

**Focus on Bike Detours**

With the spring biking season underway more people are out enjoying the trails. Many of the staff at the Southwest LRT Project Office are also avid bikers and the experience on detours is important to us. Staff has been out reviewing the corridor for signage and will keep an eye out for issues and will monitor general corridor conditions. If you see any problems, please call our construction hotline: 612-373-3933.

**Weekly Construction Photo: Cedar Lake Channel LRT Bridge Construction in Minneapolis**



Crews have been working to excavate the abutment for the north end of the Cedar Lake Channel LRT bridge. Piling for this abutment has begun. Piles can be seen in the photo for the south abutment. The new freight bridge is also pictured on the right.

[Eden Prairie](#)

**Eden Prairie Construction: Map 1 of 2**



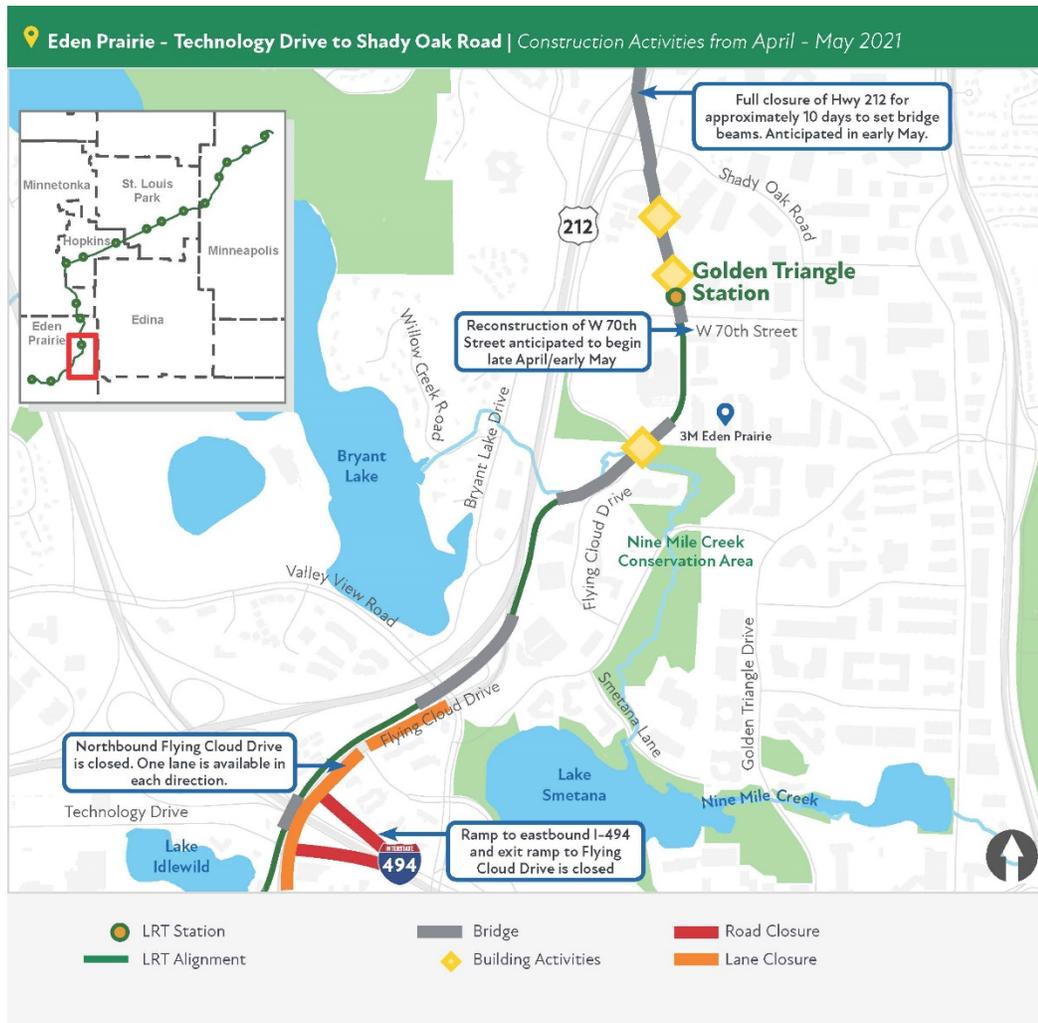
### SouthWest Station to Eden Prairie Town Center Station

*Construction Overview:* At the SouthWest Station we are constructing a new park-and-ride ramp adjacent to the existing ramp and a combined bus and LRT station. Moving east, the Prairie Center Drive LRT Bridge extends from the SouthWest Station area over Technology Drive and Prairie Center Drive. Moving east, LRT will enter the Eden Prairie Town Center Station area.

*Current activities to expect in this area:*

- The right-turn lane on the eastbound Highway 212 ramp to Prairie Center Drive remains closed.
- The SouthWest station area remains a busy construction site with ongoing piling and concrete work.
- Work continues on the Prairie Center Drive as crews work on bridge walkways.
- Sidewalks near the intersection of Prairie Center Drive and Technology Drive remain closed, please follow signage to ensure your safety. ([See the SouthWest pedestrian detour map](#)).

## Eden Prairie Construction: Map 2 of 2



### LRT Bridge at I-494 to Shady Oak Road

*Construction Overview:* In this portion of Eden Prairie, an LRT bridge will cross over I-494, parallel to Flying Cloud Drive; this bridge is almost complete. Flying Cloud Drive is being reconstructed and LRT track installed. LRT will travel on bridges over Flying Cloud Drive and Nine Mile Creek. The Golden Triangle Station is being constructed as well as an LRT bridge over Shady Oak Road and Highway 212.

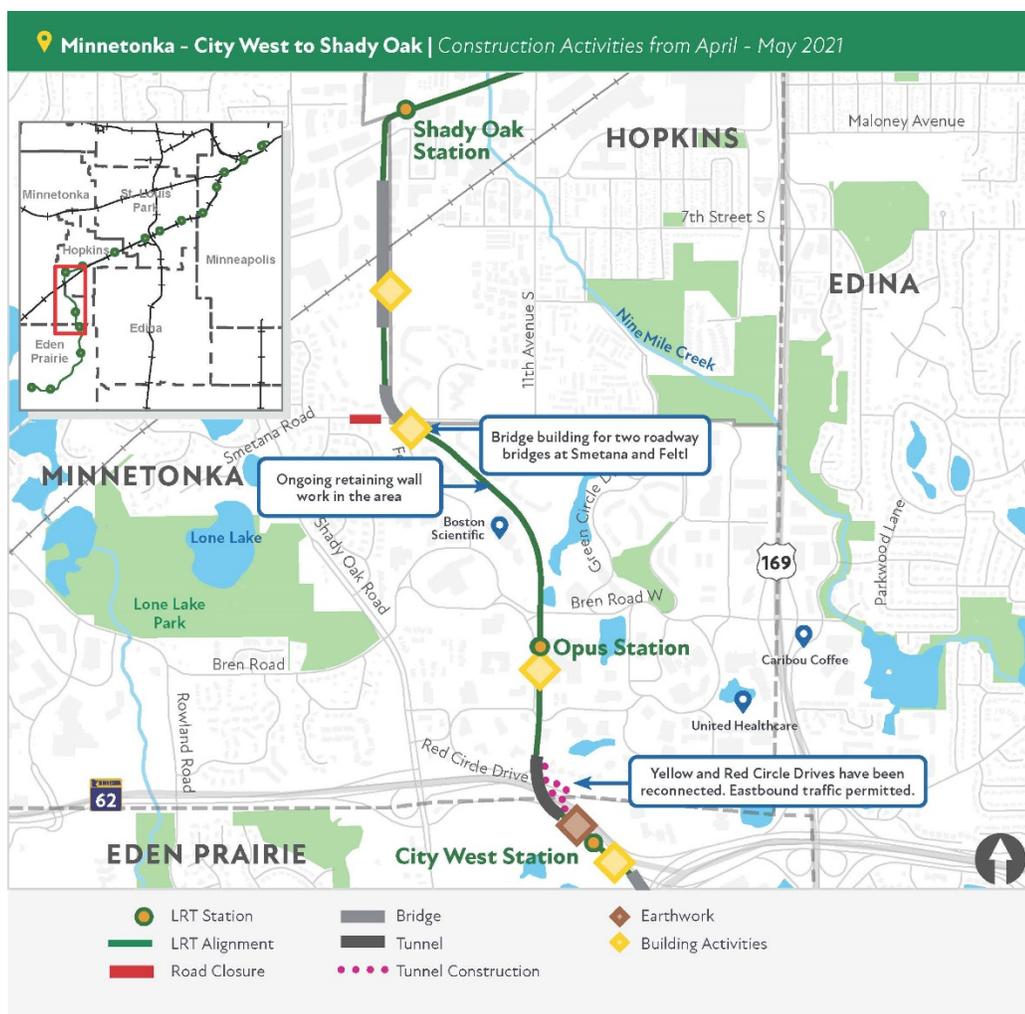
### Current activities to expect in this area:

- Traffic is reduced to one lane in both directions on Flying Cloud Drive between Town Center Place to Valley View Road through the summer. Intersections from Flying Cloud Drive to Technology Drive and Viking Drive will remain open, subject to intermittent, short-term lane reductions. Left turns in and out of Technology Drive at the Flying Cloud Drive intersection are prohibited through the summer.

- Crews continue to advance the deck of the Nine Mile Creek bridge, expect construction activities in the area.
- West 70<sup>th</sup> Street is expected to close in early May to advance LRT track work. This closure will last for most of the 2021 construction season.
- Crews are advancing the southern portion of the Highway 62 LRT tunnel and area retaining walls. Anticipate noise and vibration associated with installation of piling and sheeting between Highway 62 and southbound Highway 212.
- A full closure of Highway 212 between Highway 62 and Shady Oak Road is anticipated to begin the week of May 10 and extend over the weekend. Exact timing and detour information is forthcoming.

## Minnetonka

### Minnetonka Construction: Map 1 of 1



### City West Station in Eden Prairie to Shady Oak Station in Hopkins

**Construction Overview:** The City West Station area continues with preparation work for retaining walls. Major elements in this segment include an LRT tunnel under Highway 62, the Opus Station, many large retaining walls,

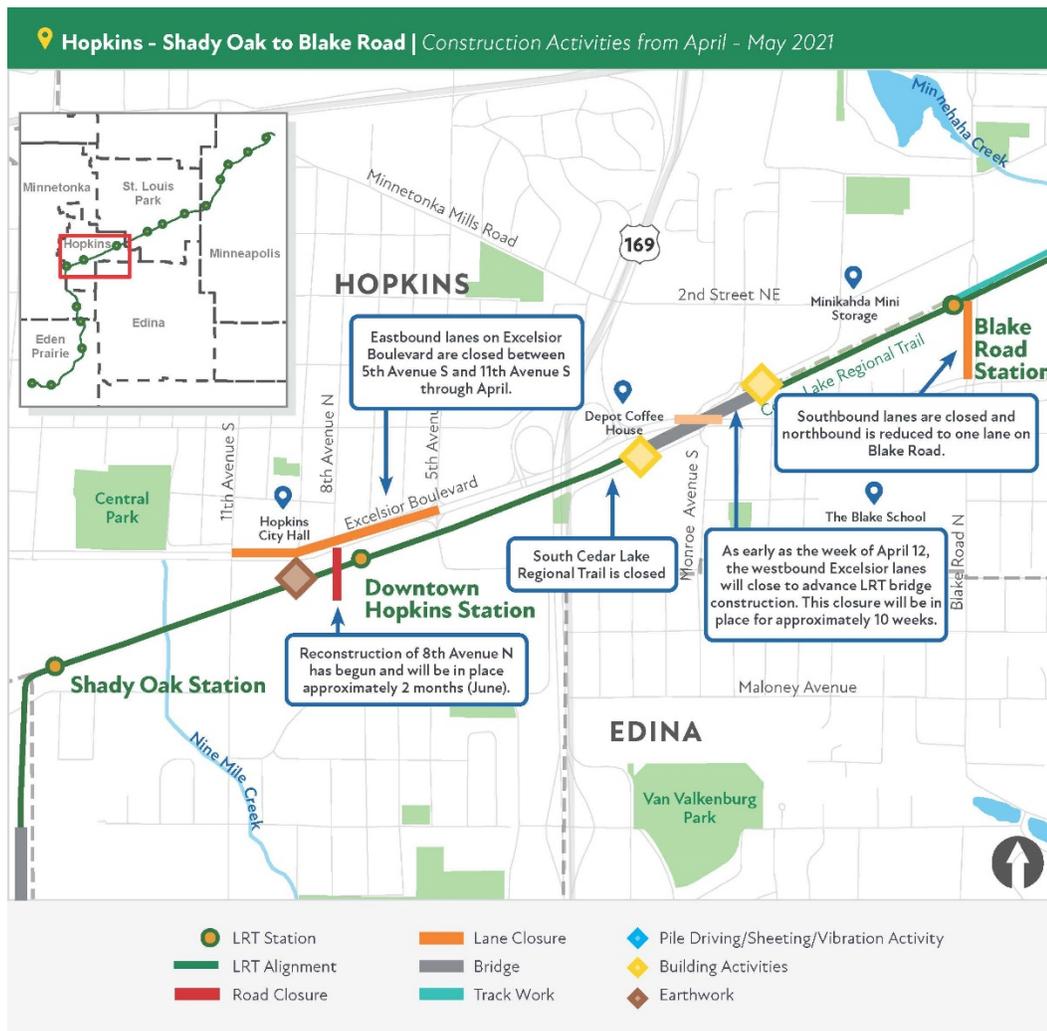
the Smetana/Feltl roadway bridges over LRT and the Hopkins/Minnetonka LRT Bridge ending at the Shady Oak Road Station.

*Current activities to expect in this area:*

- The westbound lane on Green Circle Drive near the intersection with Bren Road West is closed through the 2021 construction season to complete work in the LRT corridor.
- Smetana Road from Feltl Road to Nolan Drive remains closed until the end of summer. A bypass is in place east of the intersection of Smetana and Feltl Roads to accommodate local traffic. [See Minnetonka detour maps here.](#)
- Crews continue working on Minnetonka-Hopkins LRT bridge piers and installation of sheeting.

**Hopkins**

**Hopkins Construction: Map 1 of 1**



## **Shady Oak Road Station to Blake Road Station**

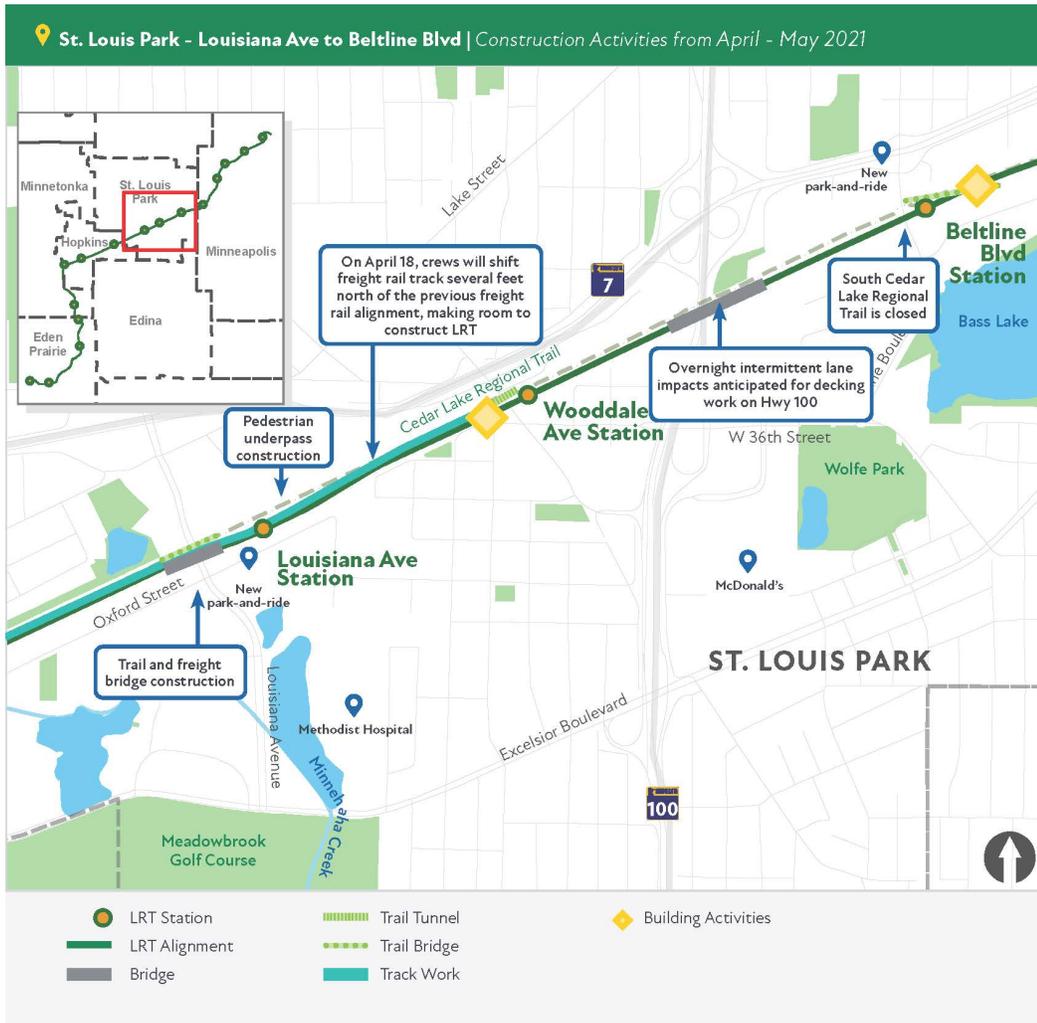
*Construction Overview:* There are three stations in Hopkins: Shady Oak Road, Downtown Hopkins and Blake Road. Major structures in Hopkins include an LRT bridge over Excelsior and a regional trail underpass at Blake Road. In addition to LRT track construction there is also freight rail and regional trail work in the area. There are multiple LRT and freight railroad crossings at roadways.

*Current activities to expect in this area:*

- 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South is closed at Excelsior Boulevard into June. The eastbound lanes of Excelsior Boulevard are closed between 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue through April, weather permitting. [See detour map.](#)
- Crews are conducting earthwork for stormwater management and installing foundations for the Overhead Catenary System (OCS) poles between 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.
- The reconstruction of the regional trail underpass at Blake Road North is scheduled to resume as early as April 26. Southbound lanes of Blake Road will close at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. [See detour map](#)
- Westbound Excelsior Boulevard is closed at Jackson Avenue. Traffic will remain detoured into June, while crews advance the construction of the cantilevered structure for the LRT bridge over Excelsior Boulevard. [See detour map](#)

## **St. Louis Park**

### **St. Louis Park Construction: Map 1 of 1**



### Louisiana Avenue to Beltline Boulevard

*Construction Overview:* Like in Hopkins, the project includes the construction of LRT track, freight rail track, and the regional trail. There are also three stations in St. Louis Park: Louisiana Avenue, Wooddale Avenue and Beltline Boulevard. Structures in this area include LRT and freight rail bridges over Louisiana Avenue, a connection between freight lines, a pedestrian/trail underpass east of Louisiana Avenue, freight, LRT and trail bridges over Minnehaha Creek, a regional trail underpass at Wooddale Avenue, freight, LRT and trail bridges over Highway 100 and a regional trail bridge crossing over Beltline Boulevard.

*Current activities to expect in this area:*

- Sheeting work will begin the week of April 19 at the Louisiana Station area.
- The old freight rail bridge over Louisiana Avenue is slated to be demolished in May. Louisiana Avenue between Oxford Street and West Lake Street will close for five day to accommodate demolition.

- On April 18, crews will shift the remaining freight rail track from Wooddale Avenue in St. Louis Park to Blake Road in Hopkins to newly constructed freight rail track.
- Piling for retaining wall work will begin as early as April 26 on Monterey Avenue.

## Minneapolis

### Minneapolis Construction: Map 1 of 5



### Chowen Avenue to Cedar Lake Parkway

**Construction Overview:** In addition to the West Lake Street Station, crews will be reconstructing the Chowen/Abbott roadway connection. The LRT tunnel is being constructed in this area, running between the West Lake Street Station and the Cedar Lake Channel. To complete work in this area there is also freight rail infrastructure and trail facilities.

*Current activities to expect in this area:*

- Temporary trails near Chowen Avenue and Lake Street remain in place. For your safety and the safety of our crews, please following signage for the temporary trail and stay clear of the work zone.
- Construction vehicles will continue to use Abbott Avenue to access the LRT corridor throughout work hours.
- Excavation activities continue for the Kenilworth LRT Tunnel, progressing in the direction of Cedar Lake Parkway. Continue to expect construction equipment hauling materials through the corridor.
- Inspections of the tunnel excavation will be conducted by divers during the extended hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on weekdays. These inspections are being done to preserve a safe working environment. Construction noise will be limited to the air compressors that facilitate oxygen for breathing and from the crane engine that lifts and lowers the divers into the water.

**Minneapolis Construction: Map 2 of 5**



## Cedar Lake Parkway to Burnham Road

*Construction Overview:* The LRT tunnel continues in this segment. Other elements include the construction of retaining walls (complete), and freight, LRT and trail bridges over the Cedar Lake Channel.

*Current activities to expect in this area:*

- Truck traffic and noise from moving materials to and from laydown areas.
- Pile driving for the LRT bridge north abutment at the Cedar Lake Channel has begun and will be ongoing for about another week.

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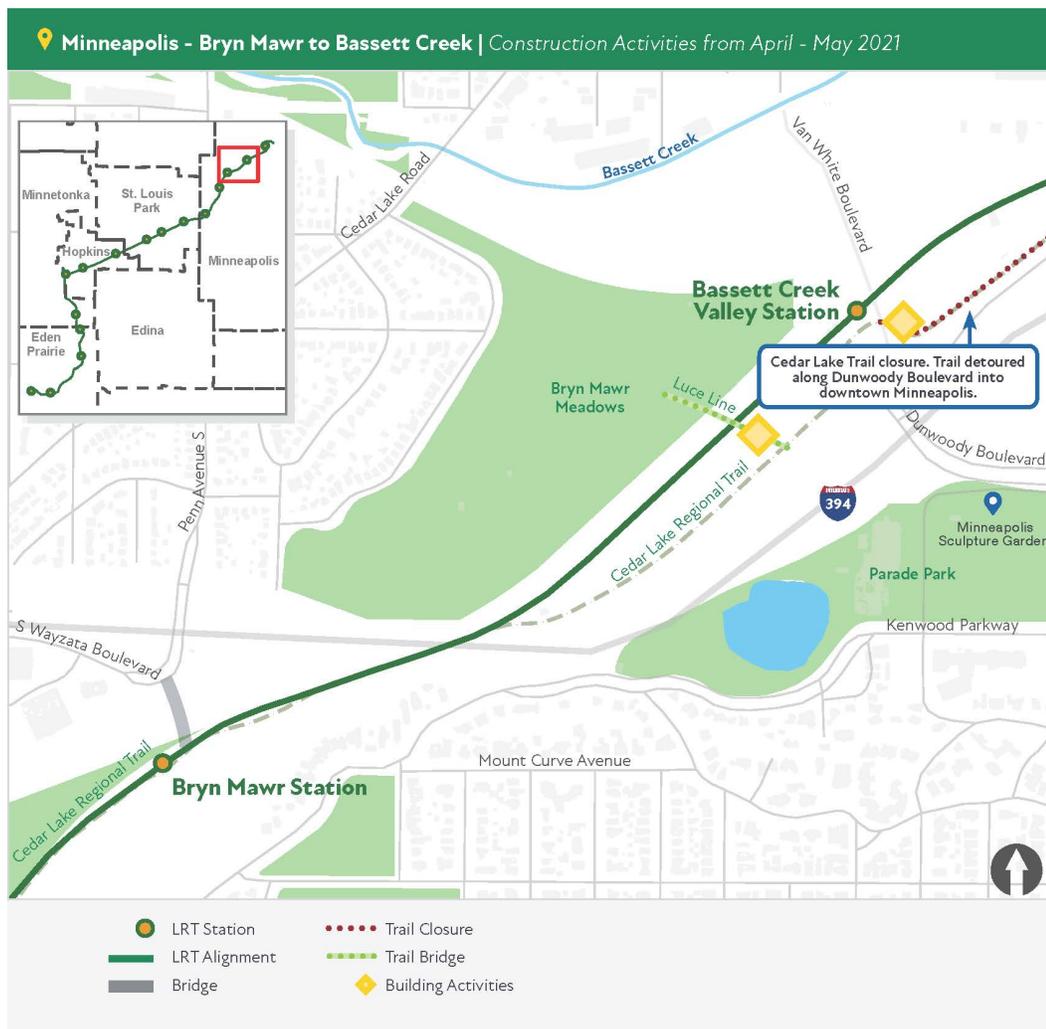
## Burnham Road to Bryn Mawr Station

*Construction Overview:* In addition to the LRT, freight rail and trail construction, this area has two stations: West 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Bryn Mawr. The Bryn Mawr Station includes a pedestrian bridge that will extend over the freight tracks from the bluffs to the station platform.

*Current activities to expect in this area:*

- Truck traffic and noise from moving materials to and from laydown areas.
- Work on the 21st Street Station has resumed starting with excavation and concrete work. The West 21st Street Station will be under construction throughout 2021.

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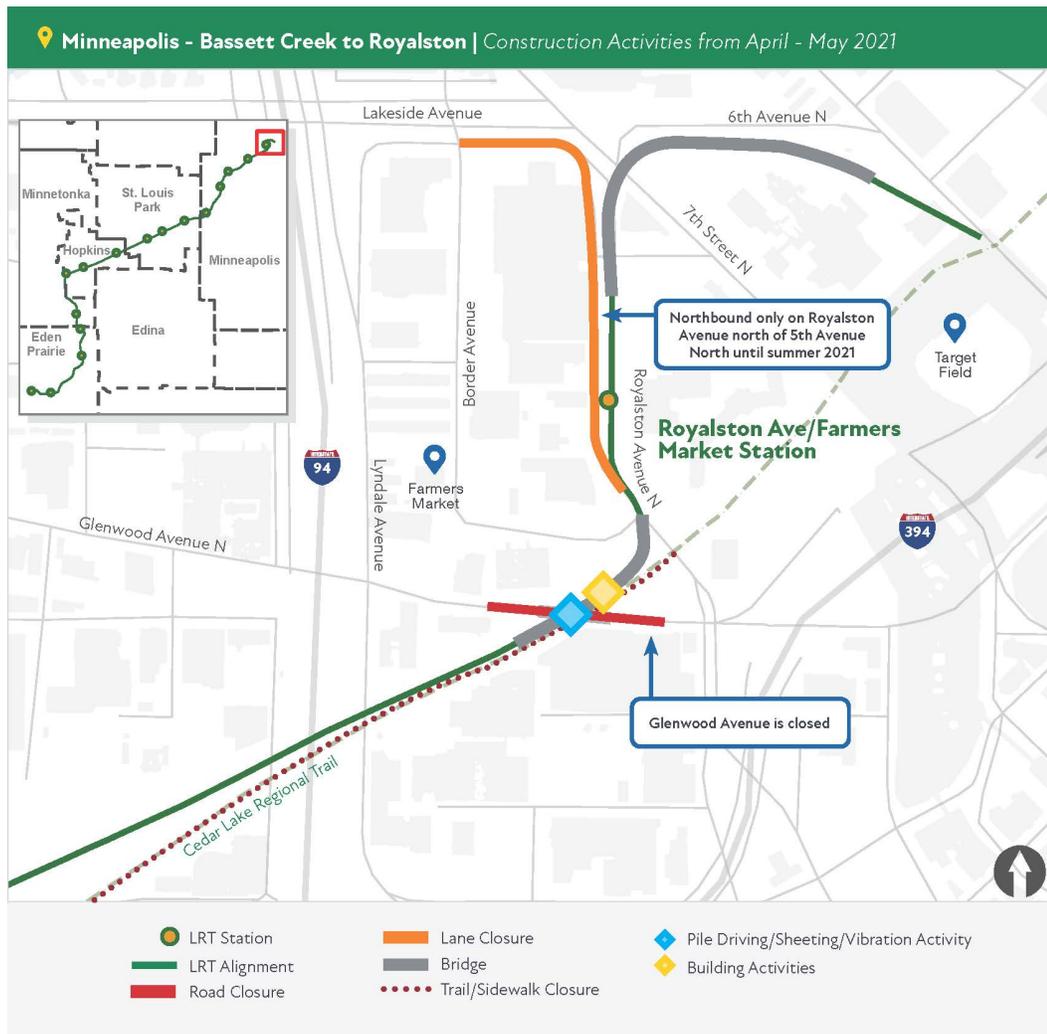
### Bryn Mawr Station to Bassett Creek Valley Station Area

*Construction Overview:* There are two stations serving residents in this area; Bryn Mawr Station and the Bassett Creek Valley Station. In addition, area construction includes LRT track, trails and the corridor protection wall.

Current activities to expect in this area:

- Truck traffic and noise from moving materials to and from Linden Yards.
- Concrete production in Linden Yards.

### Minneapolis Construction: Map 5 of 5



### Glenwood Avenue to Target Field Station

**Construction Overview:** LRT will cross a new Glenwood Avenue bridge at the roadway grade. To make that happen three bridges need to be constructed, freight rail shifted, and extensive retaining walls built. This area will see the development of the Royalston Avenue/Farmers Market Station, an LRT bridge crossing over North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and North 7<sup>th</sup> Street and LRT connecting to the Target Field Station. The Holden/Royalston/Border roadway loop will also be reconstructed with improvements.

*Current activities to expect in this area:*

- Construction activities to advance the LRT bridge at Glenwood Avenue continues. Glenwood Avenue between Lyndale Avenue North and North 12th Street remains closed. [See detour map here.](#)
- Along Royalston Avenue, work to advance retaining walls will resume with concrete forming and earthwork.
- The southbound travel lane on Royalston Avenue from North 5<sup>th</sup> Street to Holden Street is closed; the closure will be in place until summer 2021. Business access is available via the northbound lane. [See the roadway impact map here.](#)

## **Regional Trails**

### **Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail**

The Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail in Hopkins is closed between Shady Oak Road and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

[See detour map here.](#)

- The section between Shady Oak Road and 11th Avenue South is closed due to storm sewer construction activities. This portion of the trail is closed until 2022.
- The section between 11th Avenue South and 5th Avenue South is closed 2022.

### **South Cedar Lake LRT Trail**

The South Cedar Lake Trail from just east of the North Cedar Lake Trail connection in Hopkins to France Avenue in St. Louis Park is closed until 2022. The South 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. Currently, cross streets remain open to automobiles, bikers and pedestrians. [See detour maps here.](#)

### **Kenilworth Trail Closure**

The Kenilworth Trail is closed in Minneapolis at the intersection with the Midtown Greenway to just south of West 21<sup>st</sup> Street. We are currently assessing the tunnel schedule which impacts the opening of this trail segment and we will provide an update when the schedule is known. Access for automobiles, bikers and pedestrians remains open at Cedar Lake Parkway and at West 21<sup>st</sup> Street. [See detour map here.](#)

### **North Cedar Lake Trail in Minneapolis**

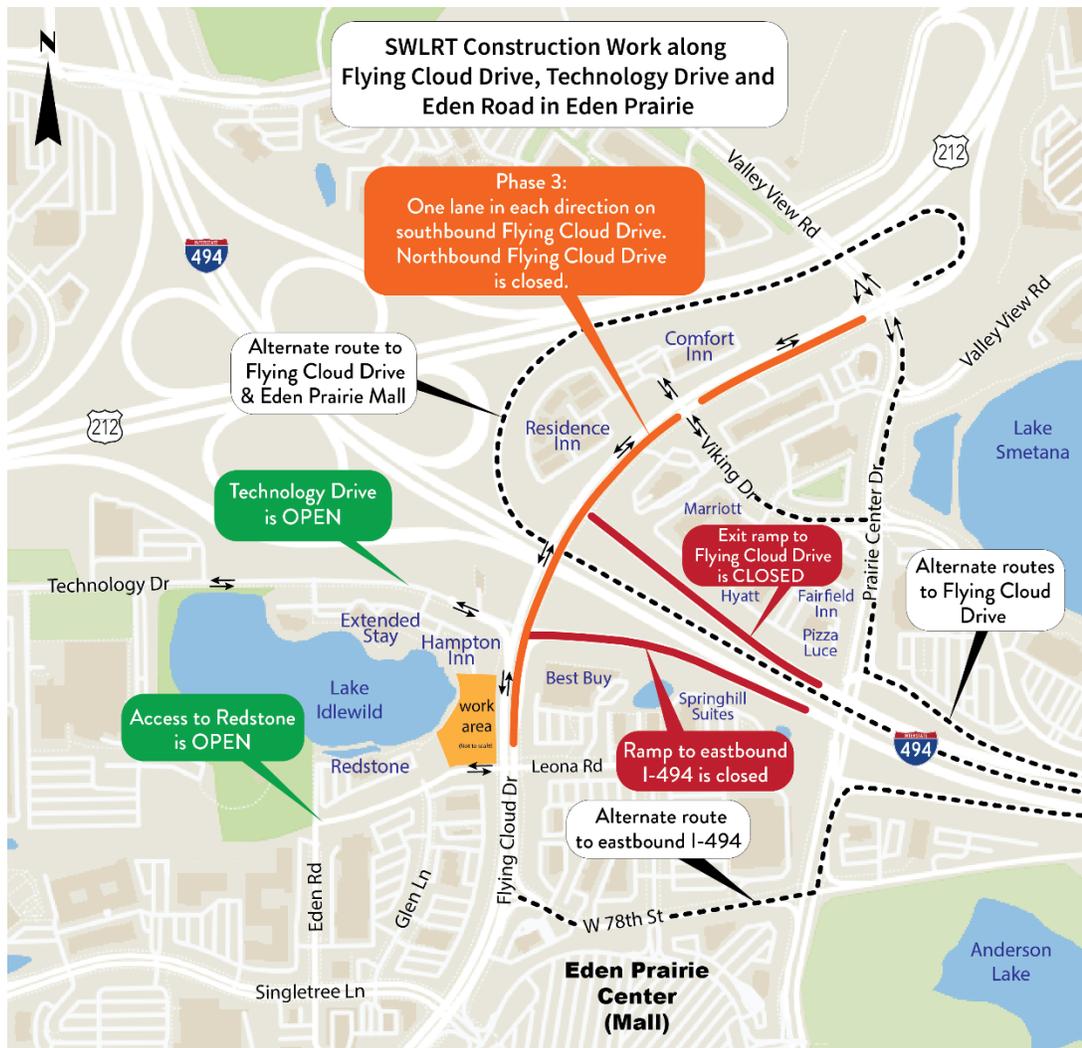
The North Cedar Lake Trail in Minneapolis from Linden Yards located west of Van White Boulevard to east of Royalston Avenue is now anticipated to be closed until 2022. [See detour maps here.](#)

Please note, construction vehicles cross the trail as they enter and exit staging areas. Construction vehicles yield to trail users but please be aware that you may encounter construction traffic in this area.

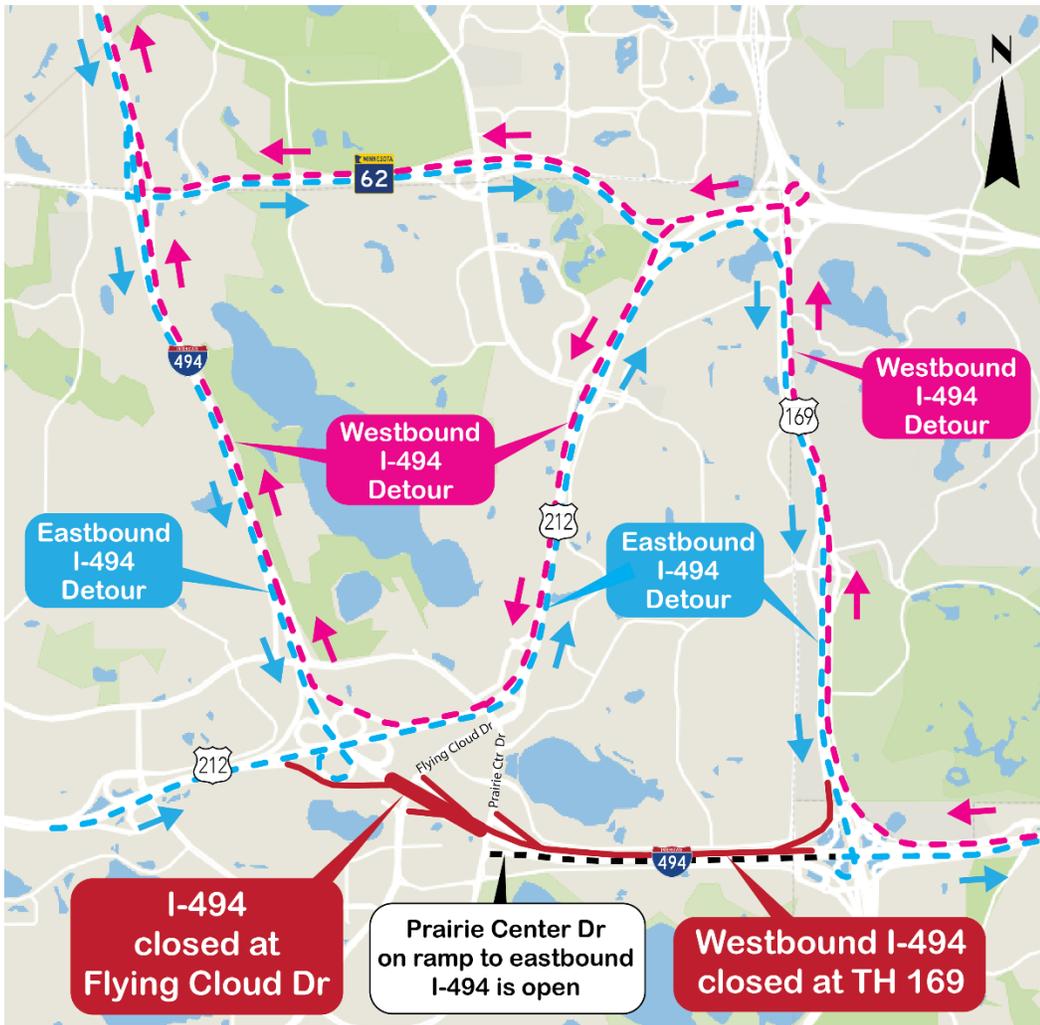
### SouthWest Transit Station Pedestrian Detour in Eden Prairie



## Flying Cloud Drive & Highway 494 Ramps in Eden Prairie



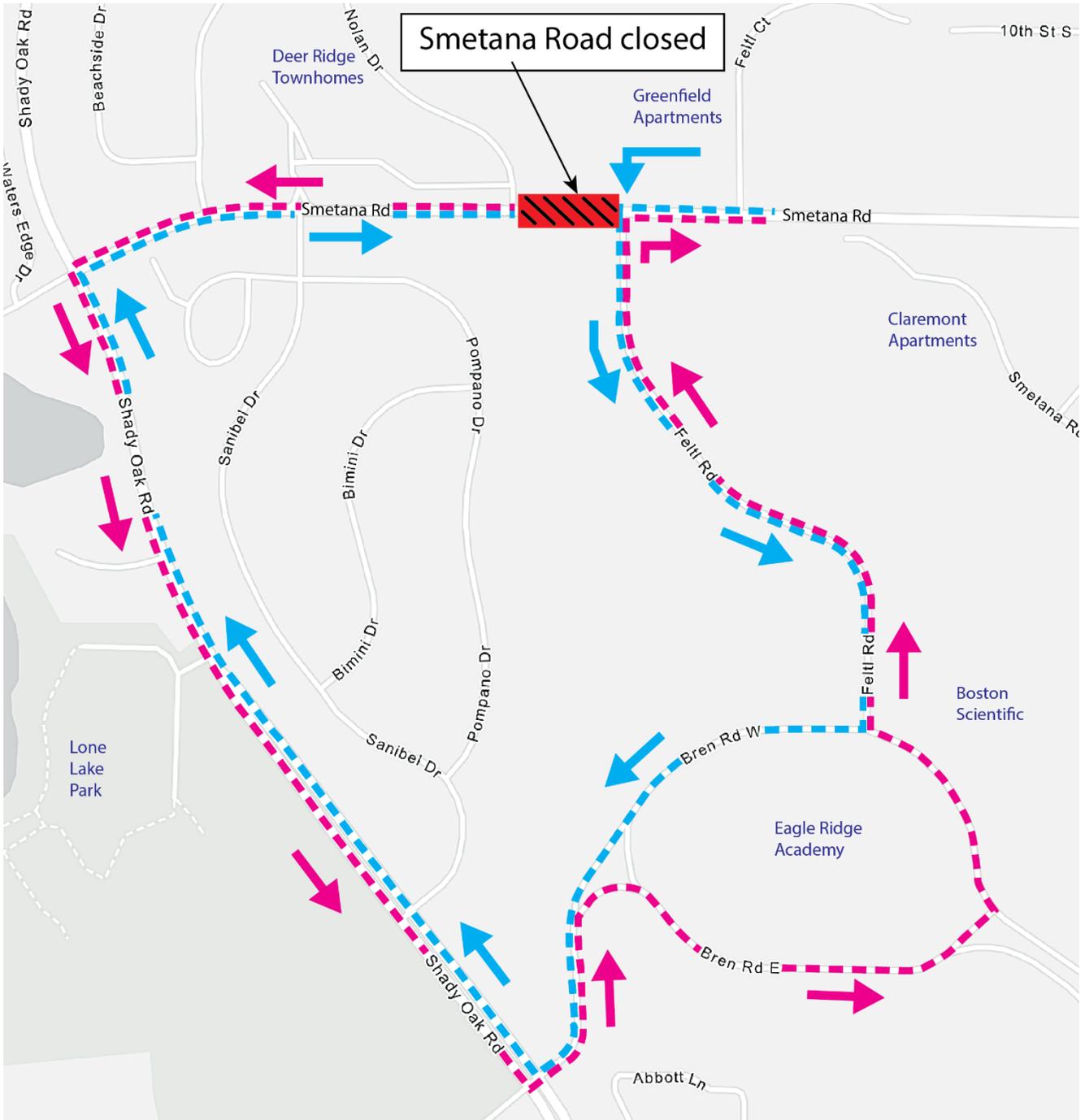
# Highway 494 in Eden Prairie



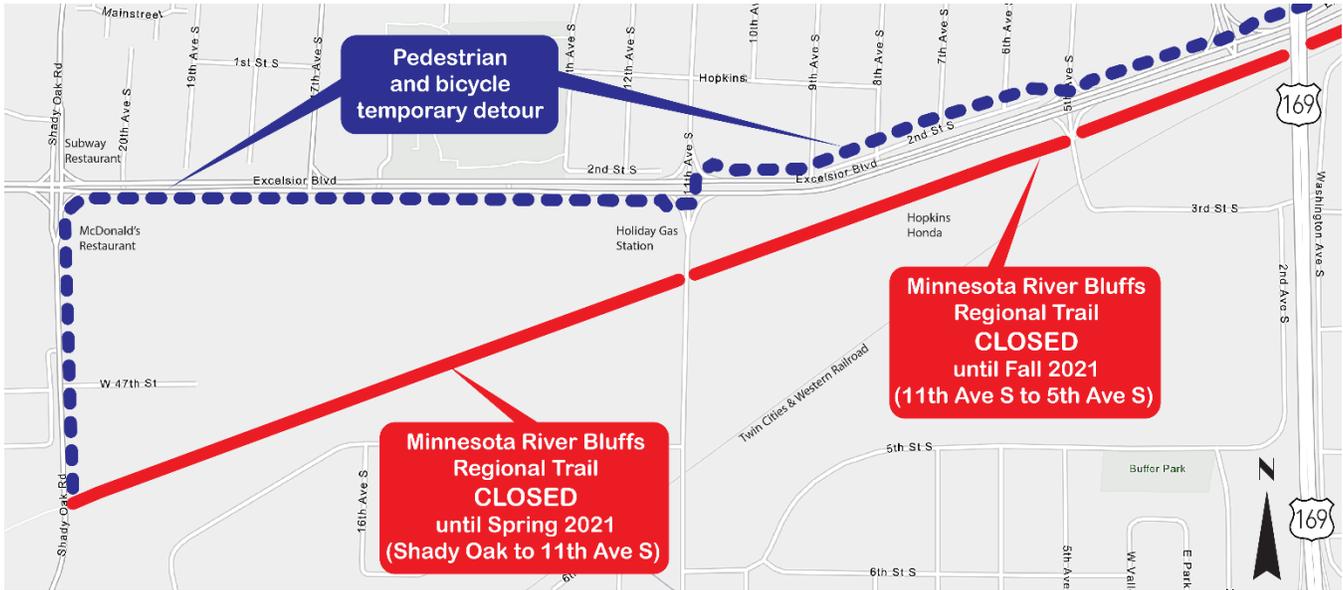
## Opus Area Detours in Minnetonka: Red and Yellow Circles



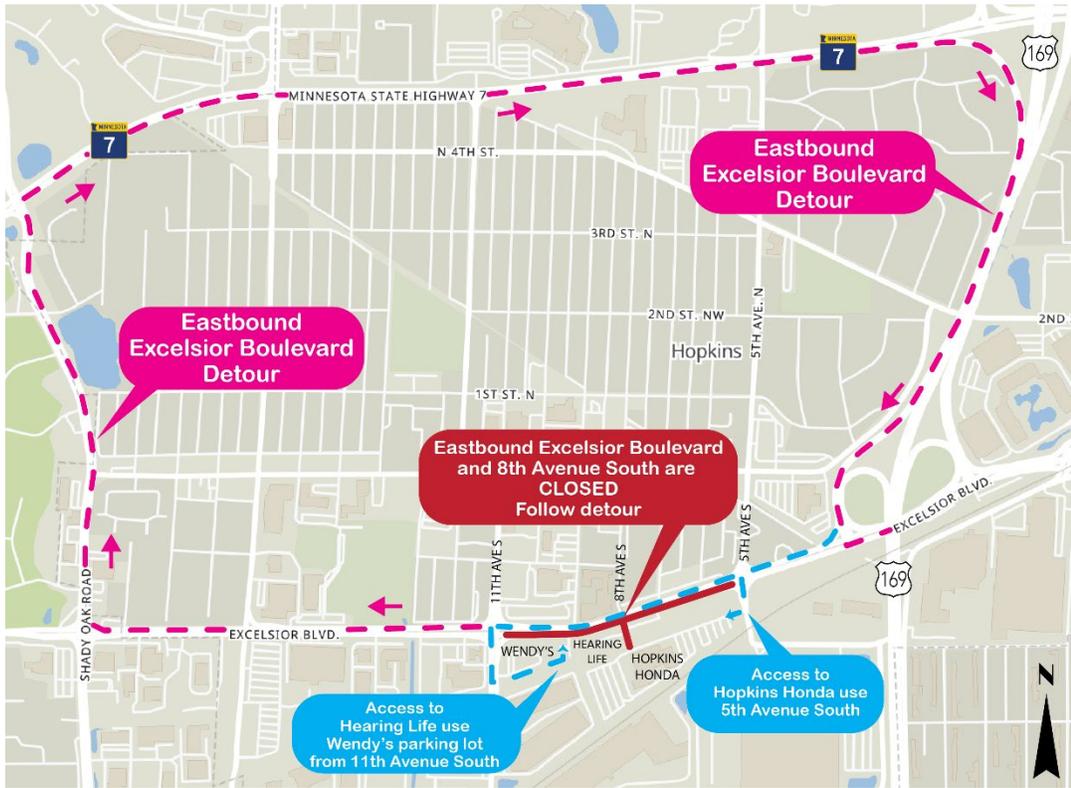
### Smetana Road in Minnetonka



### Minnesota River Bluff Trail from Shady Oak Road to 5th Avenue Detour



### Upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Excelsior Blvd in Hopkins



### Blake Road in Hopkins

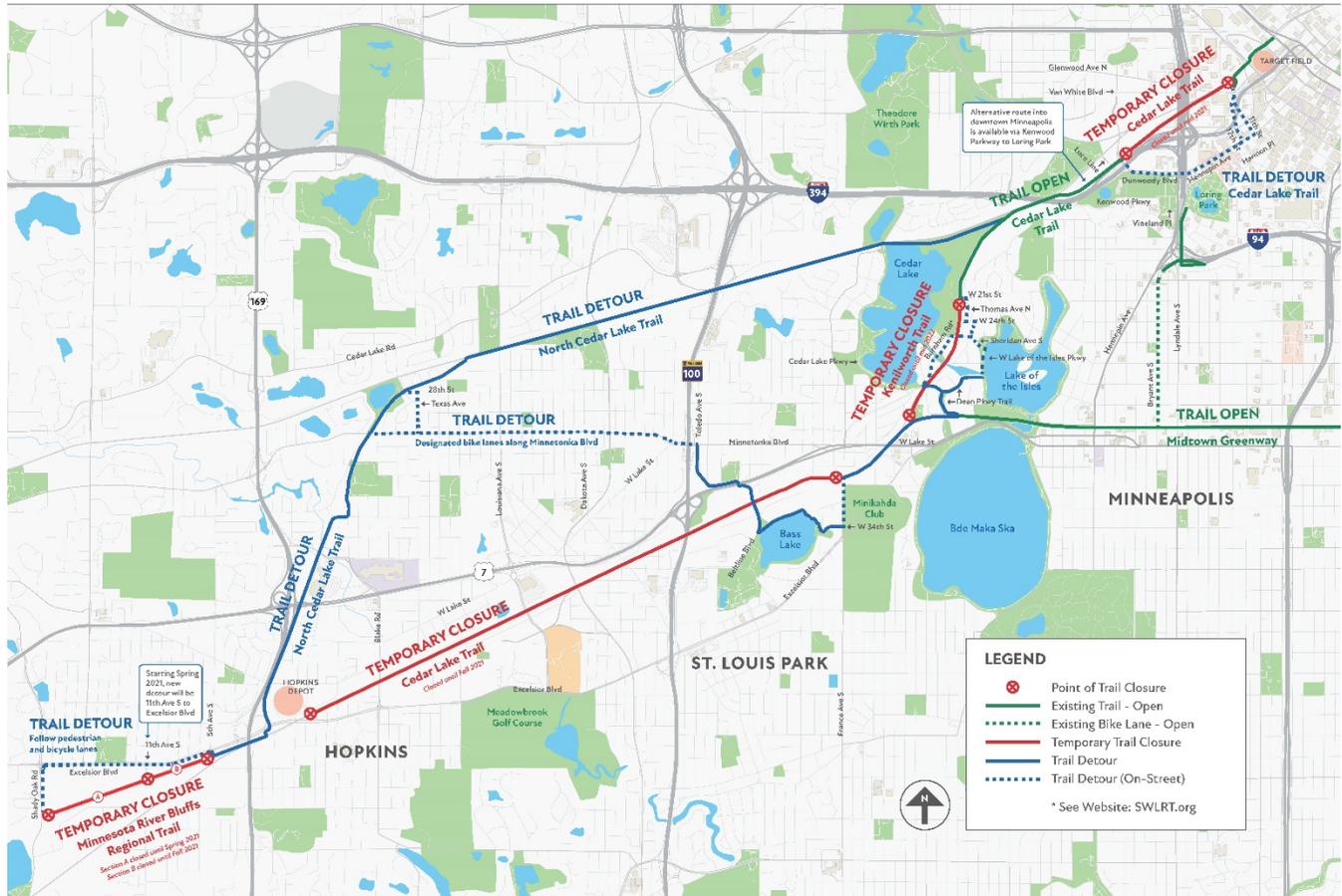


### Blake Road in Hopkins



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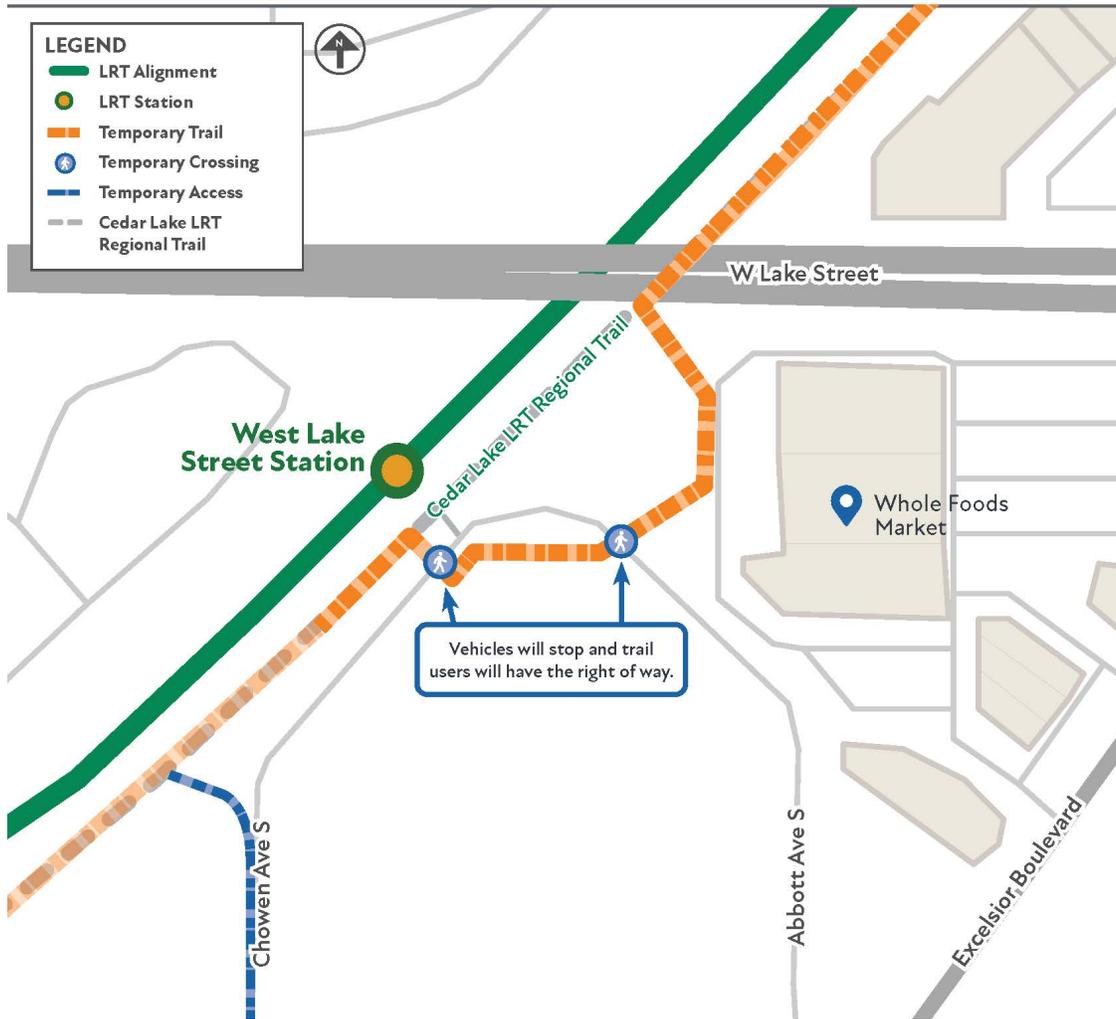
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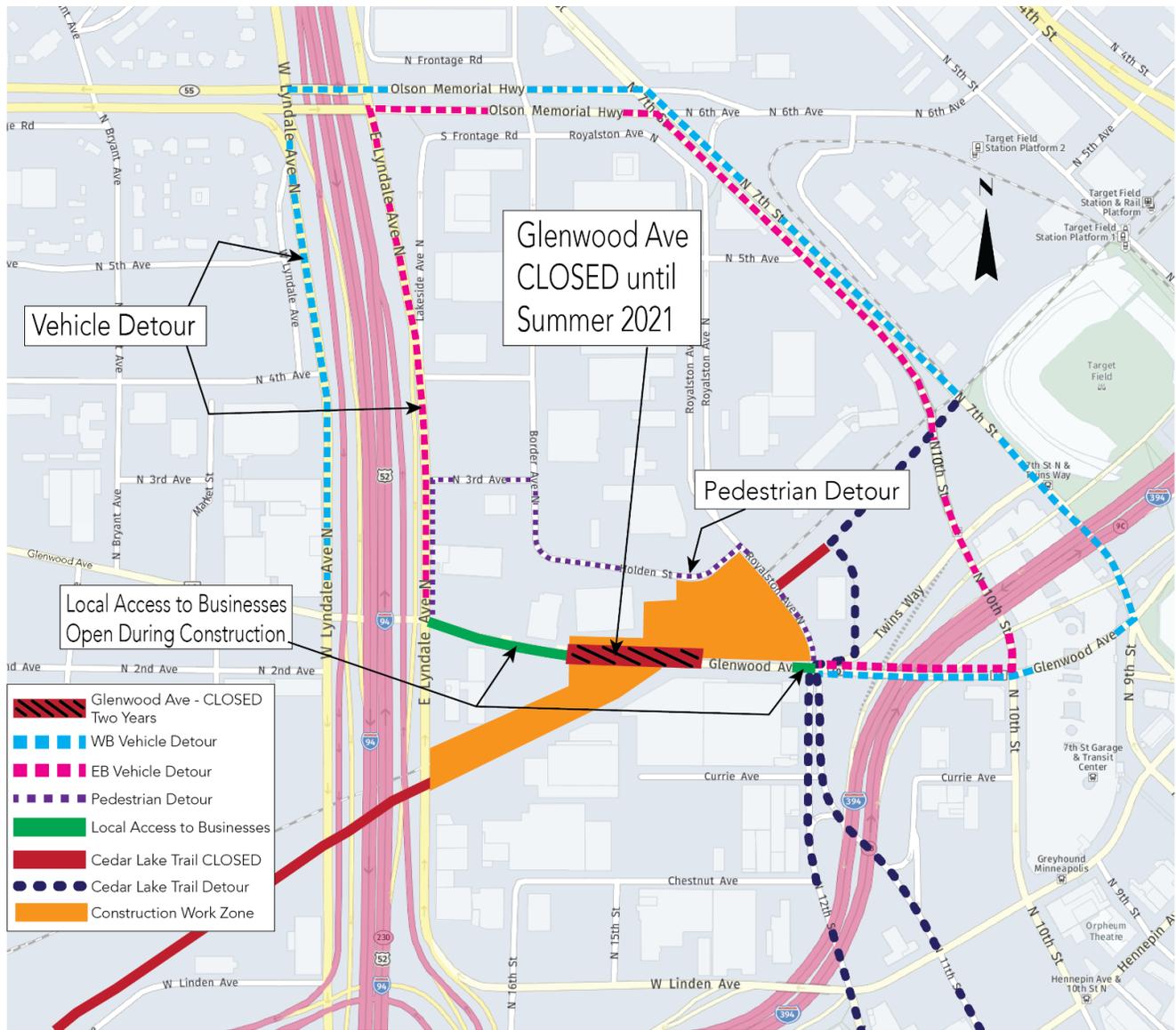
# CEDAR LAKE REGIONAL TRAIL

## TEMPORARY ALIGNMENT

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# Glenwood Avenue Detour in Minneapolis



# Royalston Avenue Detour in Minneapolis

