



Construction Update: 2020 Construction Highlights

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Thank You Southwest LRT Communities!

2020 has been a significant construction year for Southwest LRT. At one point this year, every mile of the project was under construction in all five cities. We have pounded, and piled, and poured and hauled near many of your homes and businesses. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we construct the largest public infrastructure project in the state's history. We are grateful for the community collaboration as we moved through these necessary activities. A lot has been accomplished: half of the 16 stations are under construction, 23 of the 29 bridges are under construction, private utility work is nearly complete and some of our new light rail vehicles have arrived in Minnesota and are undergoing testing. 2021 will be another major construction year for the project. We want to send our appreciation to the communities helping to make this major regional transportation investment possible. As we close out 2020, here is a tour of a few the accomplishments this year.

Eden Prairie Highlights

SouthWest Station: the structure of the station and parking structure is beginning to emerge. Construction at this site is ongoing.



Prairie Center Drive LRT bridge: finishing details and track work is all that remains to complete this bridge.



LRT bridge over Highway 494: the bridge is now almost complete with track to be placed in the spring.



Valley View Road LRT bridge: bridge deck work is ongoing with most of the structure complete.



Nine Mile Creek LRT bridge: the bridge and deck have taken shape.



Golden Triangle Station: work is on going



LRT bridge at 212 and Shady Oak: pier work is ongoing, followed by span placement and deck work.



Minnetonka Highlights

Highway 62 LRT tunnel: with the structural elements of the north half completed, Highway 62 has been shifted so that work can be on the south half.



Opus Station: the station structure has taken shape, with roofing and other station details yet to come.



Retaining walls in the Opus area



Smetana roadway bridge: work continues into 2021.



Hopkins Highlights

Shady Oak Station: structure and roof have been advanced



Downtown Hopkins Station: roofing and window details have been advanced.



Excelsior Boulevard: LRT bridge balanced cantilevers have begun to extend over the roadway and will be advanced in 2021.



Blake Road regional trail underpass: the western half of the tunnel is complete, with work on the eastern half in the spring.



St. Louis Park Highlights

Minnehaha Creek: the regional trail and freight rail bridges are almost complete.



Louisiana Avenue: freight and regional bridges structures are nearly complete, with minor details remaining.



Wooddale regional trail underpass: the structure was completed in the summer.



Highway 100 freight rail bridge move followed by LRT bridge construction.

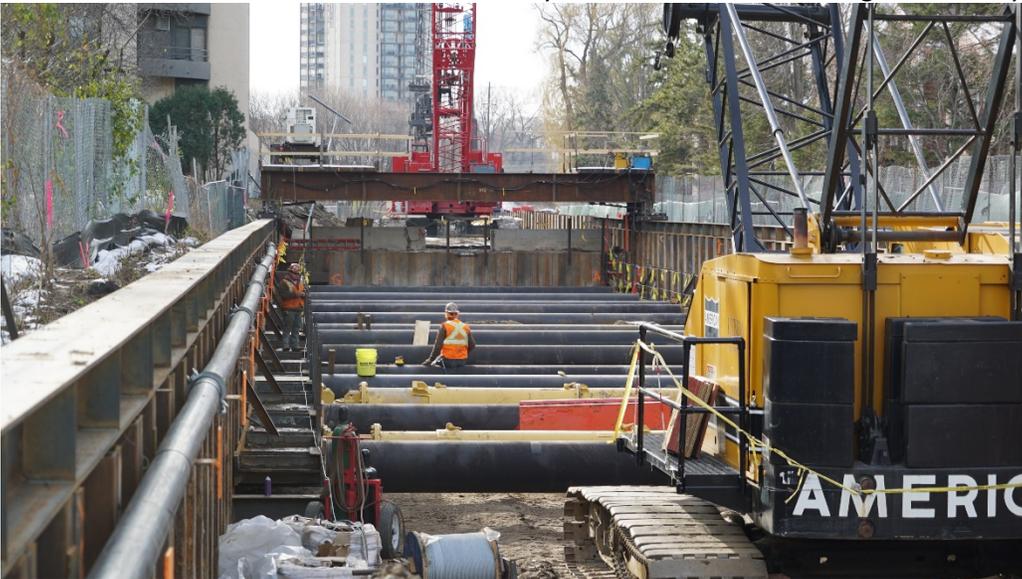


Beltline Boulevard: new and realigned freight rail track are in place and the regional trail overpass continues to take shape.



Minneapolis Highlights

Kenilworth LRT: tunnel excavation is underway with concrete work to begin in January 2021.



Tunnel sheeting continues north of Cedar Lake Parkway

Fall:



Summer: before the freight rail shift onto new track and Kenilworth channel bridge



West 21st Street Station: underground foundation and utility construction.



Glenwood Avenue roadway and LRT bridge: ongoing piling and bridge structure construction.



Royalston Avenue: LRT bridge and retaining wall structure.



Franklin Operation and Maintenance Facility expansion in Minneapolis: framing of the new mechanical bays.

