie Center Drive
- Excelsior Boulevard
- Glenwood Avenue



Rendering of Kenilworth Tunnel Construction Method

TUNNELS

- Six pedestrian tunnels
- Two cut and cover tunnels

HIGHLIGHTS

- TH 62: 582 feet
- Kenilworth: 2,236 feet



SouthWest Station Area Retaining Wall Underway

RETAINING WALLS & TRACKS

- Over 100 retaining walls
- 182,000+ feet of track
- 15 at-grade LRT crossings

HIGHLIGHTS

- 7.8 miles shared LRT and freight corridor
- Five shared crossing with freight rail

Sign-up for *Construction Updates* at swlrt.org to receive more information about work starting in your area

Construction Questions or Issues: Who to Contact

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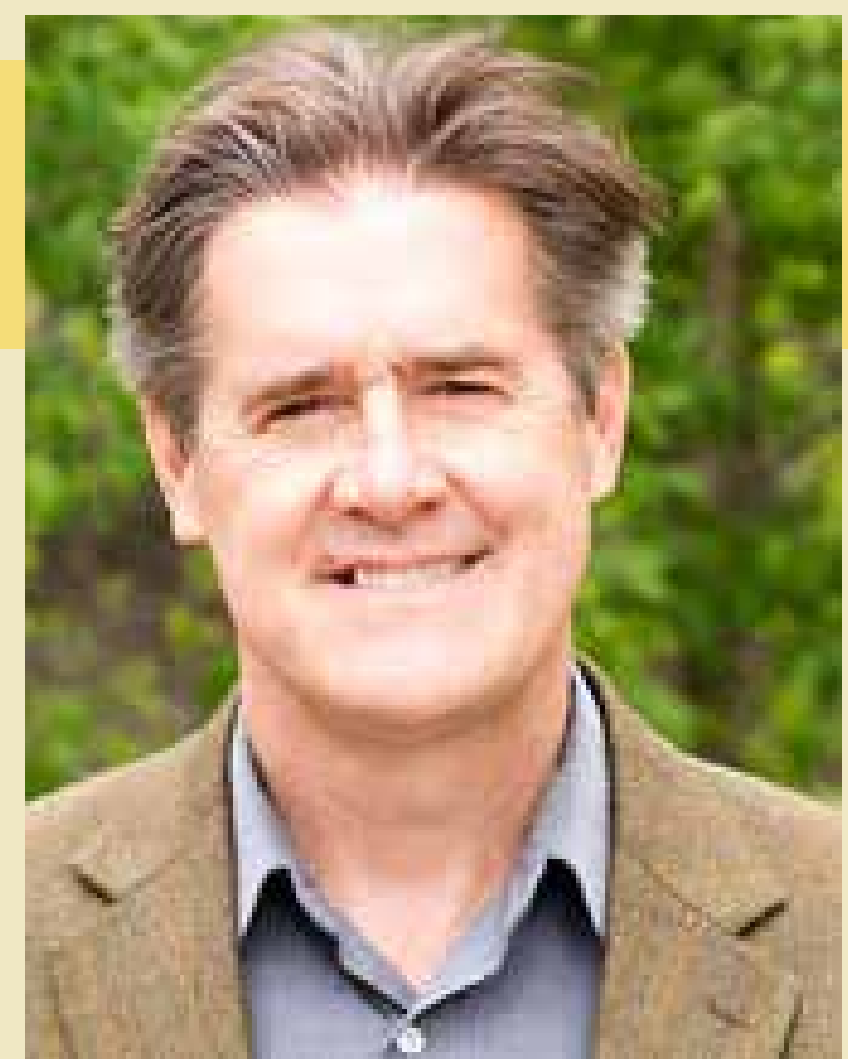
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Call your Community Outreach Coordinator for general questions, requests to present at or attend an event/meeting.

**Southwest
Light Rail Transit
Construction
Hotline
612-373-3933
swlrt.org**

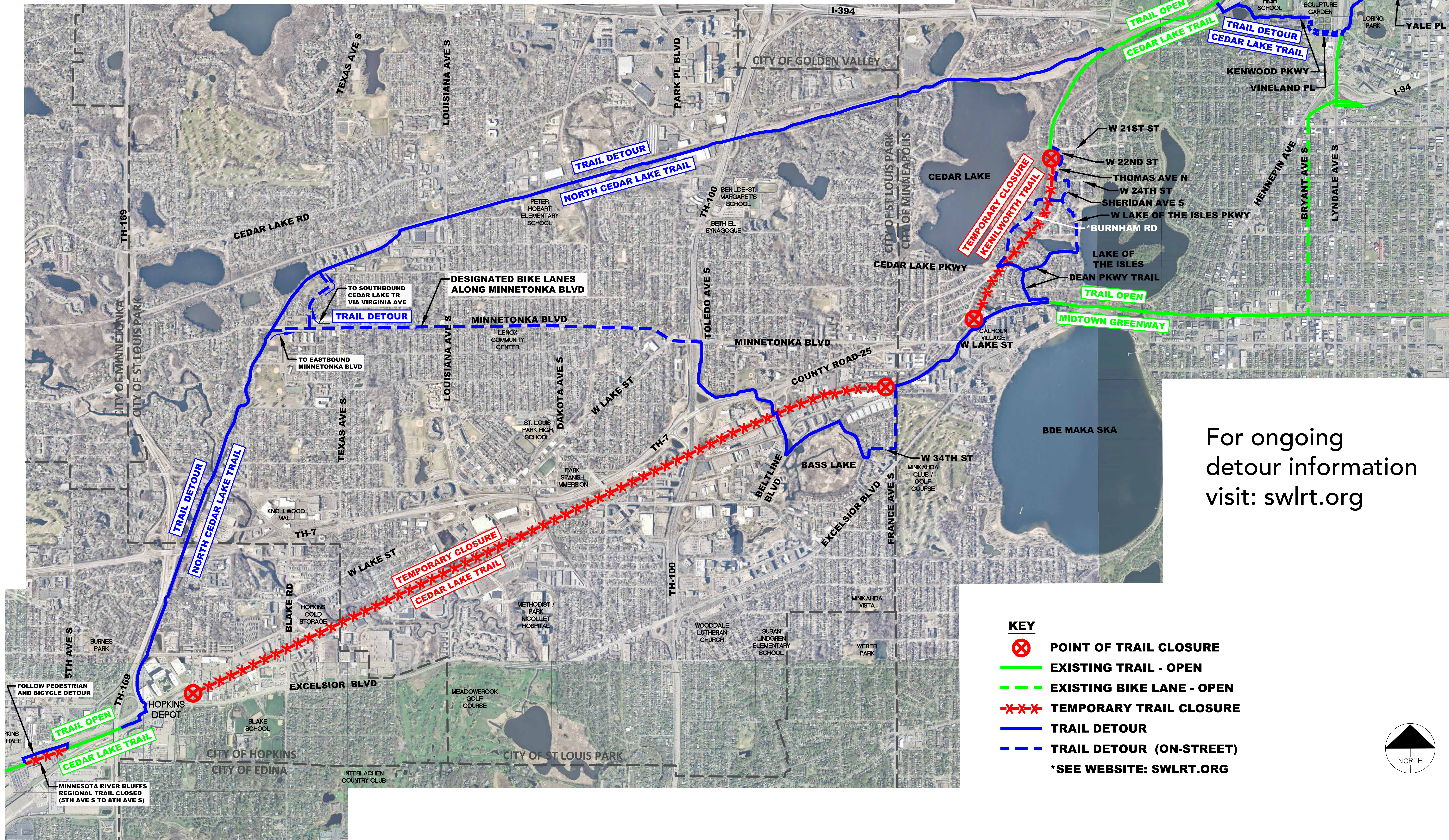
Call the hotline for blocked access to business or residential areas, improper traffic sign placement, parking or other issues.

For emergencies, always call 911

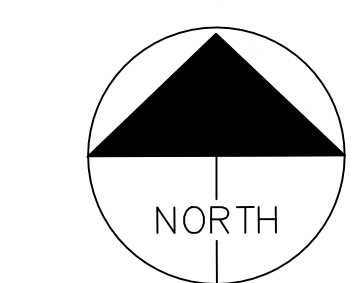
Regional Trail Detours

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- The Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail in Hopkins, between 5th Avenue South and 8th Avenue South, is closed until Fall 2021
- The Cedar Lake Trail through Hopkins and St. Louis Park, from east of the North Cedar Lake Trail to France, is closed until Fall 2021.
- The Kenilworth Trail in Minneapolis, from the Midtown Greenway to south of West 21st Street, is closed until Summer 2022.
- The Cedar Lake Trail in Minneapolis, from Linden Yards located west of Van White Boulevard to east of Royalston Avenue, is closed until Summer 2021.



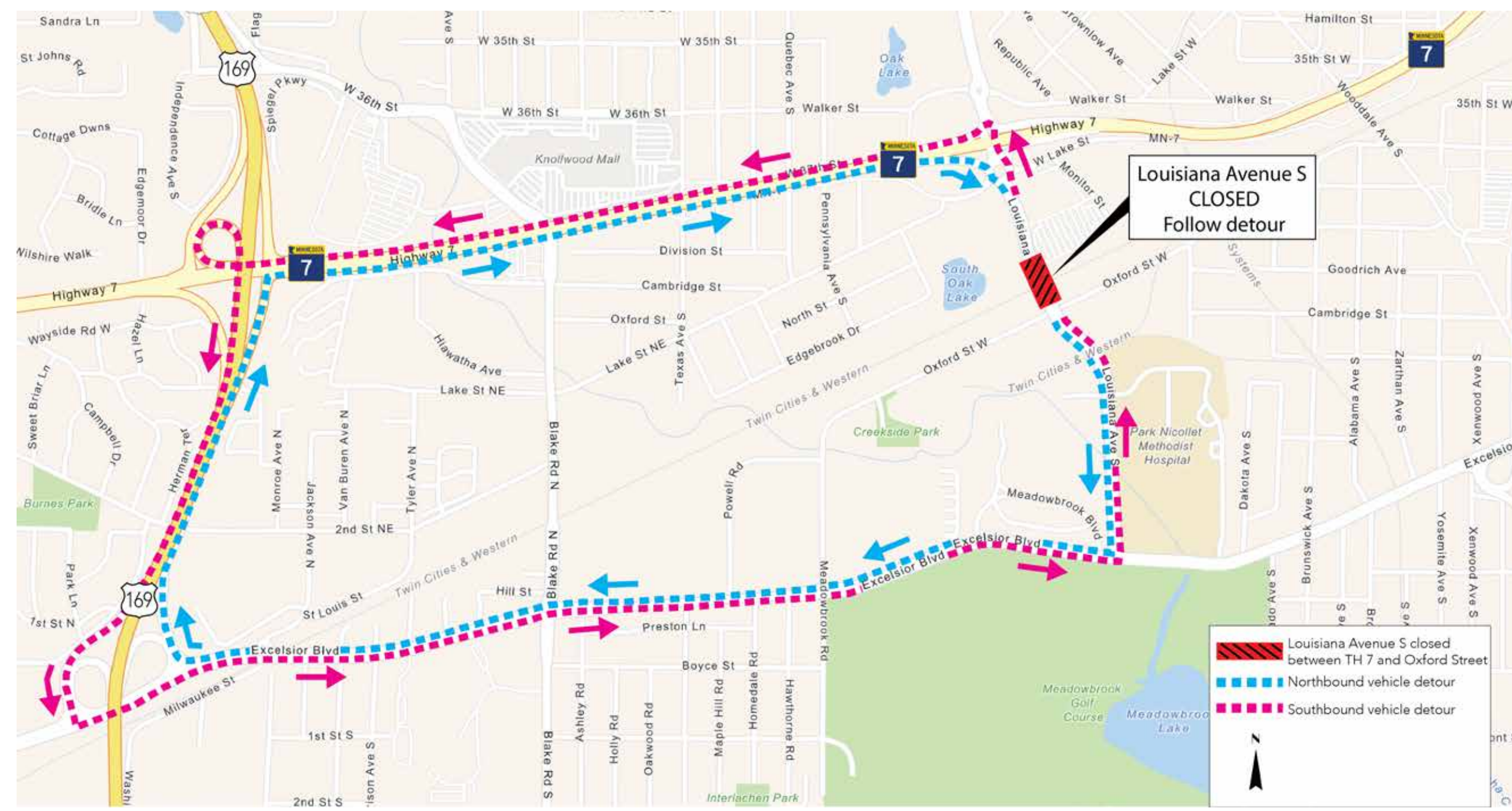
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Current and Upcoming Road Detours

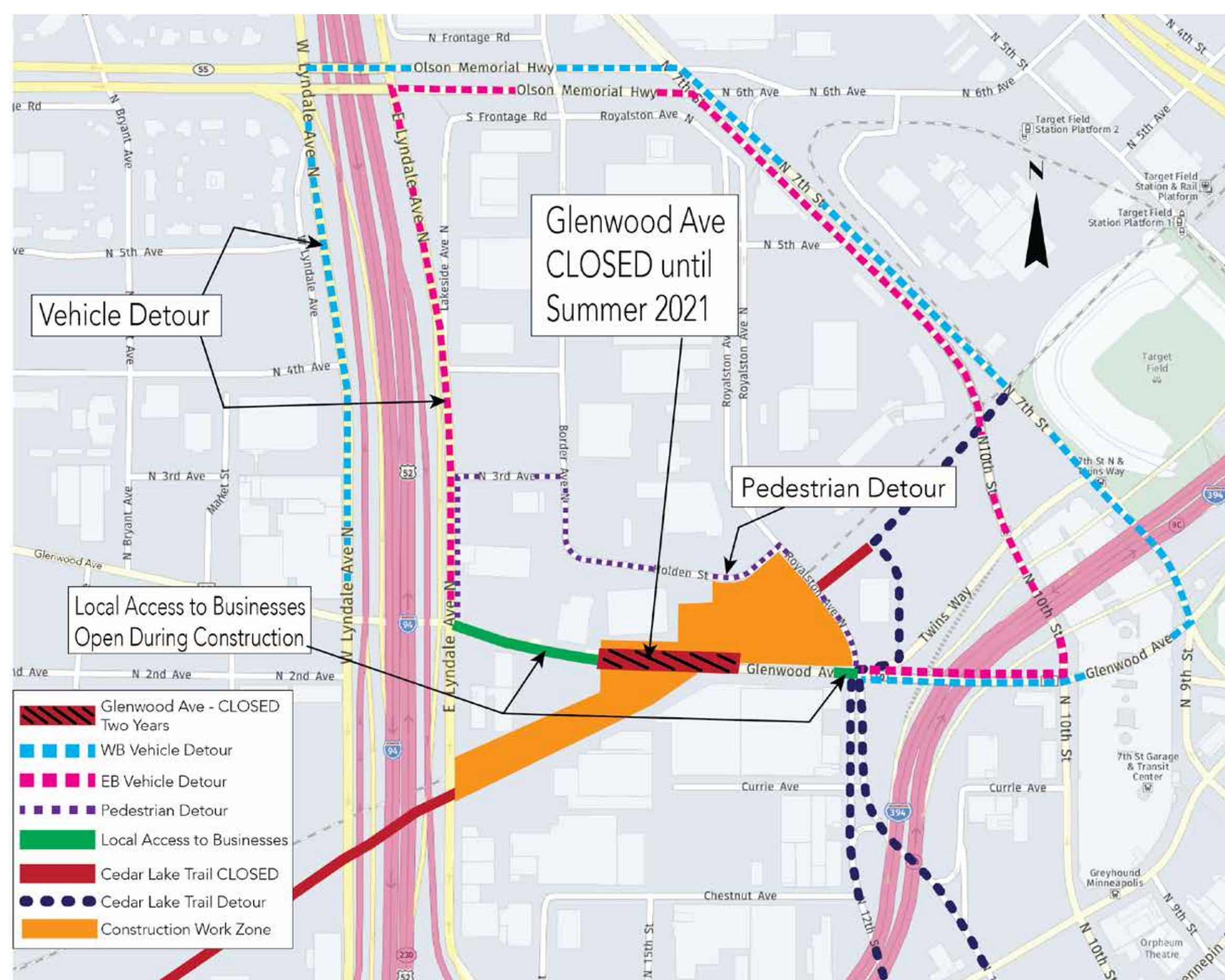
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CURRENT & UPCOMING DETOURS



Louisiana Avenue in St. Louis Park: July 22

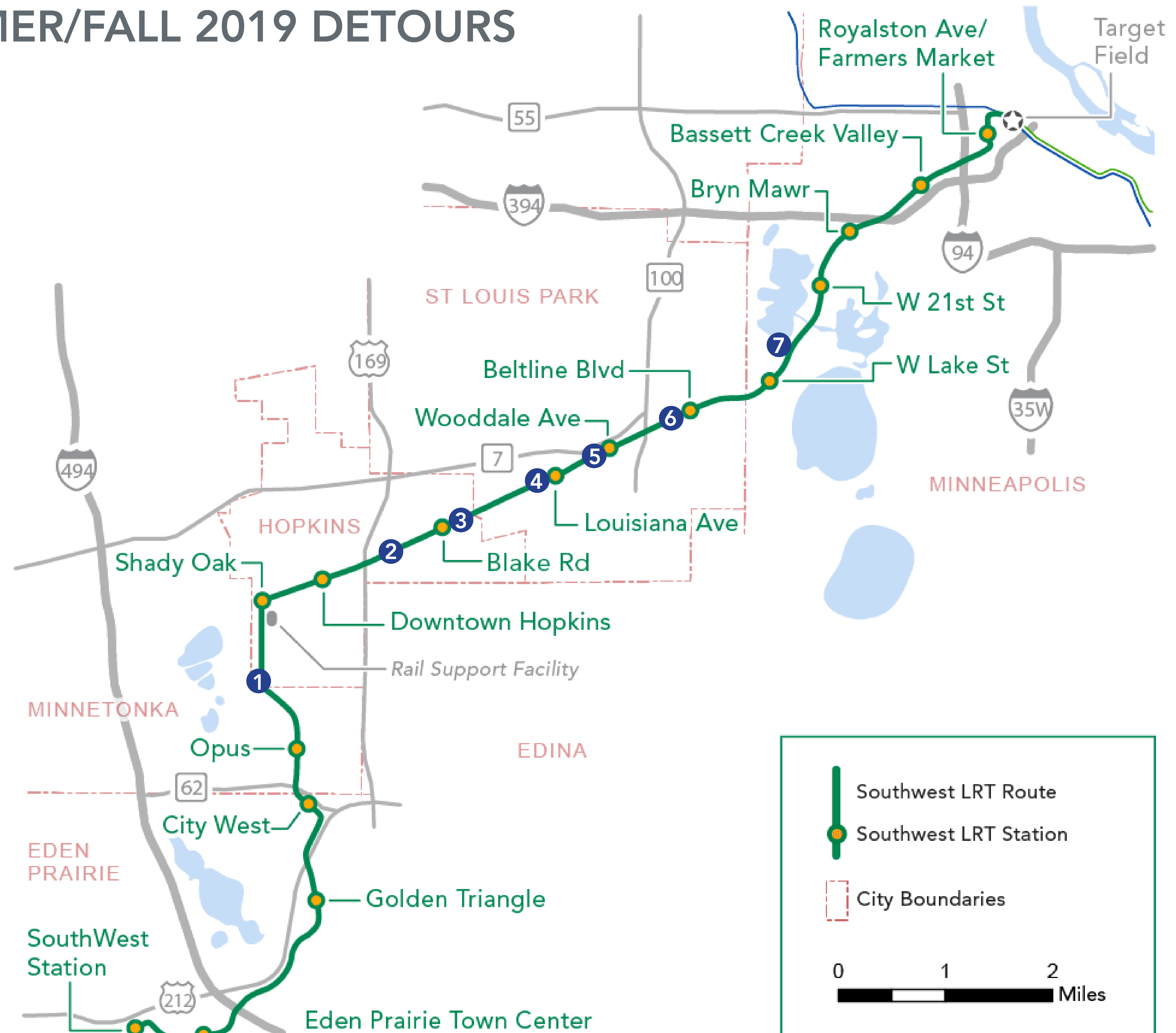
A full road closure of Louisiana Avenue at the Cedar Lake Regional Trail begins July 22 as crews begin to demo the existing bridge. This closure will last up to five days. Traffic moving south will detour west onto Highway 7, south onto TH 169 and back east on Excelsior Boulevard. Traffic moving north with detour west onto Excelsior Boulevard, north onto TH 169 and back east on Highway 7.



Glenwood Avenue in Minneapolis: July 15

Full road closure between Lyndale Avenue North and 11th Street North occurred July 15 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.

SUMMER/FALL 2019 DETOURS



May 2018

1. Smetana Road (full closure): Late July
2. Excelsior Boulevard (full closure): Late Summer
3. Blake Road (full closure): Late Summer
4. Second closure of Louisiana Avenue (full closure): August
5. Wooddale Avenue (full closure): Fall
6. Beltline Boulevard (partial closure): Late Summer
7. Burnham Road (partial & full closures): Mid-July

Road closures will be staggered to avoid overlapping closures in a similar area, in order to maintain access.

Construction Coordination

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PUBLIC AGENCY COORDINATION



Project partners (city/county/agencies) attend:

- **Pre- Activity meetings**
These meeting occur before a major activity in a new area begins. This coordination helps ensure construction staff and agency partners are aware of plans and coordinate on other non-project work that may also be taking place.
- **Weekly Progress meetings**
Staff review activities coming up in the next three weeks and receive updates on areas like safety and outreach.
- **Weekly Management of Traffic meetings**
Staff review and confirm planned detour routing and durations.
- **Weekly Utility Coordination meetings**
These meeting allows public and private utility companies to coordinate their work. Project staff receive updates on the progress of utility work so other construction activities can be scheduled.

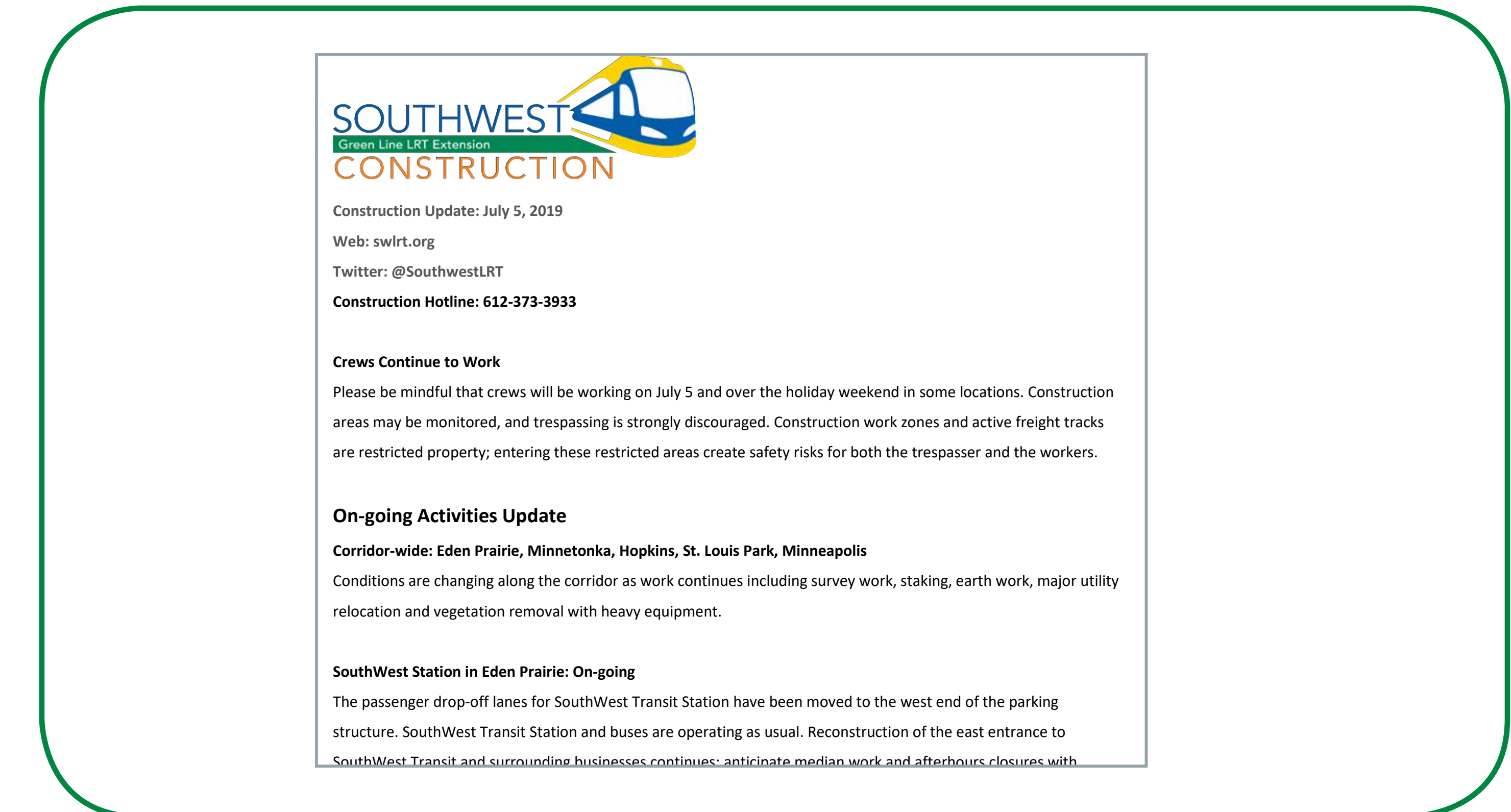
CONTRACTOR COORDINATION



Site Orientation and Safety Training:

- **Safety Training**
All staff is required to take a variety of safety training so that good practices are followed on site. Both Metro Transit and LMJV have staff dedicated to safety.
- **LMJV Orientation**
Before a new person can appear on site, they need to attend orientation where they learn the rules and requirements of this project.
- **Railroad Coordination**
Staff are required to take training specific to working near a railroad. In shared portions of the corridor, a trained professional, often called a flagger, supervises the movement of freight trains through the construction zone. As construction workers arrive on site, they receive daily job briefings and sign-in with the flagger so that all activities are coordinated throughout the day.

FROM THE PROJECT OFFICE TO YOU



Outreach Meeting:
Metro Transit and
Contractor Staff

Progress Meeting:
Confirm Best
Information

Friday Update
Sent

Outreach coordinators actively share new information with property owners and interested groups, through emails, phone calls, drop-ins, and presentations.