



Construction Update: January 28 – February 11, 2022

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Update on Civil Construction Schedule

The METRO Green Line Extension recently provided long-sought clarity regarding the anticipated completion of civil construction and opening day. Civil construction is now anticipated to be complete in 2025, and the project is now scheduled to open for service in 2027. While this news is frustrating for many, we will continue to provide reliable and timely information to make sure the community is informed about ongoing and new construction activities. We will continue to share updates on trail and roadway openings. In addition, we look forward to highlighting and celebrating reaching milestones of significant project elements including LRT stations and bridges this year.

- [Read more about the recent challenges and path forward for the Green Line Extension Project](#)
- [Contact one of our outreach team members with questions or concerns](#)

Weekly Construction Highlight:



Construction of the corridor protection wall between Bryn Mawr Station and Glenwood Avenue in Minneapolis continues throughout the winter. Crews are seen preparing to pour concrete panels that form the wall.

Eden Prairie Highlights

Upcoming or Recently Completed:

- The westbound Highway 212 off-ramp to Shady Oak Road has reopened for the winter. It will close again in the spring when work resumes along Highway 212 in that area.

Ongoing:

- The far-right turn lane of the eastbound Highway 212 off-ramp to Prairie Center Drive has partially reopened. This lane will remain open through the winter.
- The new bike path and sidewalks on the north side of Flying Cloud Drive between Viking Drive and Town Center Place remain closed to the public.

[Visit our website for more details and visuals of construction activities in Eden Prairie.](#)

Minnetonka Highlights

Ongoing:

- Red Circle Drive from Shady Oak Road is now open to two-lane traffic alongside Highway 62.
- Bren Road West is open to two-lane traffic where it crosses the LRT corridor.
- Another portion of Red Circle Drive remains closed to westbound traffic near the Yellow Brick Road Preschool as the second phase of the nearby pedestrian underpass construction continues. Drivers exiting Opus Park along Bren Road East can access Red Circle Drive and Shady Oak Road. Yellow Circle Drive is configured as a two-way road during this phase of construction to accommodate through traffic and local businesses. [**See Minnetonka detour maps.**](#)
- The left lane on Green Circle Drive near the Bren Road West intersection is closed until spring 2022.
- Feltl Road is closed at Smetana Road through Summer 2022. [**See Minnetonka detour maps.**](#)
- Crews continue to work on the Minnetonka-Hopkins LRT bridge.

[Visit our website for more details and visuals of construction activities in Minnetonka.](#)

Hopkins Highlights

Ongoing:

- Downtown Hopkins Station remains under construction through the winter.

[Visit our website for more details and visuals of construction activities in Hopkins.](#)

St. Louis Park Highlights

Upcoming or Recently Completed:

- Expect a lane closure on Louisiana Avenue between Oxford Avenue and Highway 7 starting on Friday, January 28 and continuing for about one week.
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Ongoing:

- Retaining wall construction is underway in the Louisiana Avenue Station area. Expect pile-driving activities this winter.
- The western sidewalk along Louisiana Avenue South between West Lake Street and Oxford Street is closed for the winter to advance LRT bridge construction. Please use the sidewalk on the east side of Louisiana Avenue.

[Visit our website for more details and visuals of construction activities in St. Louis Park.](#)

Minneapolis Highlights**Upcoming or Recently Completed:**

- The long-term closure of Cedar Lake Parkway is currently anticipated to begin as early as mid-February. This closure is needed to construct the Kenilworth LRT Tunnel that will extend under Cedar Lake Parkway.
- Sheeting installation activities south of Cedar Lake Parkway will conclude on Friday, January 28. Expect noticeable noise and vibration.
- The seventh tremie seal concrete pour for the Kenilworth LRT tunnel is expected to occur in mid-February. Communications will be sent to the community when a date has been set. Expect significant traffic to and from the site of the concrete pour near Depot Street.

Ongoing:

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- The temporary alignment for the Cedar Lake Trail near the West Lake Street bridge has shifted to accommodate hauling traffic through the rail corridor.
 - Pumps and generators will run overnight periodically through winter in various parts of the construction corridor, especially at the Kenilworth LRT tunnel site. Pumps are used to manage water, and generators are used to power the pumps as well as heaters to keep materials and equipment from freezing.
 - Construction of the secant wall adjacent to the Cedar Isles Condos continues. Activities include drilling three-foot diameter holes and pumping concrete into the holes to form columns. Noise will result primarily from equipment engines and pumps, as well as the drill rig. Vibration levels are noticeable from this work but remain within allowable limits.
 - The Kenilworth LRT tunnel site is active. Concrete work and excavation activities are constant between West Lake Street and Cedar Lake Parkway. Associated equipment and truck traffic within this area and extending to the Bryn Mawr Station is ongoing.
 - Extended hours from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM are expected at the Kenilworth tunnel near Depot Street as drivers inspect the tunnel excavation below the water table. This work will continue intermittently as excavation progresses.
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- LRT bridge construction over the Cedar Lake Channel is paused until the spring.

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- Construction near Bryn Mawr Station is continuing with excavation and pile installation for the pedestrian bridge. Retaining wall work on the bluff south of Wayzata Boulevard and Penn Avenue is underway. Expect pile-driving activity in the area.

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- Crews continue to build the corridor protection wall between Bryn Mawr Station and Glenwood Avenue, including work on Saturdays.

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- Glenwood Avenue between Lyndale Avenue North and North 12th Street remains closed. [See Minneapolis detour maps.](#)
- Bridge pier work near North 7th Street and North 6th Avenue continues. This work entails high-vibration activities for sheeting installation and pile driving. This work is expected to continue through the winter. There is a temporary lane closure on eastbound 6th Avenue.

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Trail Highlights

- Various trails within the Opus area are closed as crews advance many project elements.
- The South Cedar Lake LRT Trail in Hopkins and St. Louis Park continue to remain closed. The Council is coordinating with project partners to open segments of the trail later this year.
- Temporary trails near Chowen Avenue and West Lake Street remain in place. For your safety and the safety of our crews, please follow signage for the temporary trail and stay clear of the work zone.
- The Kenilworth Trail will remain closed until the completion of LRT tunnel construction. The date is yet to be determined.
- The Luce Line Regional Trail bridge that crosses the BNSF rail corridor at Bryn Mawr Meadows Park is closed until fall 2022. A new bridge is being reconstructed to connect the new Bassett Creek Valley Station with the park.
- The North Cedar Lake Trail east of Dunwoody Boulevard will remain closed through at least the 2022 construction season. The date is yet to be determined.

[Trail Detours:](#) Minnesota River Bluffs, South Cedar Lake Parkway, Kenilworth, Cedar Lake Trail

[Eden Prairie Sidewalk and Roadway Detours:](#) Upcoming Highway 212

[Minnetonka Roadway Detours:](#) Opus area: Yellow Circle, Red Circle, Feltl Road

Minneapolis Roadway Detours: Glenwood Avenue, Royalston Avenue
