



**Construction Update: May 24, 2019**

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### **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 May, expect to see the following activities start 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

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: As early as May 28**

Demolition of the Culver's building will begin. Once demolition begins, 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.

### **LRT Bridge at I-494/Flying Cloud Drive in Eden Prairie: As early as May 28**

Traffic control will be 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.

### **Golden Triangle Station in Eden Prairie: As early as May 28**

Expect to see the arrival of heavy equipment and activities such as pavement removal, excavation and grading. No detours, road or lane closures are anticipated for this work.

### **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 is closing starts just east of the North Cedar Lake Trail connection in Hopkins to France Ave in St. Louis Park.
  - At this time, automobiles, bikes and pedestrians will continue to cross at Jackson St, Blake Road, Louisiana Ave, Wooddale Ave, TH-100 and Beltline Blvd.
  - Cedar Lake Trail will remain open between France Ave 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 is closing starts 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> St.

- Kenilworth Trail access will remain open between W 21<sup>st</sup> St 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

**Works Progress Administration (WPA) Wall Located at the Cedar Lake (Kenilworth) Channel: As early as late May**

Salvage work is scheduled to begin as early as late May. 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 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                              | PARTIAL CLOSURE of east-bound ramp (down to one lane) from Valley View Rd to TH 212  | Mid-June         | 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   | Mid to Late June | Approx. up to 2 weeks                        |
| St. Louis Park<br><b>(see detour map)</b> | FULL CLOSURE of Louisiana Ave at the Cedar Lake Trail  | June 10          | Approx. a 2-day closure                      |
| Minneapolis<br><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 | June 3           | Approx. 30 days                              |

**Glenwood Avenue in Minneapolis: Closing as early as June 3**

Full road closure between Lyndale Ave N and 11th St N is scheduled to close as early as June 3 for approximately two years; local access to businesses will be maintained. Generally, vehicle detours will use Lyndale Ave, Olson Memorial

Highway and 7<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Streets. Pedestrian detour will utilize Border Ave., Holden St. and Royalston Ave. sidewalks.

**See detour map below.** Advanced detour signage will go up approximately seven days prior to the roadway closure.

### **Cedar Lake Trail Minneapolis: Closing as early as June 3**

The Cedar Lake Trail in Minneapolis from Linden Yards located west of Van White Blvd. to east of Royalston Ave. will close as early as June 3 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.**

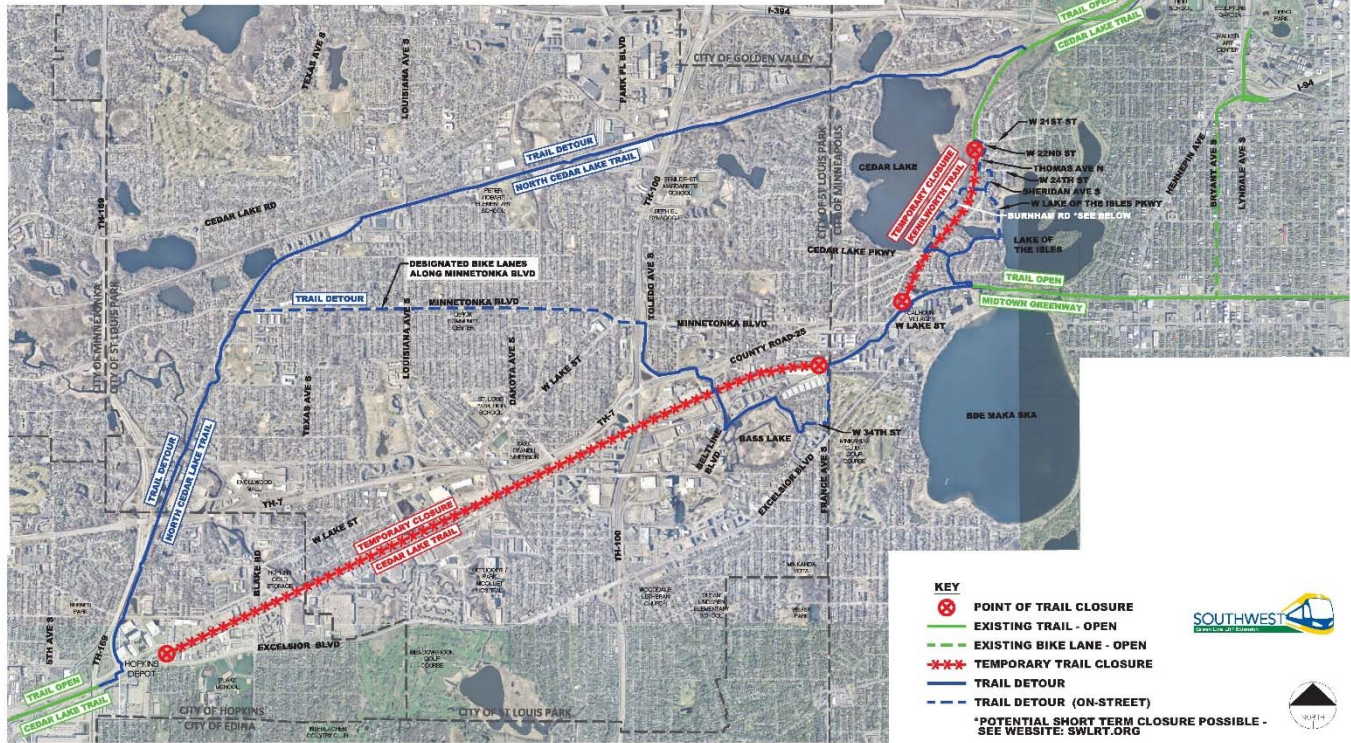
### **Stakeholder Outreach**

Project staff will be in the community to share upcoming construction information with residents, businesses and trail users. Follow us on Twitter (@SouthwestLRT) for the latest information.

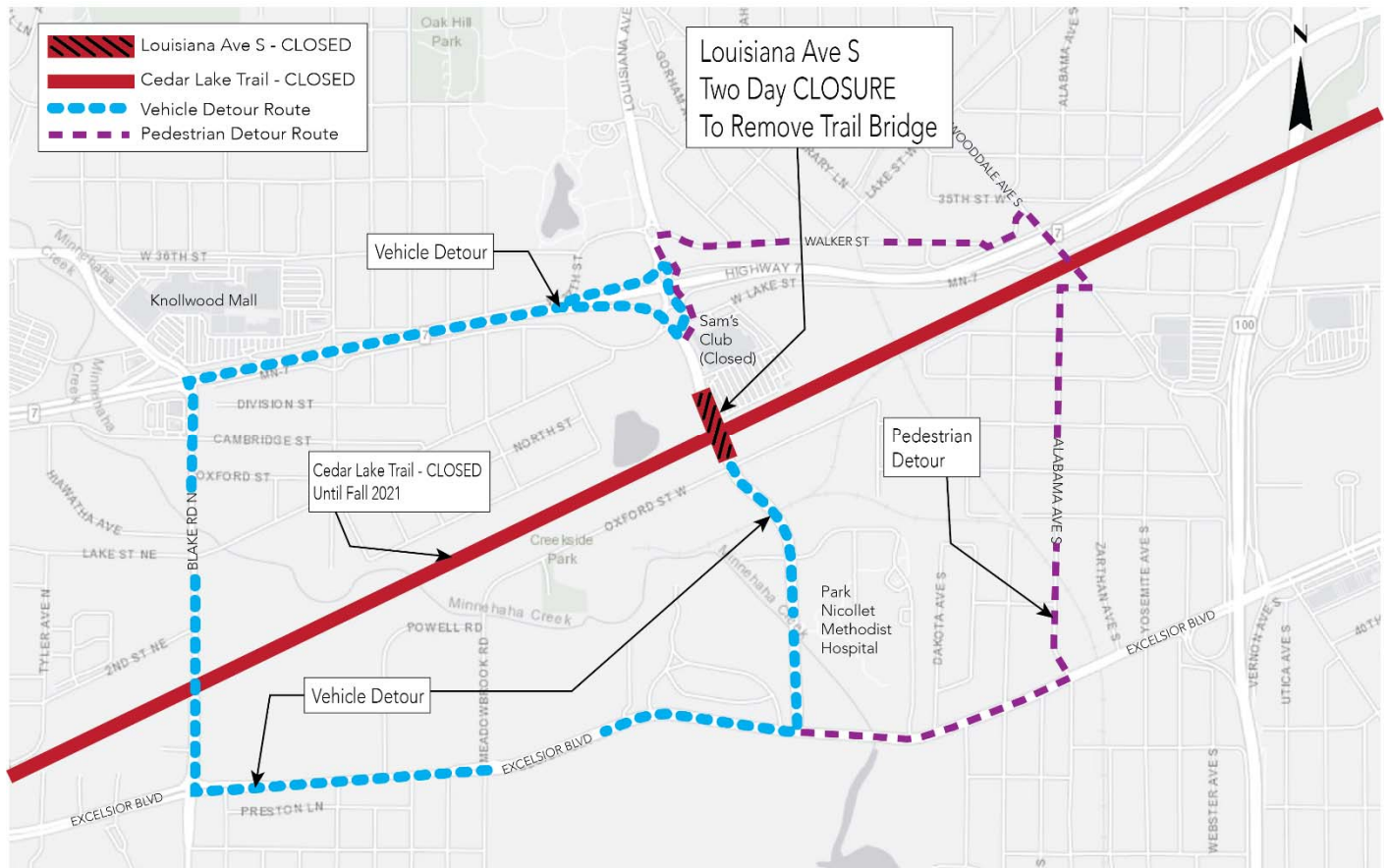
- Thursday, May 30: St. Louis Park's State of the Community at the Recreation Outdoor Center; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Sunday, June 2: Minneapolis Farmers Market; 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Saturday, June 8: Kenwood Community School Environmental Festival; Kenwood Recreation Center; 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

# TRAIL DETOUR

MORE DETAILS: [SWLRT.ORG](http://SWLRT.ORG)

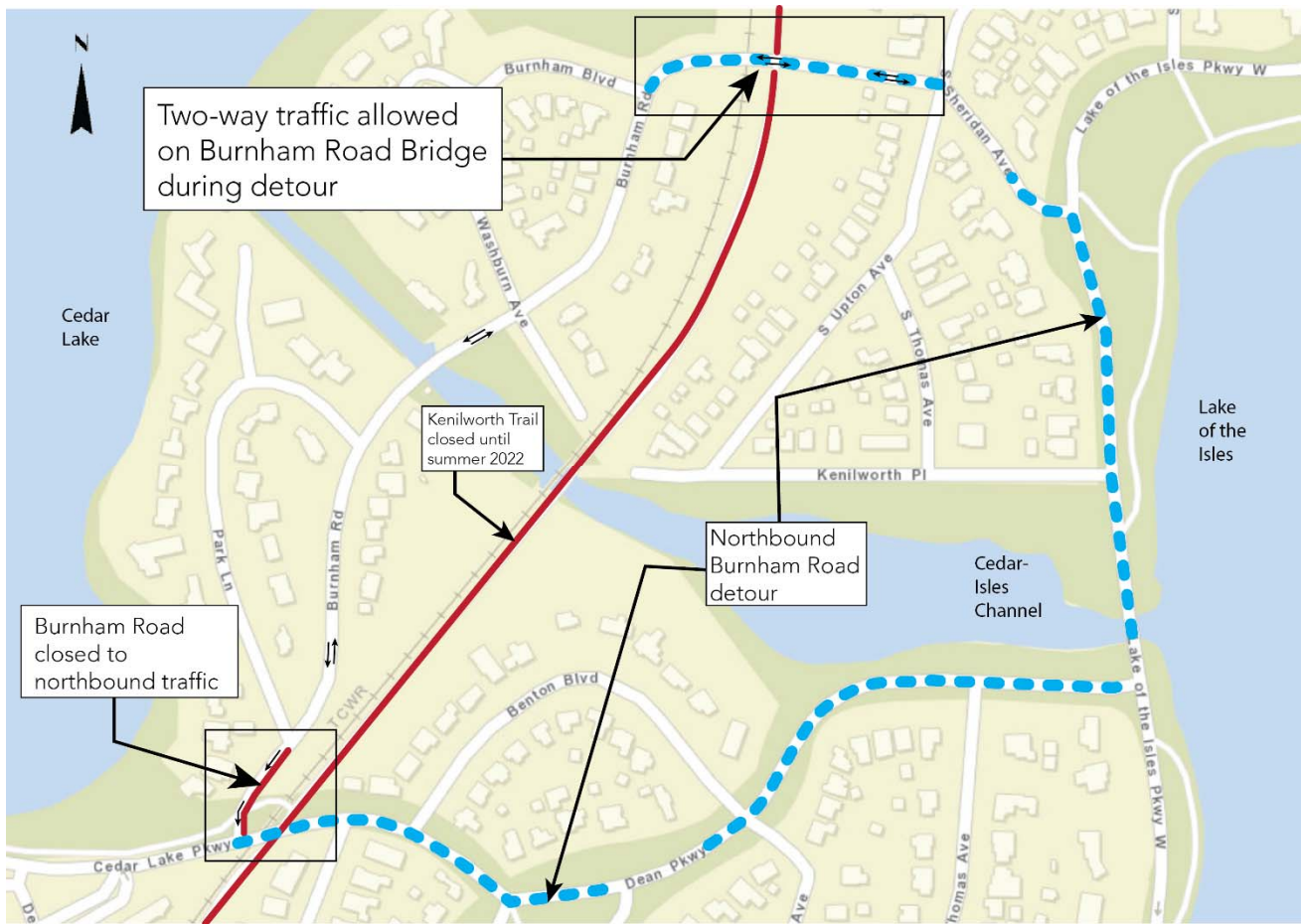


# Louisiana Avenue Full Closure at Cedar Lake Trail Detour Map: As early as June 10

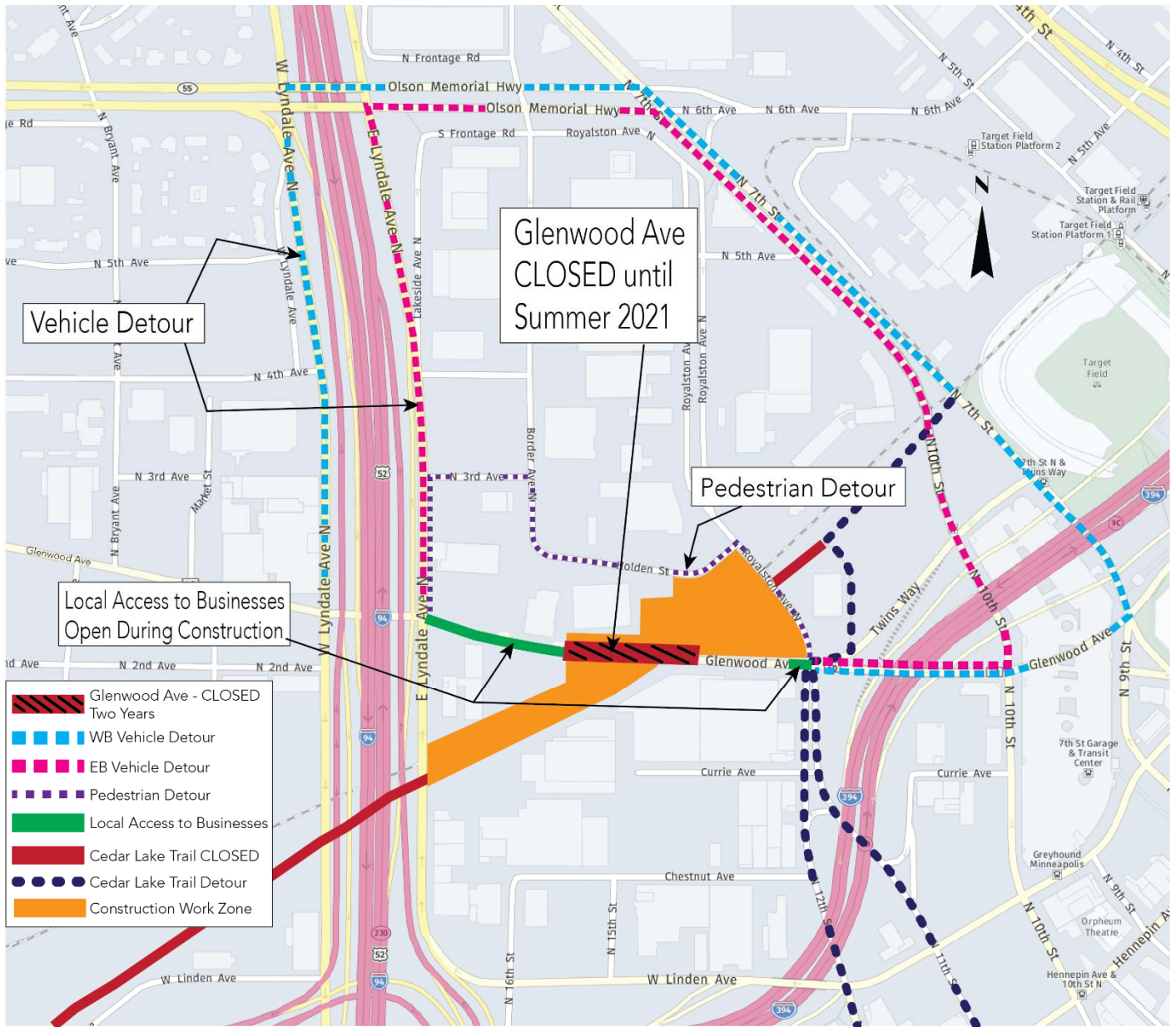




### Burnham Road Partial Closure at Cedar Lake Parkway in Minneapolis Detour Map: As early as June 3



# Glenwood Avenue in Minneapolis Detour Map: Closing as early as June 3





### Cedar Lake Trail Minneapolis Detour Map: Closing as early as June 3

