



**Construction Update: June 14, 2019**

**Web: [swlrt.org](http://swlrt.org)**

**Twitter: [@SouthwestLRT](https://twitter.com/SouthwestLRT)**

### **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/fines 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 will 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
  - 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 21<sup>st</sup> Street.
- Kenilworth Trail access will remain open between W 21<sup>st</sup> 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.**

Community	Roadway	As Early As	Duration
Eden Prairie (see detour map)	FULL CLOSURE of I-494 Ramp to eastbound TH 212	June 17	Approx. 1 day
Eden Prairie	PARTIAL CLOSURE of eastbound ramp (down to one lane) from Valley View Rd to TH 212	Early July	Approx. 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	Approx. up to 2 weeks
St. Louis Park <b>(see detour map)</b>	FULL CLOSURE of Louisiana Ave at the Cedar Lake Trail	Late-June	Approx. up to a 4-day closure
Minneapolis <b>(see detour map)</b>	PARTIAL CLOSURE of Burnham Rd from Cedar Lake Pkwy to Park Ln (approx. 800 ft); two-way traffic allowed on Burnham Rd Bridge during detour	Late-June	Approx. 30 days

### **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 7<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> 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.**

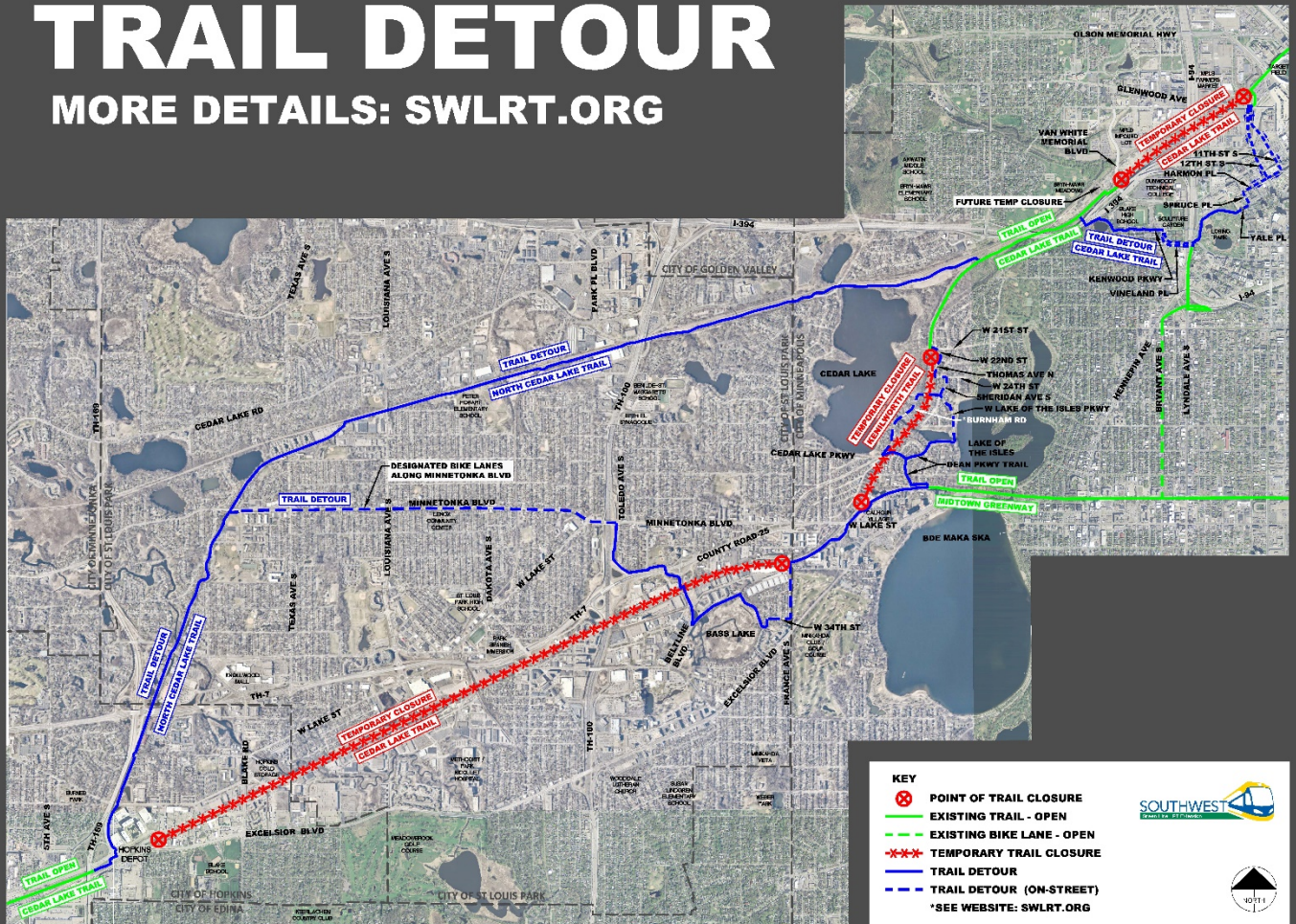
### **Stakeholder Outreach**

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

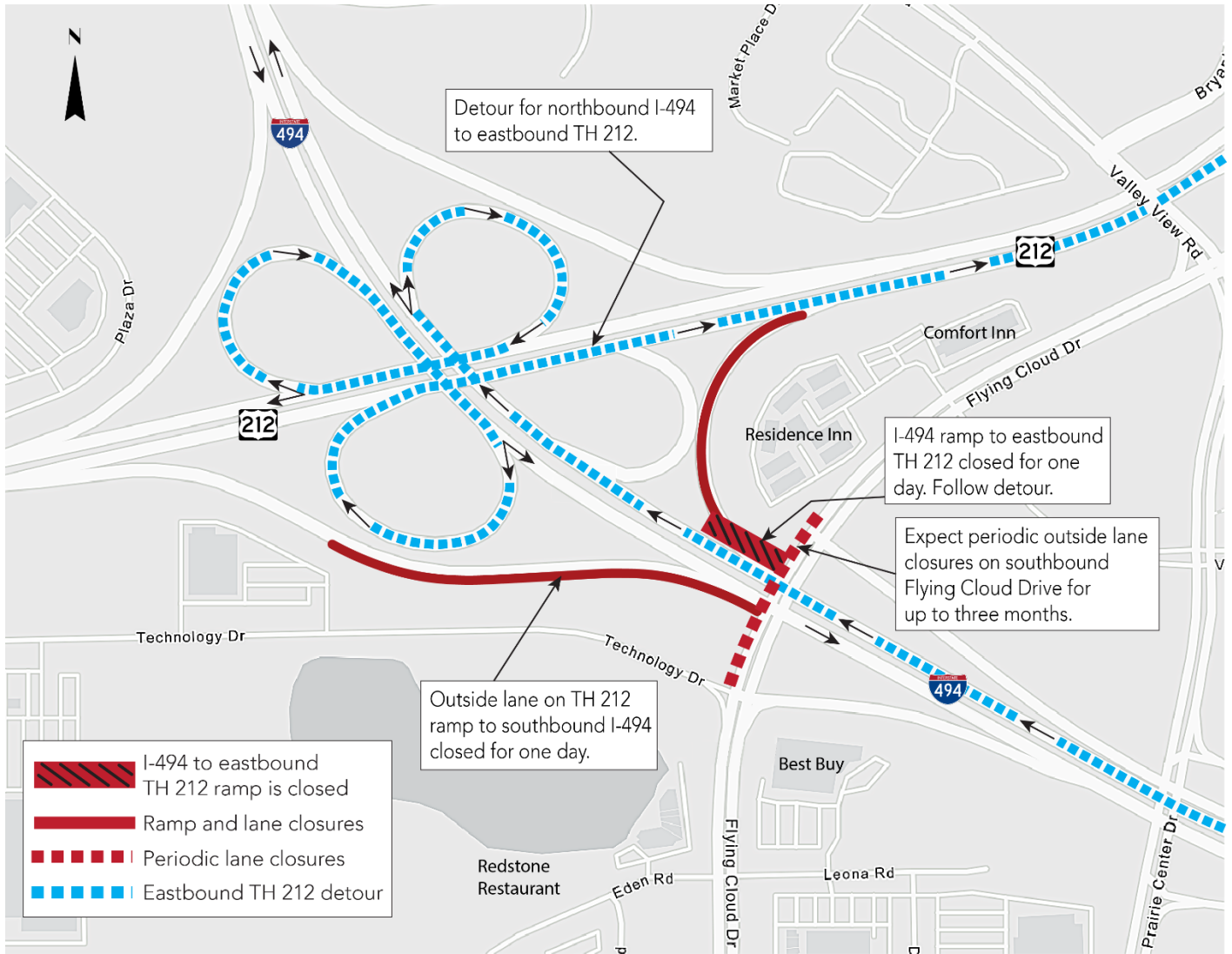
# TRAIL DETOUR

MORE DETAILS: SWLRT.ORG

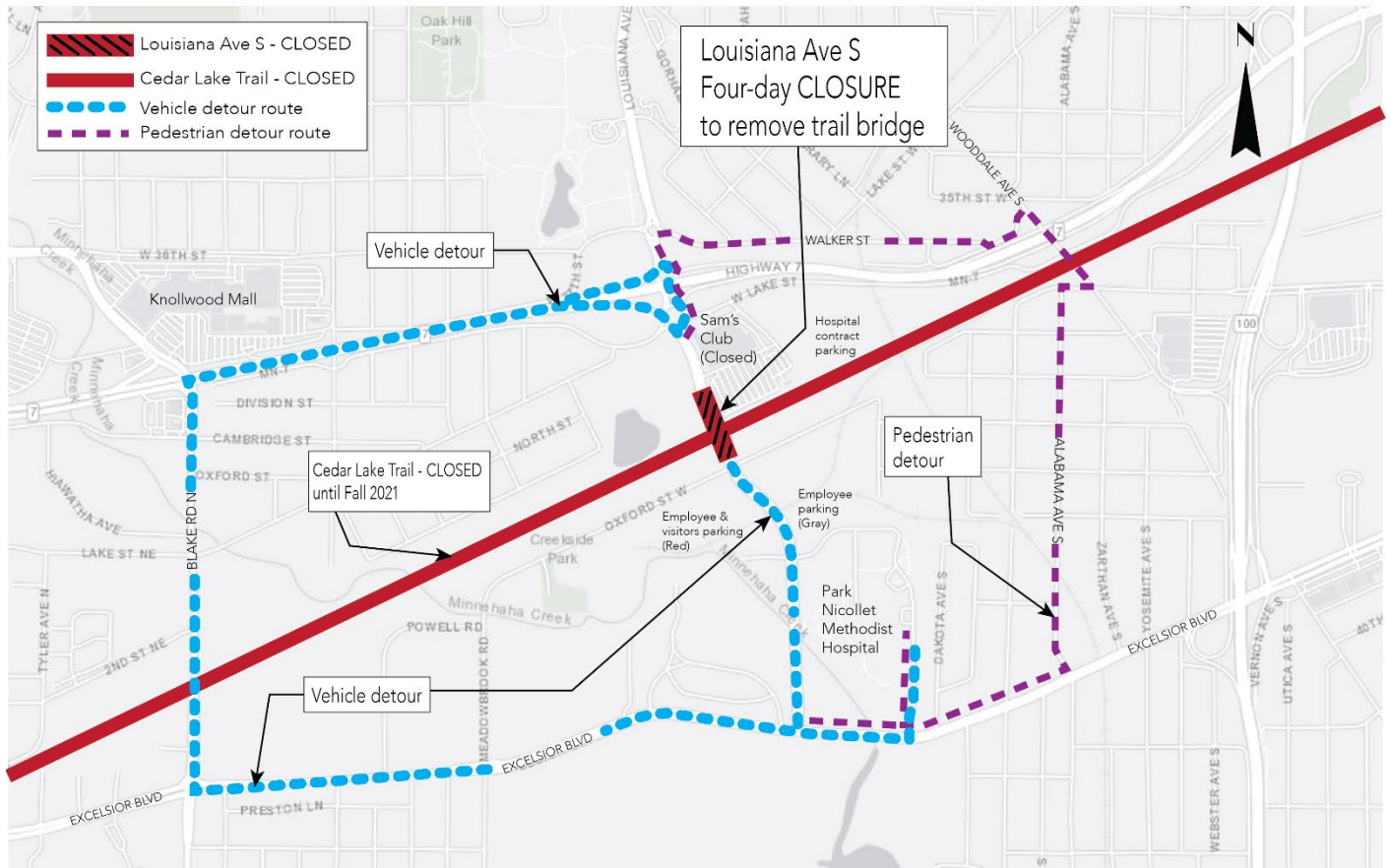




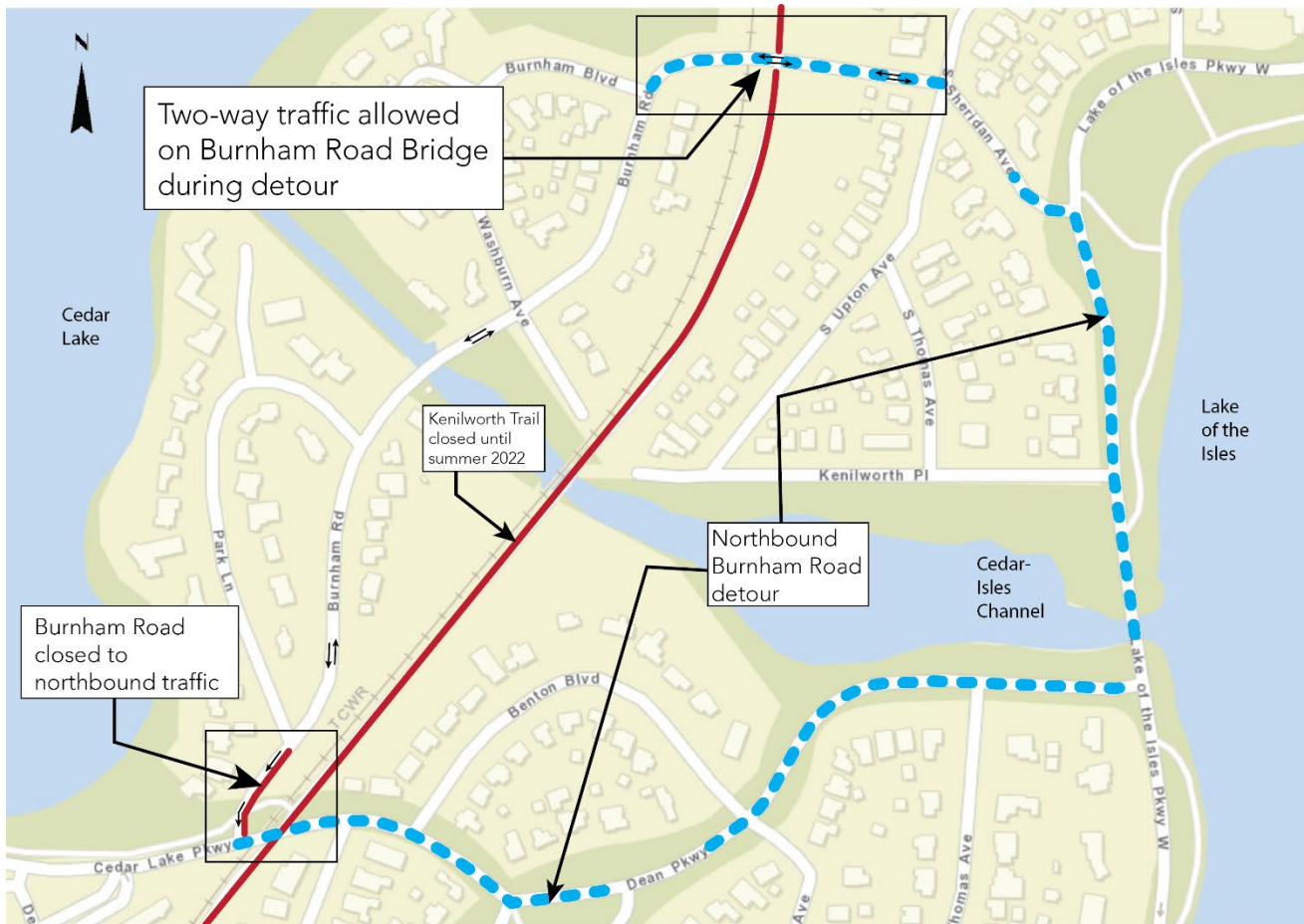
I-494 to eastbound TH 212: June 17



# Louisiana Avenue Full Closure at Cedar Lake Trail Detour Map: Late-June

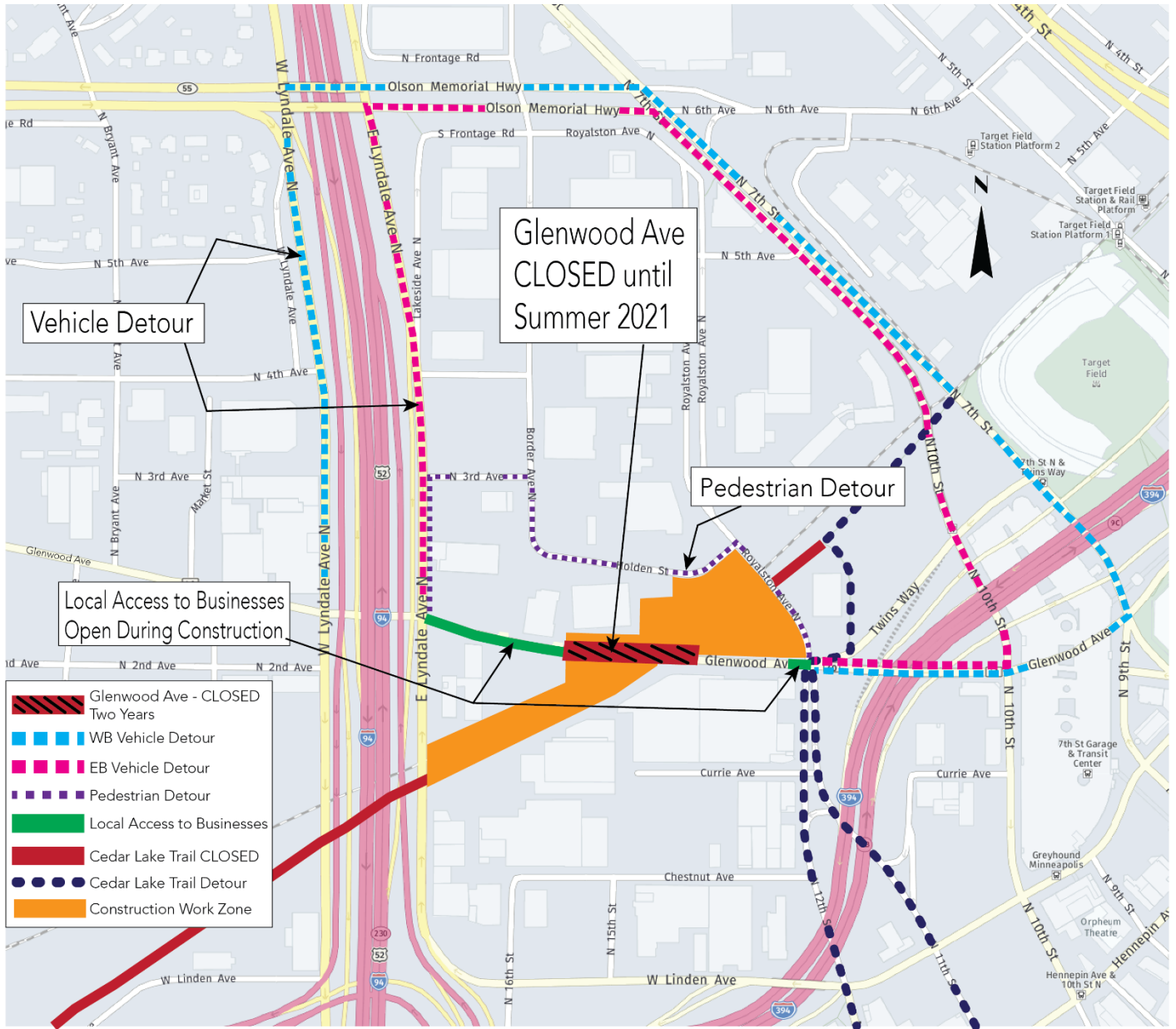


### Burnham Road Partial Closure at Cedar Lake Parkway in Minneapolis Detour Map: Late-June





# Glenwood Avenue in Minneapolis Detour Map: Late June/Early July



# Cedar Lake Trail Minneapolis Detour Map: Late June/Early July

