



Construction Update: June 21, 2019

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Do Not Trespass in Construction Zones, Active Freight Tracks

Work is underway along much of the Southwest corridor, including tree removal in the Kenilworth and South Cedar Lake trails. Construction work zones and active freight tracks are restricted property; entering these restricted areas create safety risks for both the trespasser and the workers. Please observe posted detour and trail closure signs; your personal safety is more important than your reason to disregard the signage. Trespassing laws and associated fines may be enforced.

On-going Activities Update

Corridor-wide: Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins, St. Louis Park, Minneapolis

Conditions are changing along the corridor as work continues and we want you to be safe. Crews continuing to survey. In addition, earth work, major utility relocation or vegetation removal with heavy equipment has begun. Please be aware that the following activities could be occurring anywhere within the construction limits.

- 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
- Earthwork
- Construction equipment and material delivery
- Trees, vegetation, roots shrubs and stump removal
- Fence installation around work areas
- Pile driving

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 are operating as usual. Reconstruction of the east entrance to SouthWest Transit and surrounding businesses is continuing, anticipate median work and afterhours closures, with

access from the west entrance. Demolition of the Culver's building is complete, and crews are working to remove hardscape. 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. A crane is on site. Additional traffic control and traffic shifts will take place as needed to construct the bridge pier in the median of I-494.

Golden Triangle Station in Eden Prairie: On-going

Expect heavy equipment in the area. 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: On-going

The Cedar Lake Trail and Kenilworth Trail are closed for two to three years (**see detour maps below**). Since the closures were put in place in May, adjustments have been made to detour signage in St. Louis Park and Minneapolis based on trail-users feedback.

- Cedar Lake Trail: Closed through Hopkins and St. Louis Park until Fall 2021
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.

Upcoming Work

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

Salvage work is scheduled to begin in 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.

Glenwood Avenue in Minneapolis: Mid-July

Full road closure between Lyndale Avenue North and 11th Street North is anticipated mid-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: Mid-July

The Cedar Lake Trail in Minneapolis from Linden Yards located west of Van White Blvd to east of Royalston Avenue is anticipated to close mid-July, in conjunction with the closure of Glenwood Avenue and will 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.**

Upcoming Roadway Closures: To give people advanced notice the table below includes a list of planned closures. Detour signage will be in place seven days prior to closure to give the notice of the actual closure date. As more information is available, we will include in weekly updates.

Community	Roadway	Anticipated Timeframe	Approx. Duration
Eden Prairie	PARTIAL CLOSURE of eastbound ramp (down to one lane) from Valley View Rd to TH 212	Early July	3 – 4 weeks
Hopkins	FULL CLOSURE of Excelsior Blvd at the intersection of Jackson Ave N and Milwaukee St	Late Summer	Two, 2-week closures (approx. 28 days total)
Hopkins	FULL CLOSURE of Blake Rd at the Cedar Lake Trail and freight rail crossing	July	Up to 2 weeks
St. Louis Park (see detour map)	FULL CLOSURE of Louisiana Ave at the Cedar Lake Trail	Early July	Up to a 4 day closure

Minneapolis (see detour map)	PARTIAL CLOSURE of Burnham Road from Cedar Lake Pkwy to Park Lane (approx. 800 ft); two-way traffic allowed on Burnham Road Bridge during detour	June 26	30 days
Minneapolis (see detour map)	FULL CLOSURE of Glenwood Avenue between Lyndale Avenue North and 11th Street North	Mid-July	2 years

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. In July the Southwest LRT project office will host open houses from 4:30 – 7:00 PM on the following dates:

- Tuesday, July 16: St. Louis Park City Council Chambers
- Thursday, July 18: Eden Prairie City Center, Heritage Room
- Monday, July 22: Eagle Ridge Academy, Minnetonka
- Tuesday, July 23: Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria, Minneapolis
- Thursday, July 25: Hopkins Depot, Railroad Room

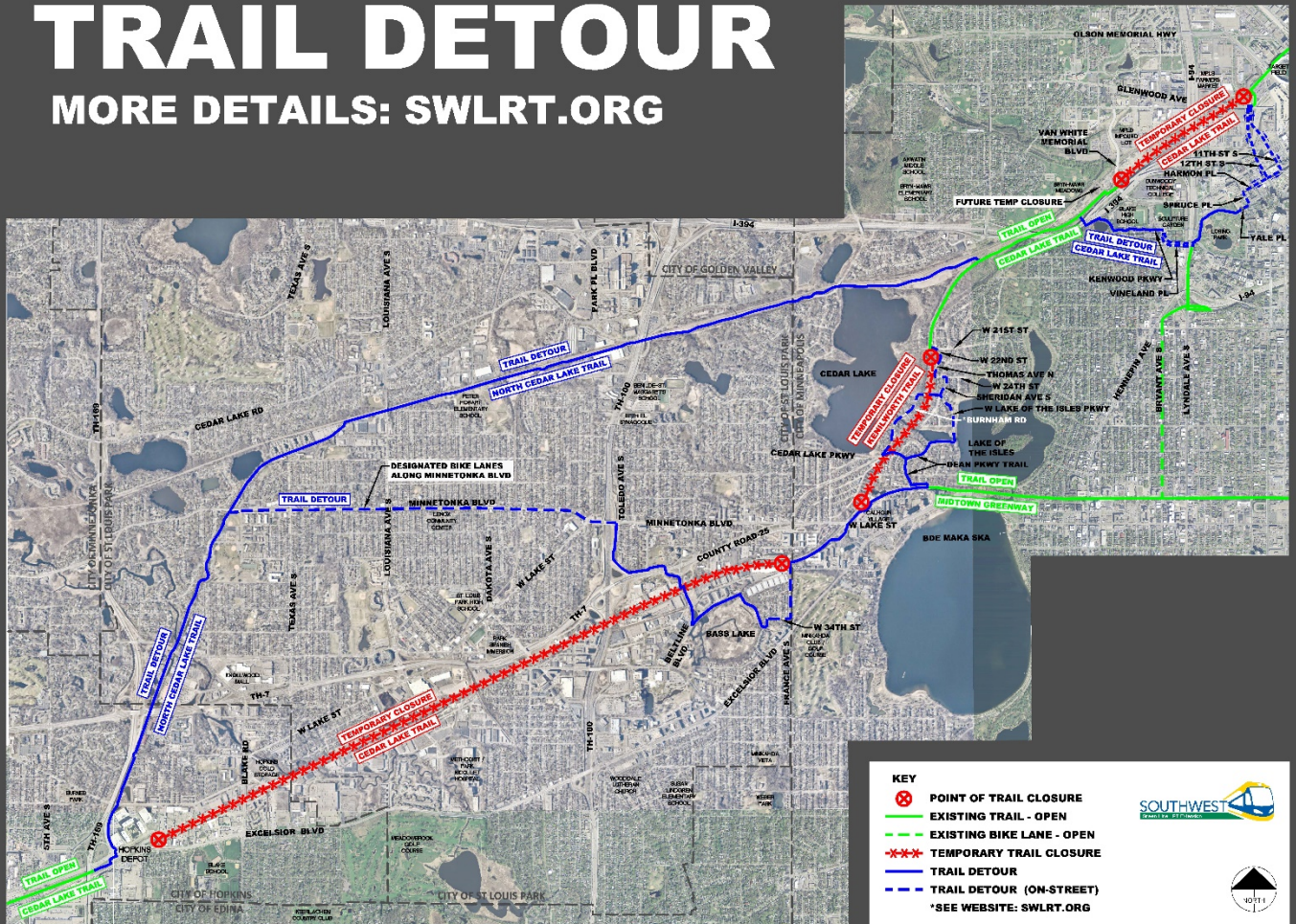
See the Southwest LRT Public Involvement page for more detail.

Construction Activities and Freight Trains

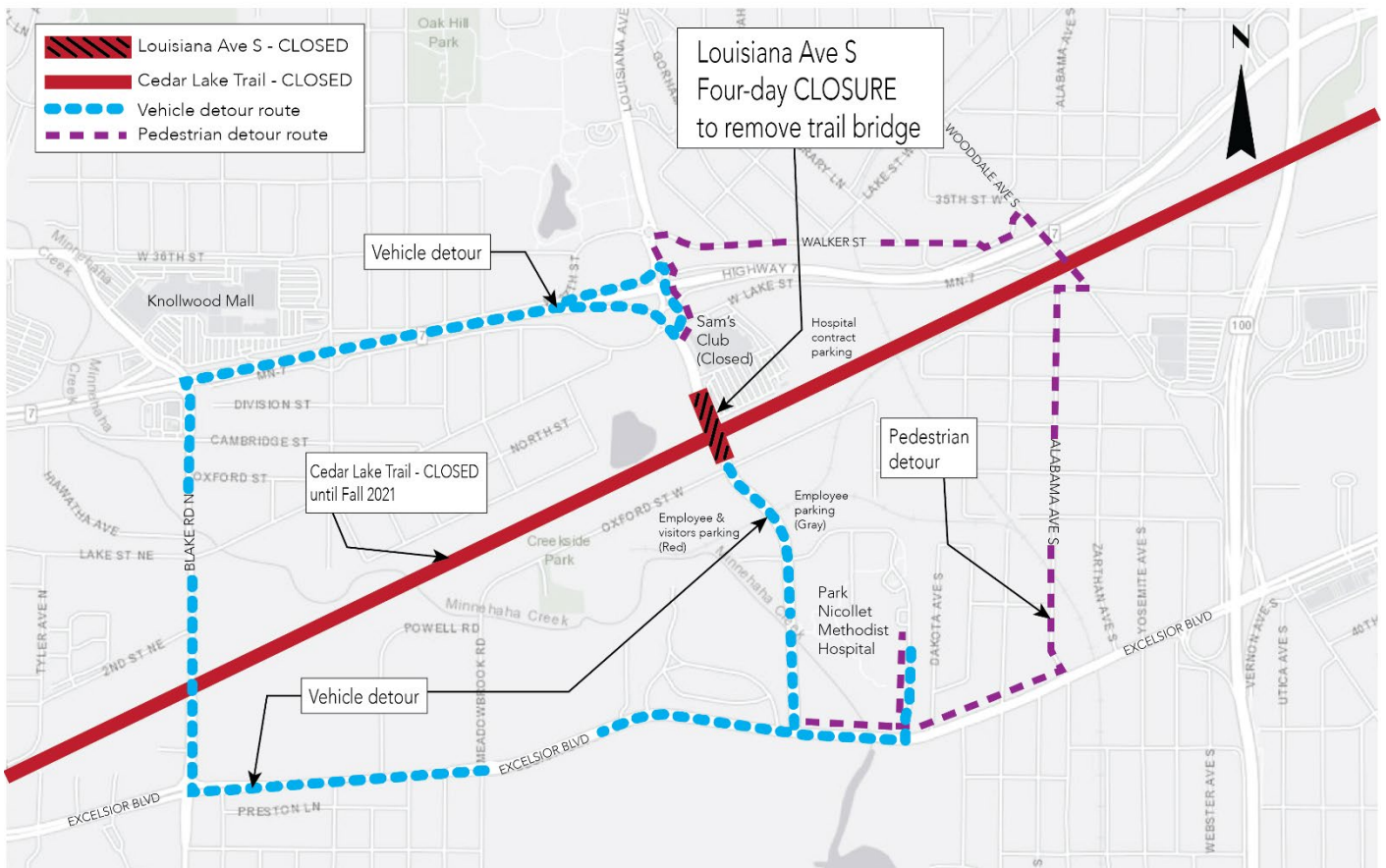
With portions of the corridor located immediately adjacent to active freight rail lines, freight trains will follow their standard operating rules when approaching a construction area. Freight trains are required to sound their horn as the train approaches a construction area that is occupied by workers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

TRAIL DETOUR

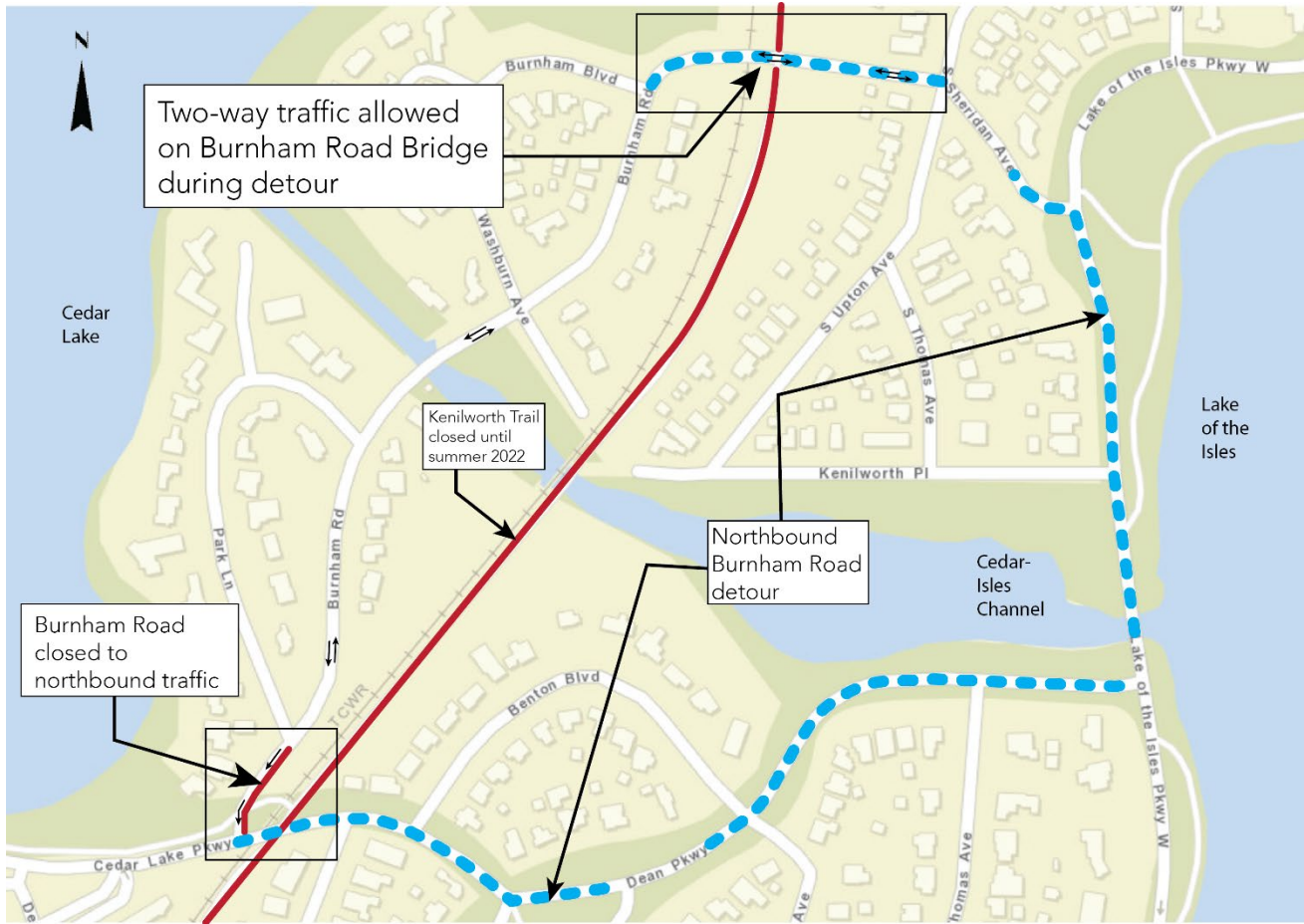
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Louisiana Avenue Full Closure at Cedar Lake Trail Detour Map



Burnham Road Partial Closure at Cedar Lake Parkway in Minneapolis Detour Map



Glenwood Avenue in Minneapolis Detour Map

