

### **Overnight Closure of Highway 494 in Eden Prairie**

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### **Weekly Construction Photo: Bridge Beam Placement at Smetana Road in Minnetonka**



For Smetana & Feltl roads, Southwest LRT will travel under the roadway and crews have been working to build roadway bridges. Recently crews set beams and continue to advance area retaining walls.

[Eden Prairie](#)

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

## Eden Prairie - SW Station to Eden Road | Construction Activities from March - May 2021



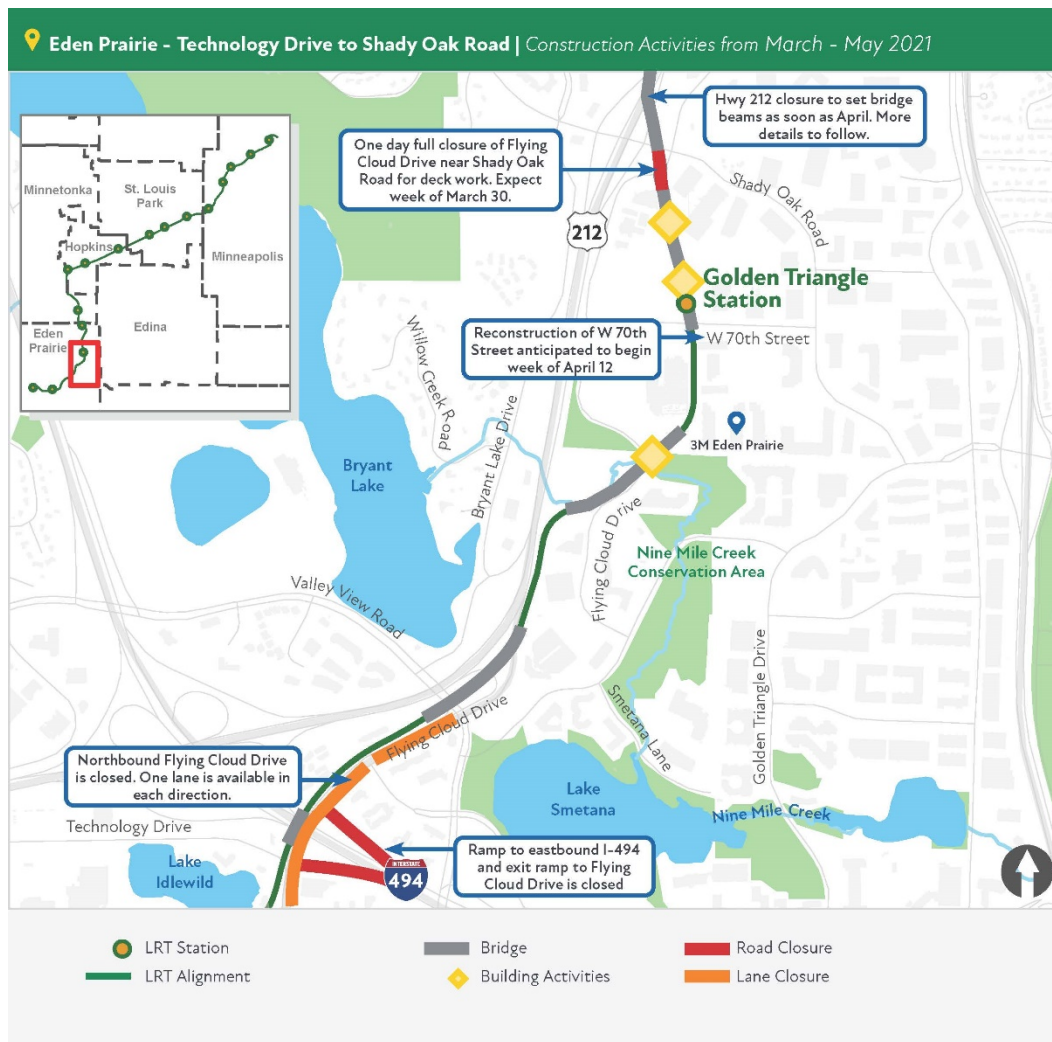
### SouthWest Station to Eden Prairie Town Center Station

**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](#)).

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### 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.

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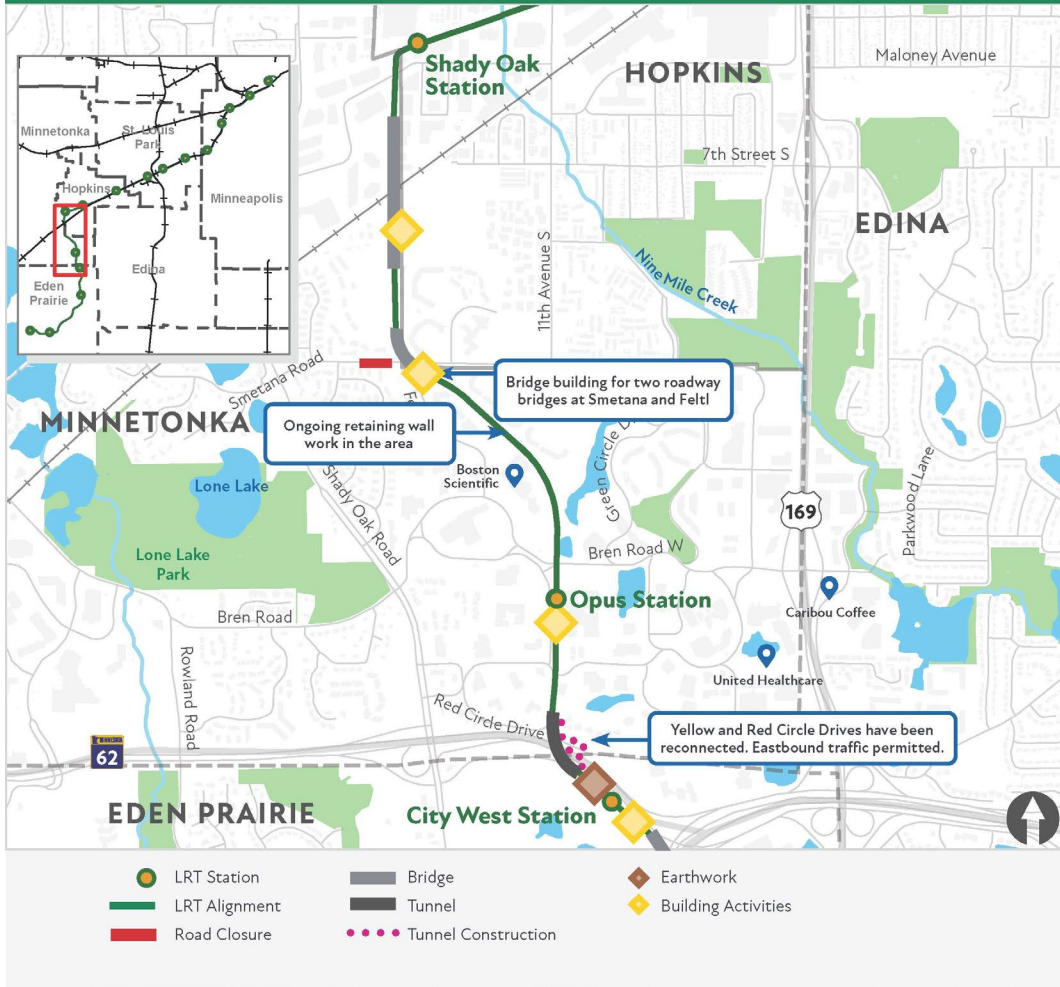
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- Starting on Monday, March 29, the eastbound I-494 off-ramp to Flying Cloud Drive will close for the 2021 construction season. The I-494 on-ramp from Flying Cloud Drive will also be closed into July. [See detour map.](#)
- In April, crews will begin construction along Flying Cloud Drive between Town Center Place and Valley View Road. Expect one lane in each direction as work will close the south half of the roadway. Technology Drive will operate as a right-in, right-out at the Flying Cloud Drive intersection.
- Crews continue to advance the deck of the Nine Mile Creek bridge, expect construction activities in the area.
- Crews are advancing the south leg of the Highway 62 LRT tunnel and area retaining walls. Anticipate pile driving for retaining wall work.
- On Tuesday, March 30, Flying Cloud Drive is anticipated to close at the intersection of Shady Road to complete bridge decking work.

## **Minnetonka**

### **Minnetonka Construction: Map 1 of 1**



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

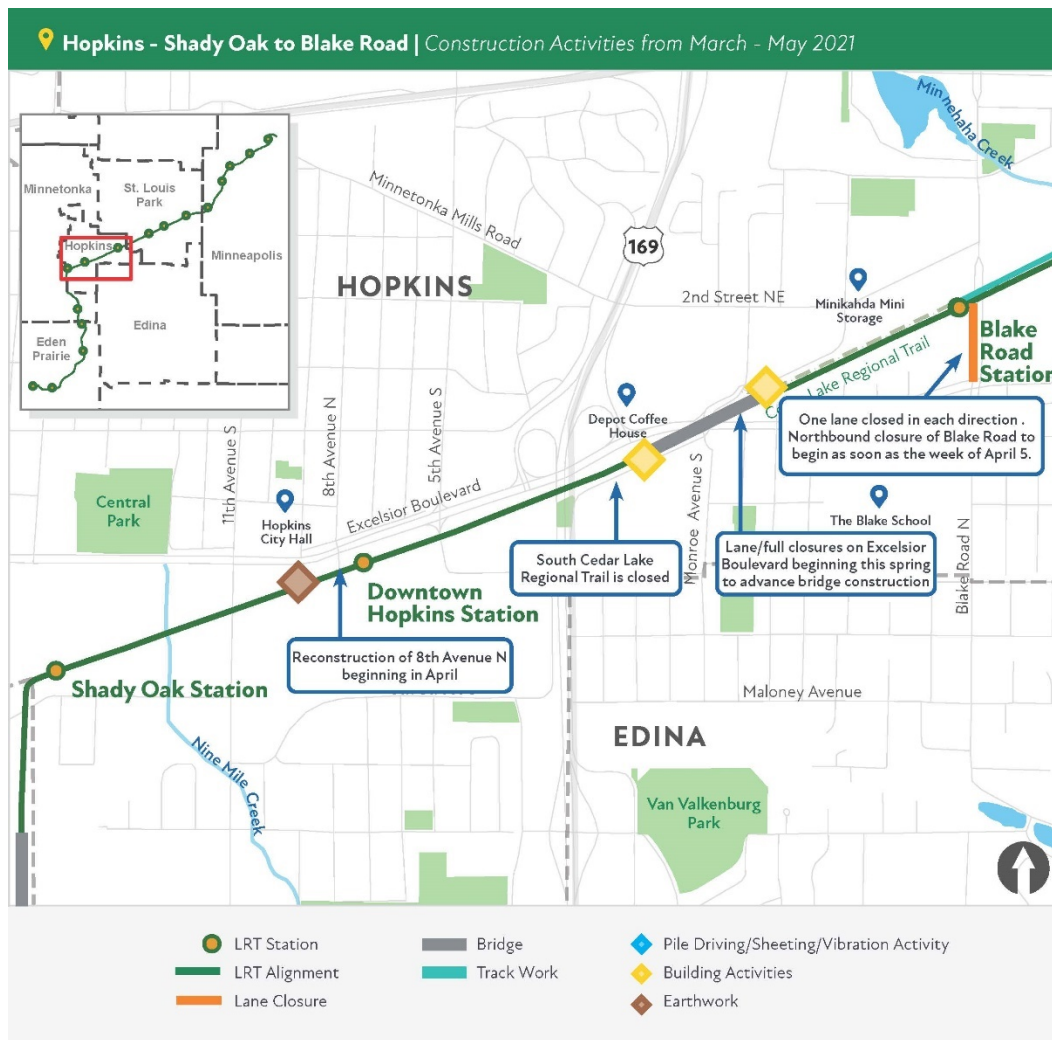
**Construction Overview:** The City West Station area continues with preparation work for retaining walls. Major elements in this segment include an LRT tunnel under Highway 62, the Opus Station, many large retaining walls, the Smetana/Feltl roadway bridges over LRT and the Hopkins/Minnetonka LRT Bridge ending at the Shady Oak Road Station.

#### Current activities to expect in this area:

- Smetana Road from Feltl Road to Nolan Drive remains closed. A temporary bypass is in place east of the intersection of Smetana and Feltl Roads to accommodate local traffic. [See Minnetonka detour maps here.](#)
- Work in the Opus area continues with retaining wall work near Yellow and Red Circle Drives, and north of Bren Road West, to Smetana Road.
- Crews are working on Minnetonka-Hopkins LRT bridge piers and are installing sheeting to support excavation.

# 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:*

- Reconstruction of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South is anticipated to begin the week of April 5<sup>th</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South closes at Excelsior for approximately two months. Eastbound lanes on Excelsior Boulevard will be closed

between 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue for about a month. Other lane impacts anticipated. [See upcoming detour map.](#)

- Crews continue to advance the Downtown Hopkins Station.
- Crews conducting earthwork for stormwater management 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 the week of April 5<sup>th</sup>. Expect a southbound closure, starting at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. [See upcoming 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:*

- Crews continue construction of retaining walls near Wooddale Avenue.
- Crews are working on various elements of the Beltline Boulevard Regional Trail bridge. The bridge is nearly complete.

Minneapolis

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**Chowen Avenue to Cedar Lake Parkway**

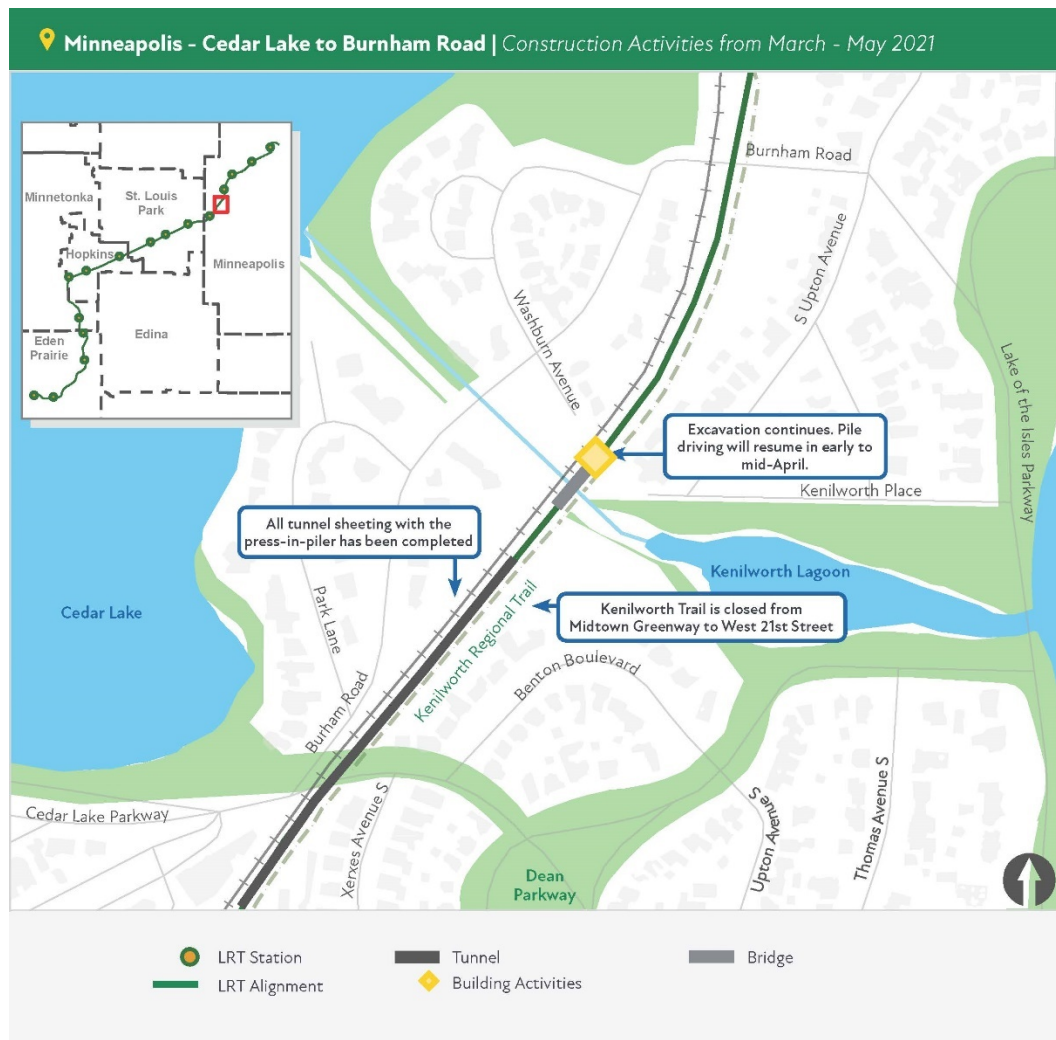


**Construction Overview:** In addition to the West Lake Street Station, crews will be reconstructing the Chownen/Abbott roadway connection. The LRT tunnel is being constructed in this area, running between the West Lake Street Station and the Cedar Lake Channel. To complete work in this area there is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

**Current activities to expect in this area:**

- Temporary trails near Chownen 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.

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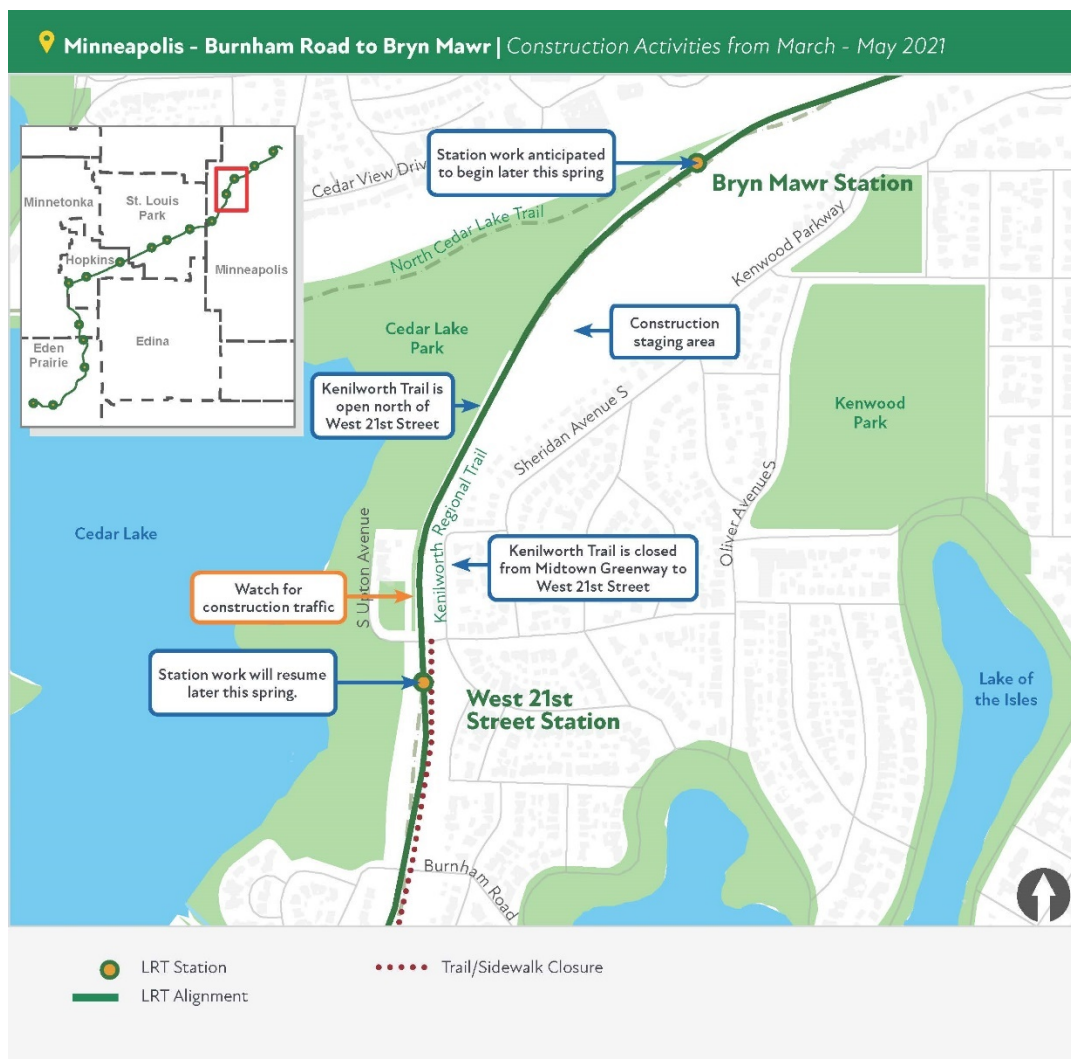
## Cedar Lake Parkway to Burnham Road

*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.
- LRT bridge construction at the Cedar Lake Channel have resumed. Excavation is ongoing and pile driving for the north bridge abutment is scheduled to take place later this spring.

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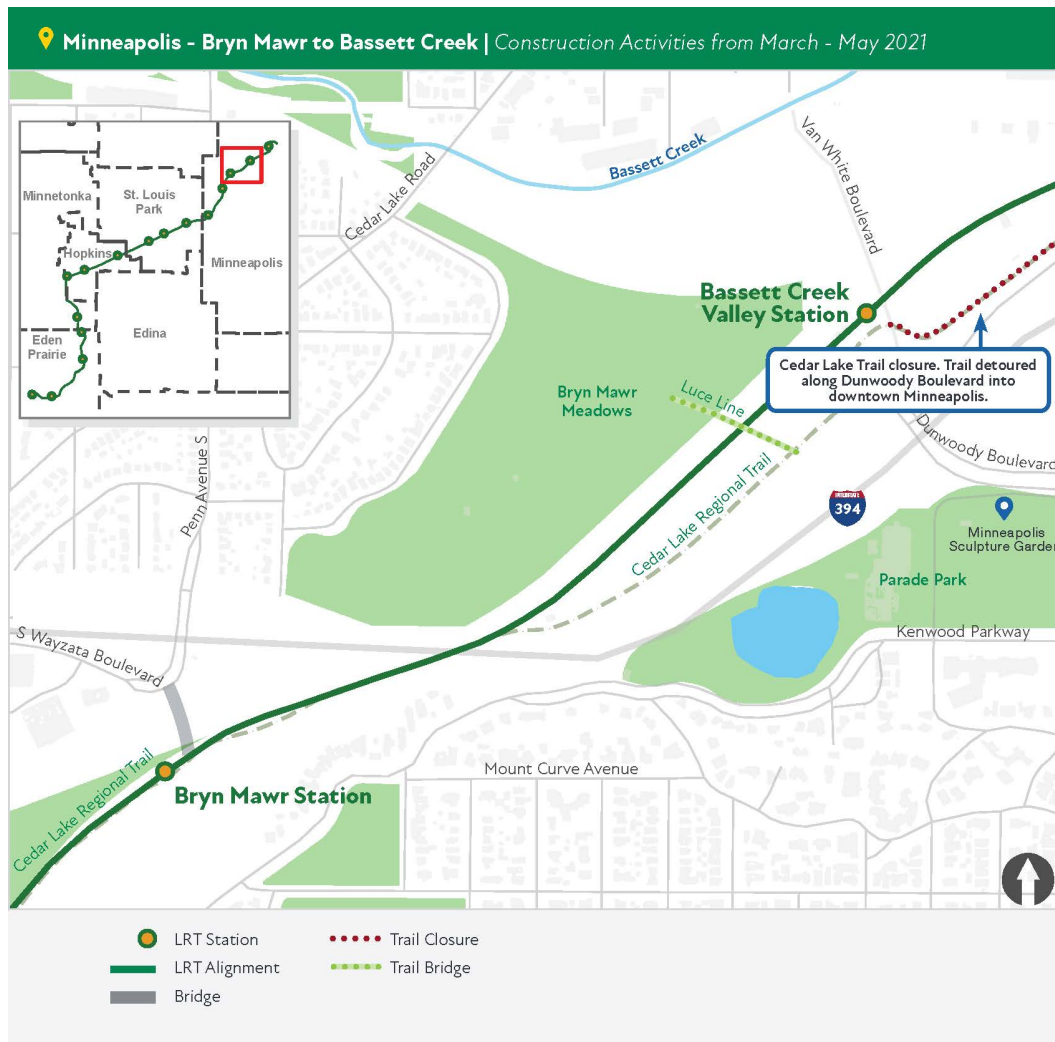
## Burnham Road to Bryn Mawr Station

*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.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Street Station work to resume in the spring.

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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.

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### 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/Farmer’s 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.](#)
- 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.

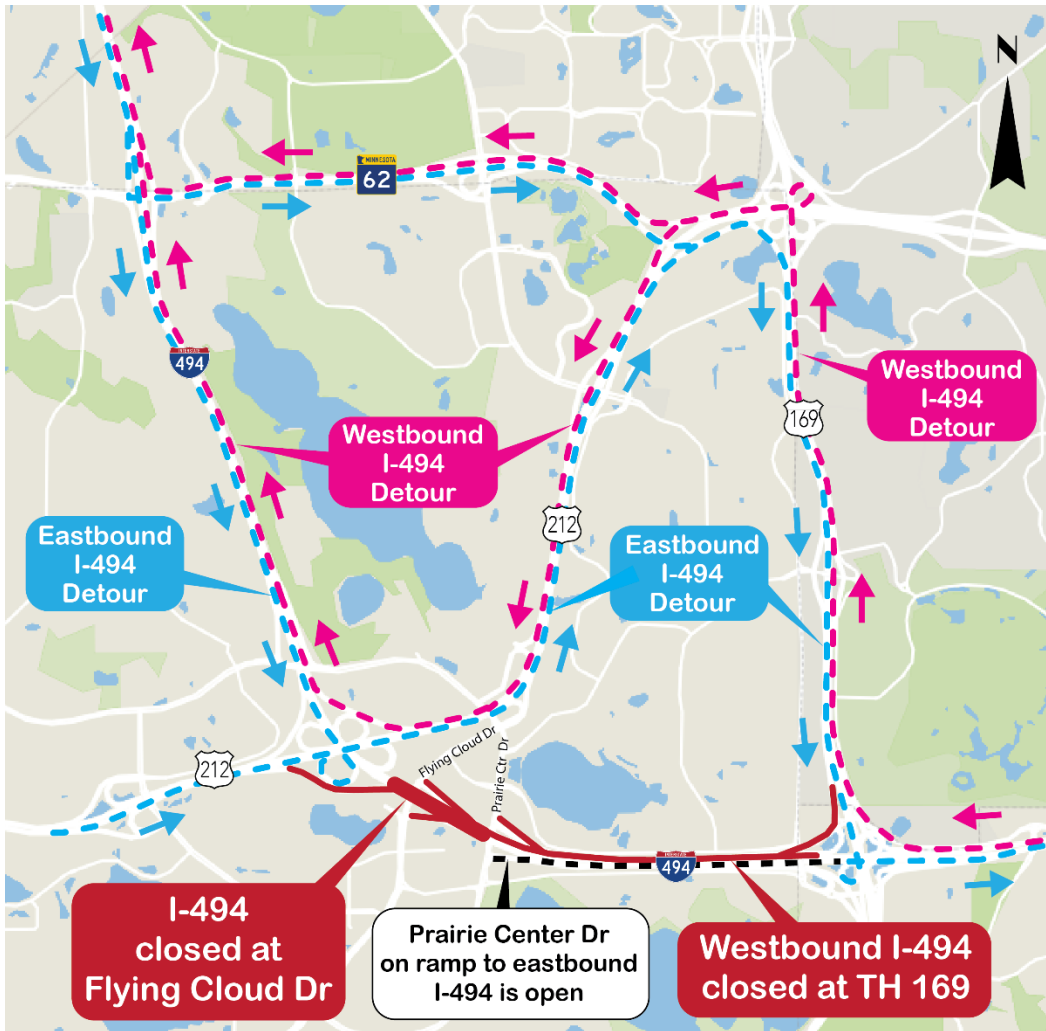
### SouthWest Transit Station Pedestrian Detour in Eden Prairie



# Flying Cloud Drive & Highway 494 Ramps in Eden Prairie



# Highway 494 in Eden Prairie

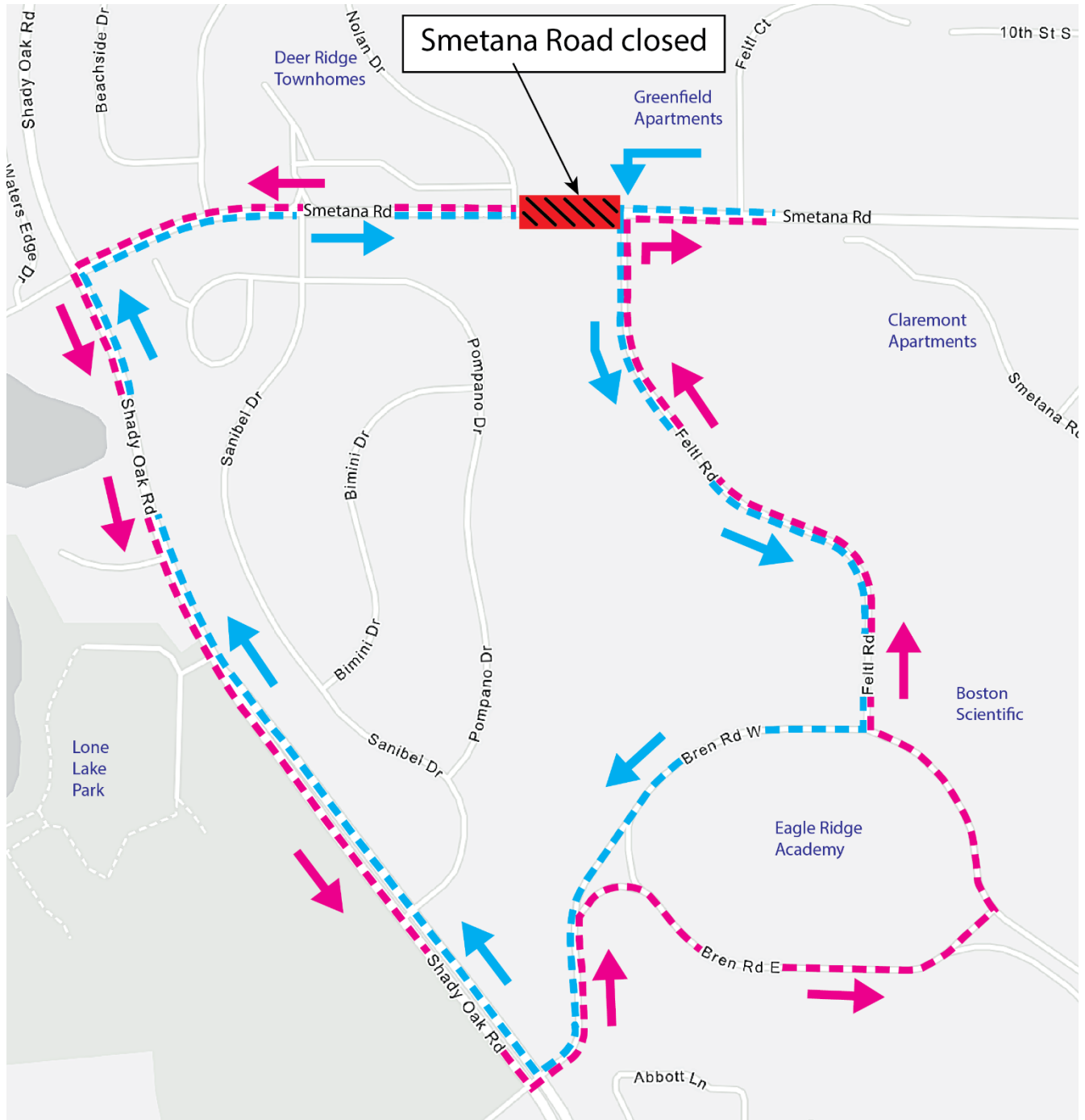




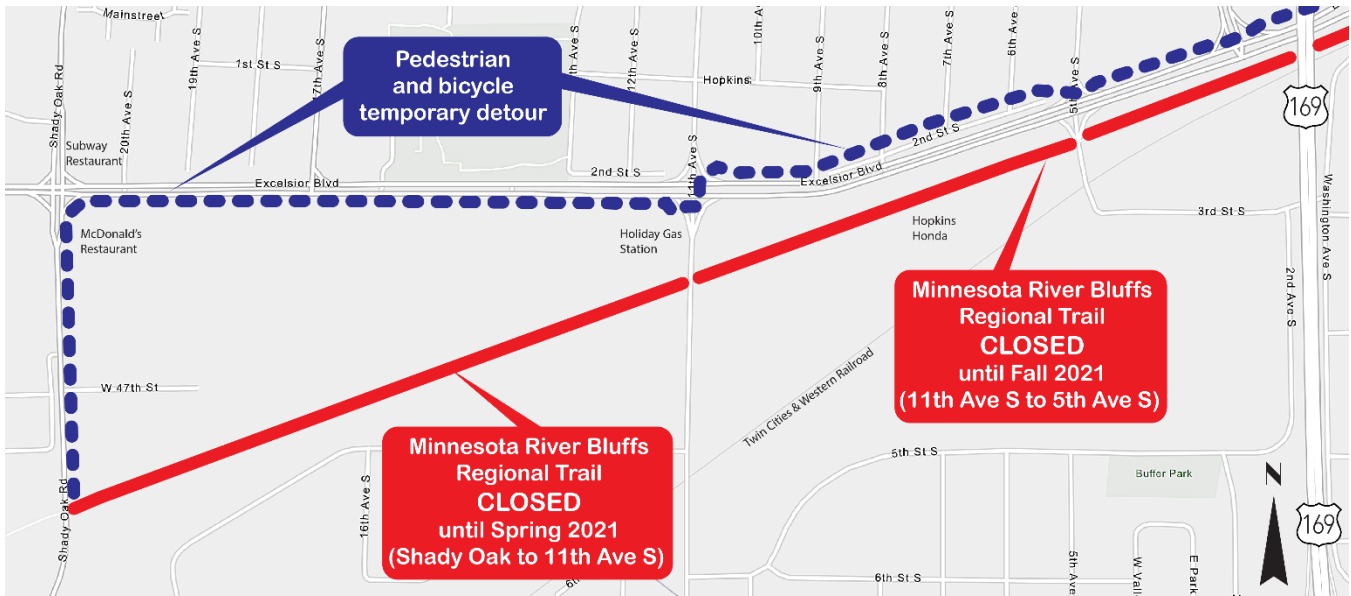
# Opus Area Detours in Minnetonka: Red and Yellow Circles



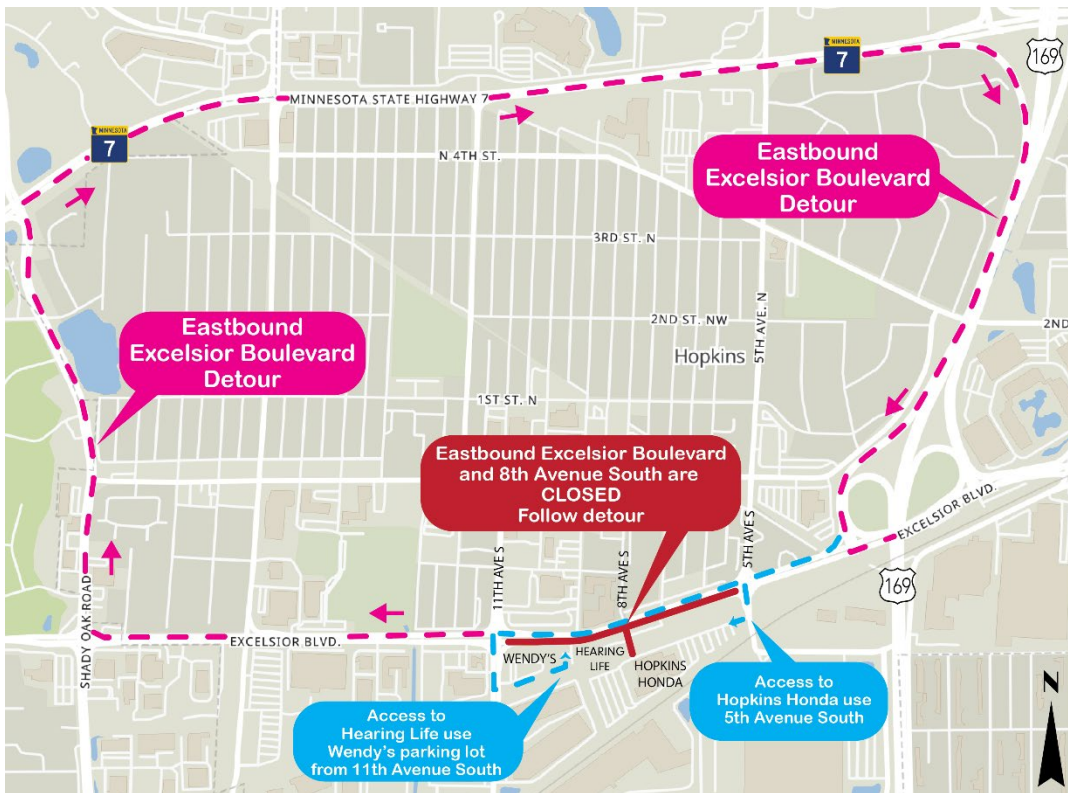
Smetana Road in Minnetonka



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



## Upcoming 8th Avenue & Excelsior Blvd in Hopkins



### Blake Road in Hopkins



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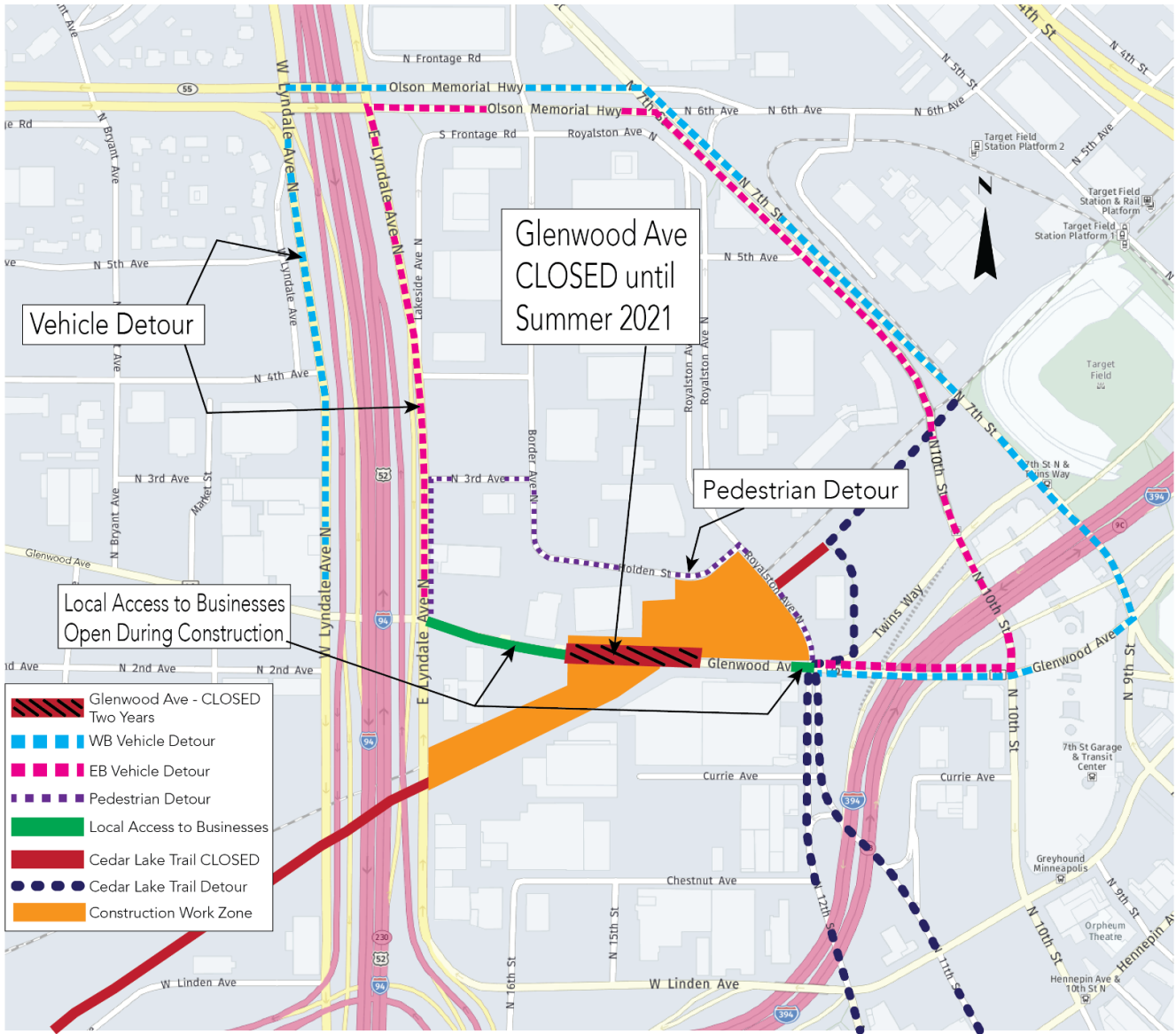
# CEDAR LAKE REGIONAL TRAIL

## TEMPORARY ALIGNMENT

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



# Glenwood Avenue Detour in Minneapolis





# Royalston Avenue Detour in Minneapolis

