



**Construction Update: October 22 – November 4, 2021**

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### **Closure of Excelsior Boulevard in Hopkins**

On Monday, October 25, both directions of Excelsior Boulevard will be closed at the Jackson Street and Milwaukee Avenue intersection for approximately 10 days. Jackson Street and Milwaukee Avenue will be restricted to right turns only. Crews will dismantle and remove bridge construction equipment, having completed that portion of the LRT bridge structure. After this work is complete Excelsior Boulevard will reopen to traffic in both directions. [See Hopkins detour maps](#)

### **Weekly Construction Photo: Prairie Center Drive Bridge in Eden Prairie**



Crews work to install crossover tracks on the Prairie Center Drive Bridge as LRT enters the SouthWest Station. Crossover tracks allow light rail vehicles to move to the other track for maintenance or return trips.

[Eden Prairie](#)

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



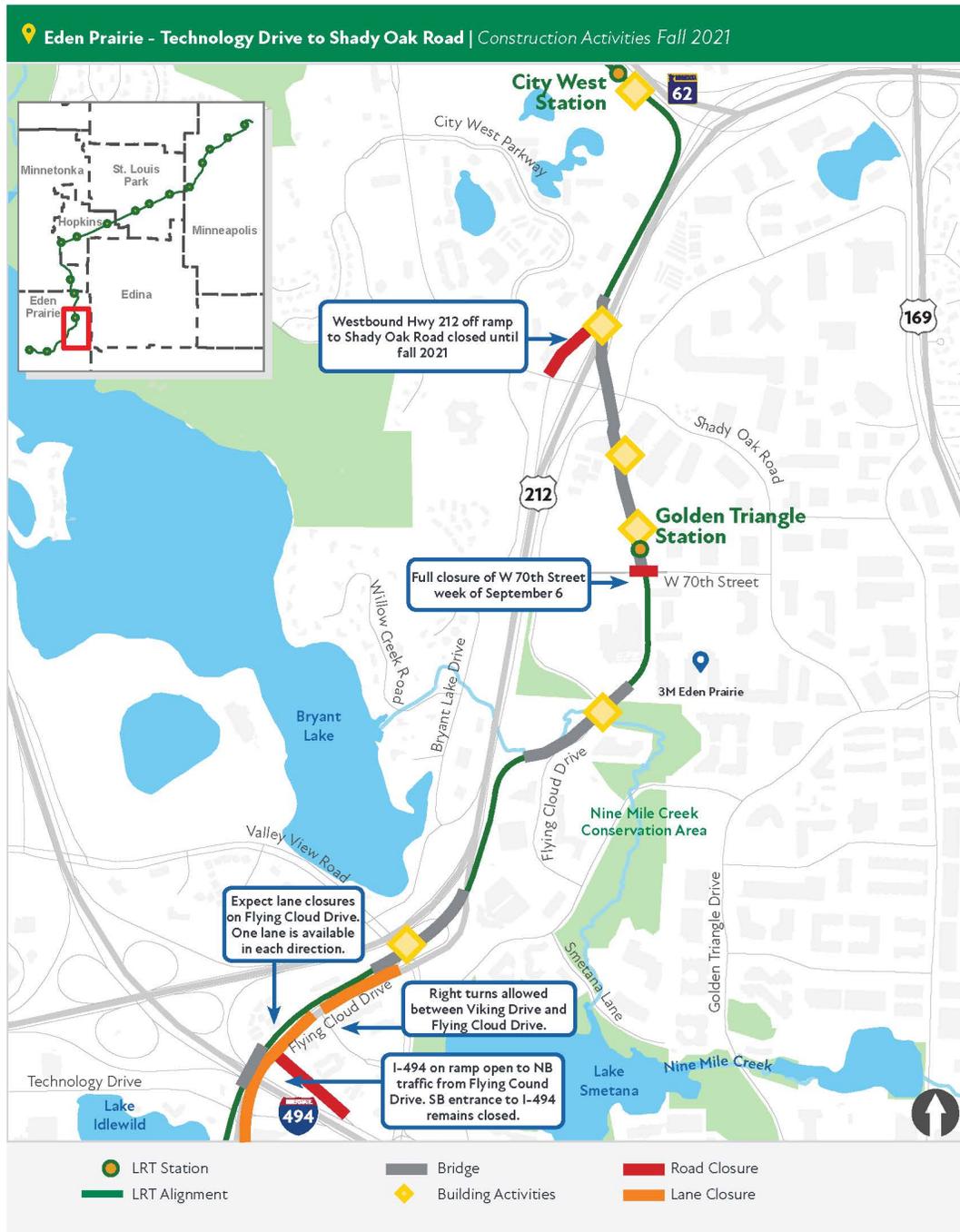
### SouthWest Station to Eden Prairie Town Center Station

**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.

### Upcoming or Recently Completed

- Beginning the week of October 25, crews will repave Flying Cloud Drive from Valley View Road to Town Center Place. This will complete the last major phase of LRT construction within the roadway along Flying Cloud Drive, which has been underway for the past two years. Following the completion of road reconstruction, all lanes of Flying Cloud Drive and the westbound I-494 on ramp to Flying Cloud Drive will reopen, which is expected in November. Construction will continue in the surrounding area.
- On Thursday, October 28 Technology Drive will be closed at the intersection of Flying Cloud Drive so that crews can safely pull very long, heavy lengths of steel rail across the road. Please follow detour signage.

## 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.

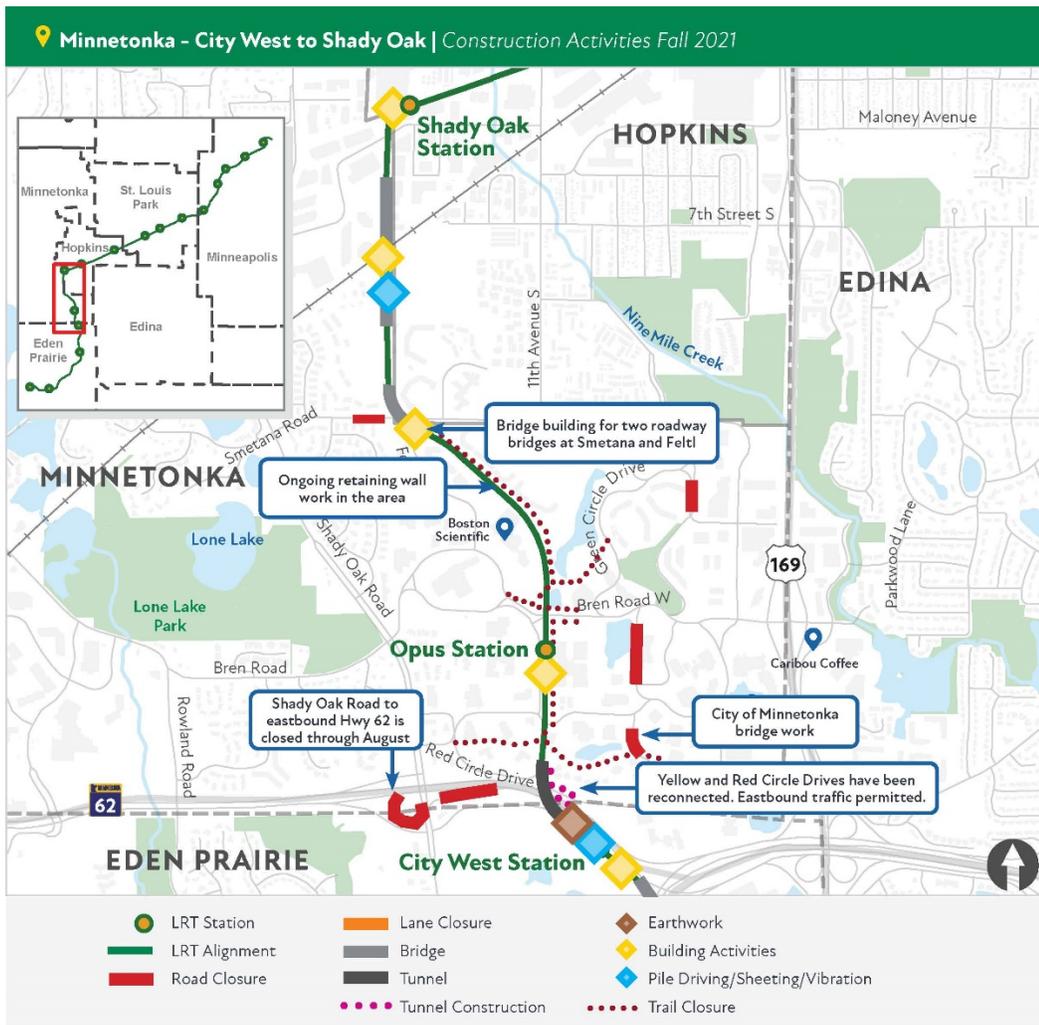
### Upcoming or Recently Completed

- On Friday, October 29 from 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Viking Drive at Flying Cloud Drive will have intermittent closures of 10-15-minute. Flaggers will direct traffic while this activity is underway.
- From Monday, October 25 through Friday, October 29 one eastbound lane on Prairie Center Drive will close between the Highway 212 off-ramp and Technology Drive.
- West 70<sup>th</sup> Street has been reopened to traffic for the winter.

### Ongoing:

- The westbound Highway 212 off-ramp to Shady Oak Road will remain closed through the end of the construction season.
- One of the eastbound lanes on Highway 62 between Highway 212 and Shady Oak Road will remain closed into November.

### 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.

### ***Upcoming or Recently Completed***

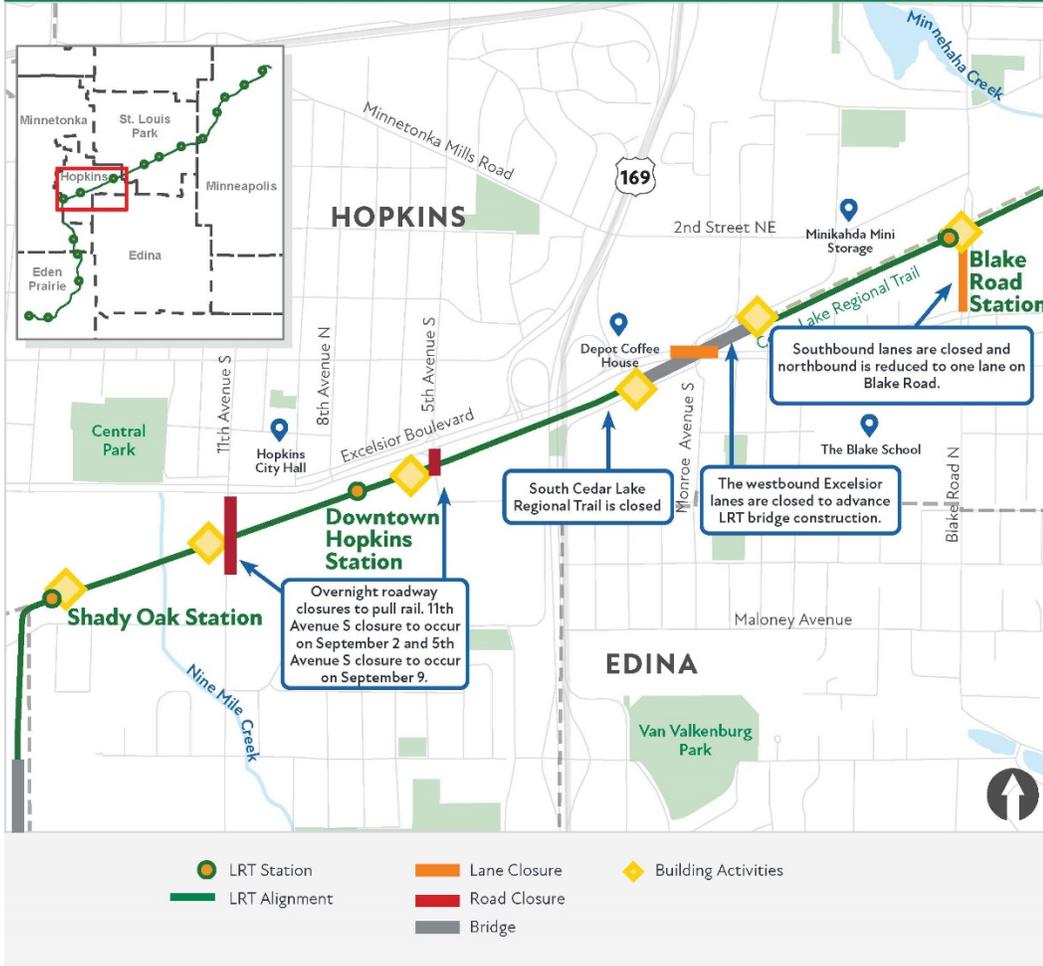
- Smetana Road was reopened to traffic on Tuesday, October 19. Feltl Road is closed through Summer 2022. [See Minnetonka detour maps](#) .

### ***Ongoing:***

- 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 will still be able to 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 westbound lane on Green Circle Drive near the intersection with Bren Road West is closed until spring 2022.
- The City of Minnetonka has closed Blue Circle Drive to reconstruct a bridge. This work is anticipated to continue through November. [See Minnetonka detour maps](#) .
- Crews continue to work on the Minnetonka-Hopkins LRT bridge.

## **Hopkins**

### **Hopkins Construction: Map 1 of 1**



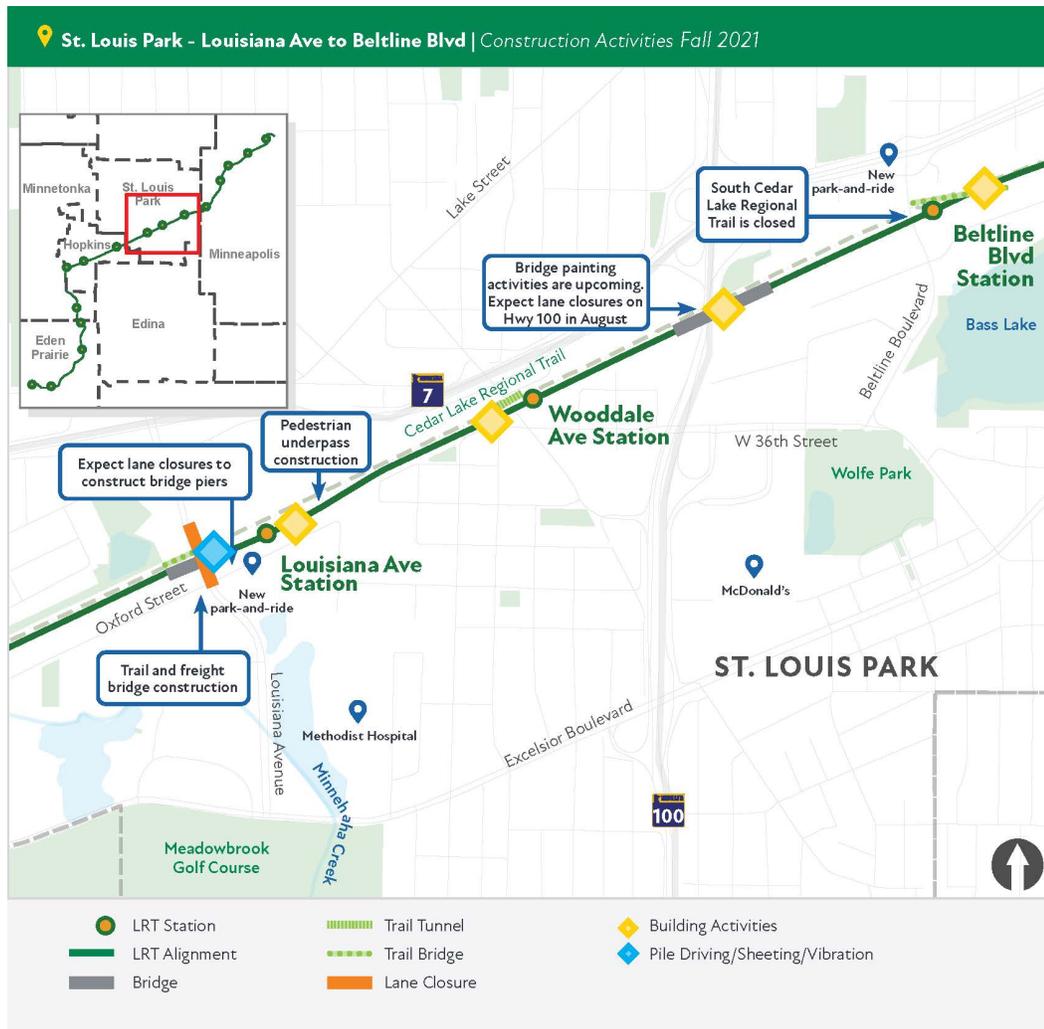
### Shady Oak Road Station to Blake Road Station

**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.

#### Ongoing:

- Westbound Excelsior Boulevard is closed at Jackson Avenue. This closure will remain in place through the full closure of the roadway that starts on Monday, October 25. [See Hopkins detour maps.](#)
- The construction of the regional trail underpass at Blake Road North continues. Blake Road traffic has been reduced to one northbound lane between Excelsior Boulevard and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street N.E. while southbound Blake Road traffic is detoured at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street N.E. It is anticipated that Blake Road will be open to southbound traffic by the end of the construction season. [See Hopkins detour maps](#)

## 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.

### Upcoming or Recently Completed

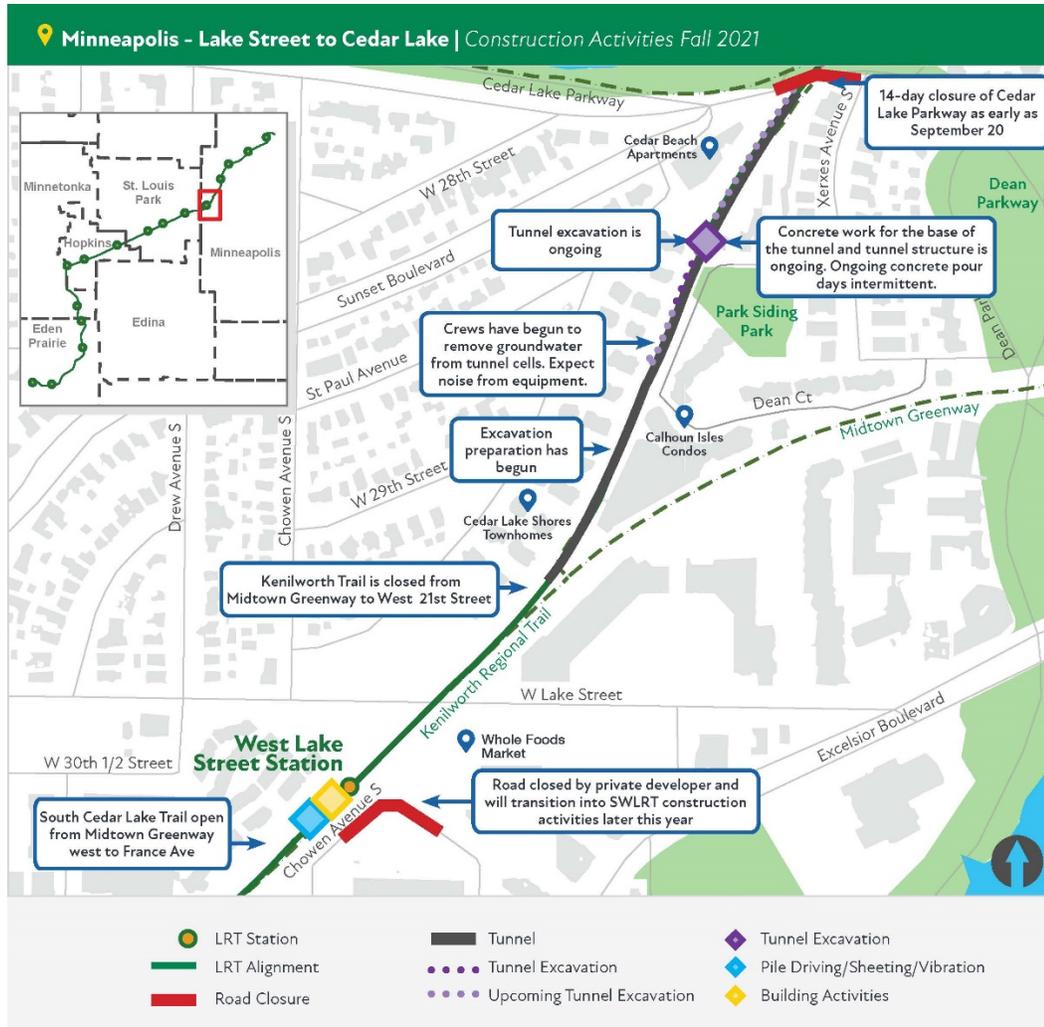
- The week of Monday, October 25 the lane closures along Louisiana Avenue between West Lake Street and Oxford Street will be removed. The City of St. Louis Park has completed their work on the new roadway bridge on Louisiana Avenue south of the project and the roadway is now open to traffic to Excelsior Boulevard.

### Ongoing:

- Crews are advancing construction of the LRT bridge over the Minnehaha Creek.
- Crews continue to advance the freight rail connection and prep for LRT tracks in the Louisiana Avenue area. Expect pile driving in the area.

## 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.

### Upcoming or Recently Completed

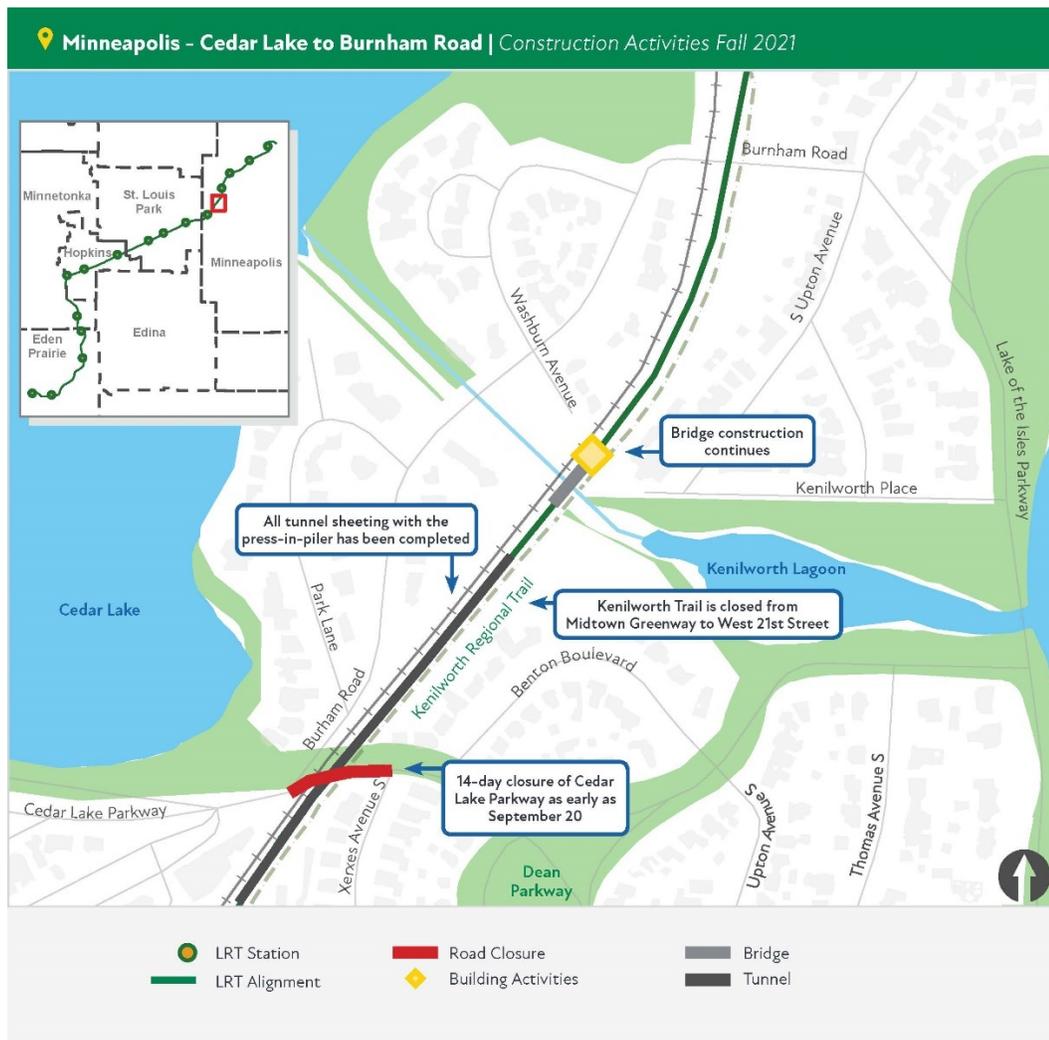
- The fourth Kenilworth LRT tremie seal, concrete pour, was completed on Tuesday, October 19.

- Preparation continues for secant wall construction adjacent to the Cedar Isles Condos and parking structure. Earthwork activities will be ongoing. Expect drilling operations to begin in November.

**Ongoing:**

- The West Lake Station area continues to see construction traffic in and out of the site via Abbott Avenue. Concrete work on bridge pier protection and station platform preparation is expected to continue through fall 2021.
- The Kenilworth LRT tunnel site continues to be active. Concrete work and excavation activities are constant between Lake Street and Cedar Lake Parkway.

**Minneapolis Construction: Map 2 of 5**



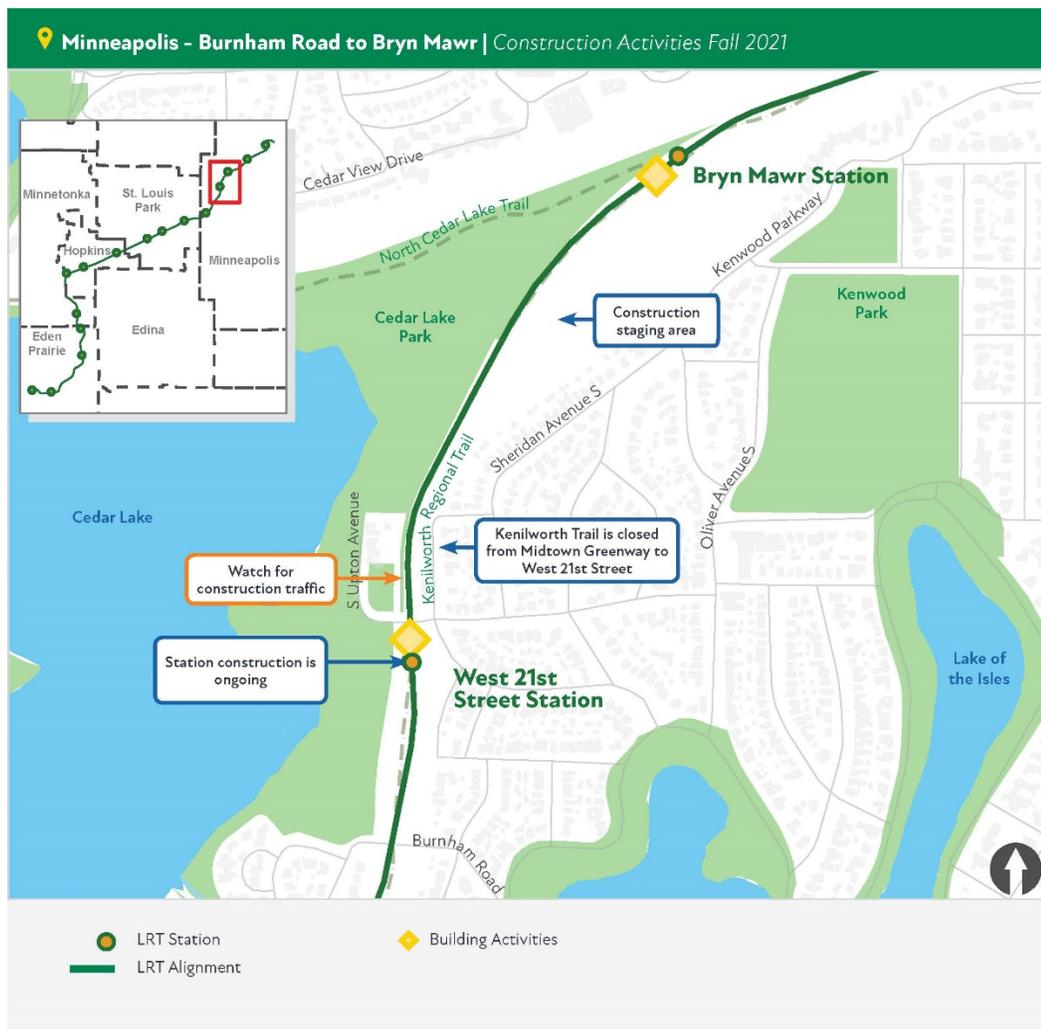
**Cedar Lake Parkway to Burnham Road**

*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.

## Ongoing

- The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has closed the Cedar Lake Channel for the fall season to conduct shoreline stabilization and naturalization work between Cedar Lake and the Burnham Road Bridge. LRT bridge construction over the Cedar Lake Channel is ongoing

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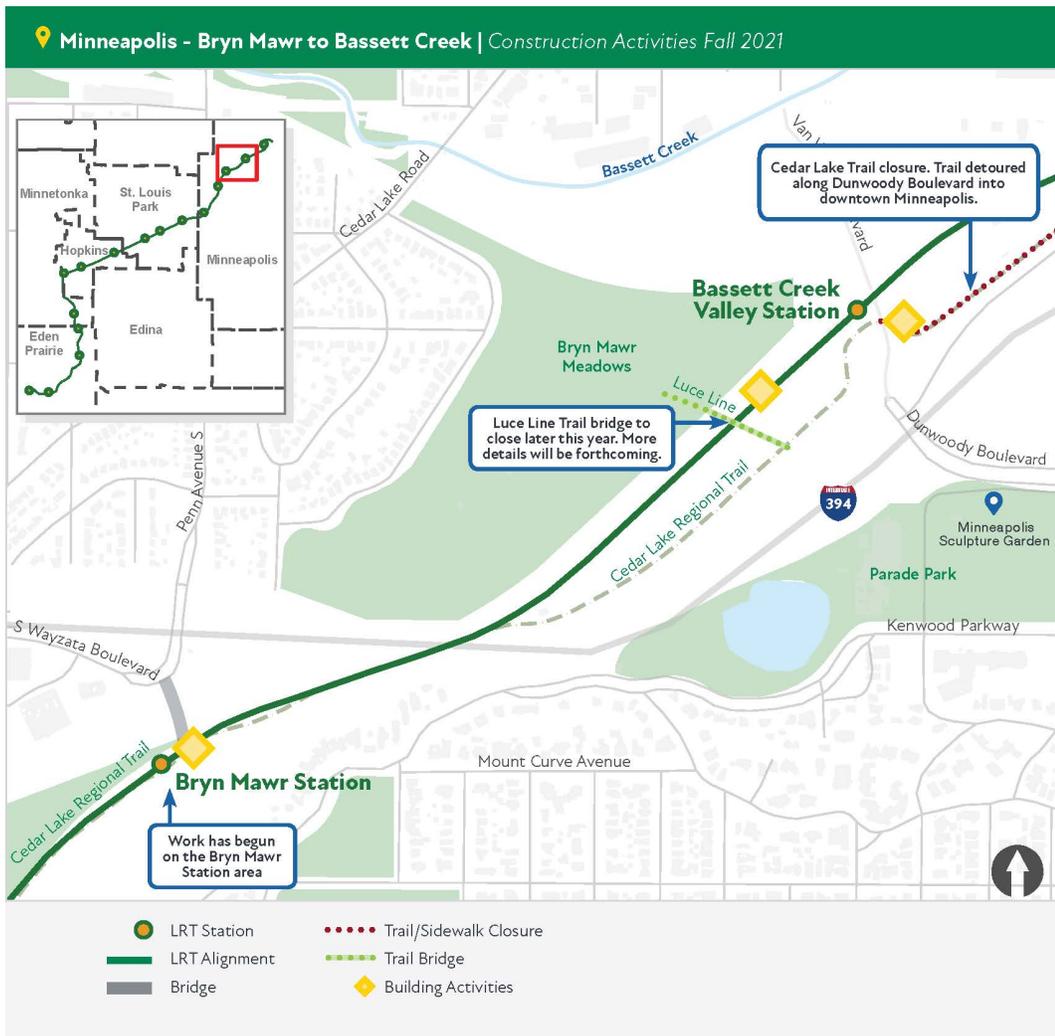
### Burnham Road to Bryn Mawr Station

**Construction Overview:** In addition to the LRT, freight rail and trail construction, this area has two stations: West 21st 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:*

- Construction at Bryn Mawr Station is continuing with excavation and pile installation to construct the pedestrian bridge. Retaining wall work on the bluff south of Wayzata Boulevard and Penn Avenue is expected to start by early November. Crews are currently prepping the site to begin construction activities.

**Minneapolis Construction: Map 4 of 5**



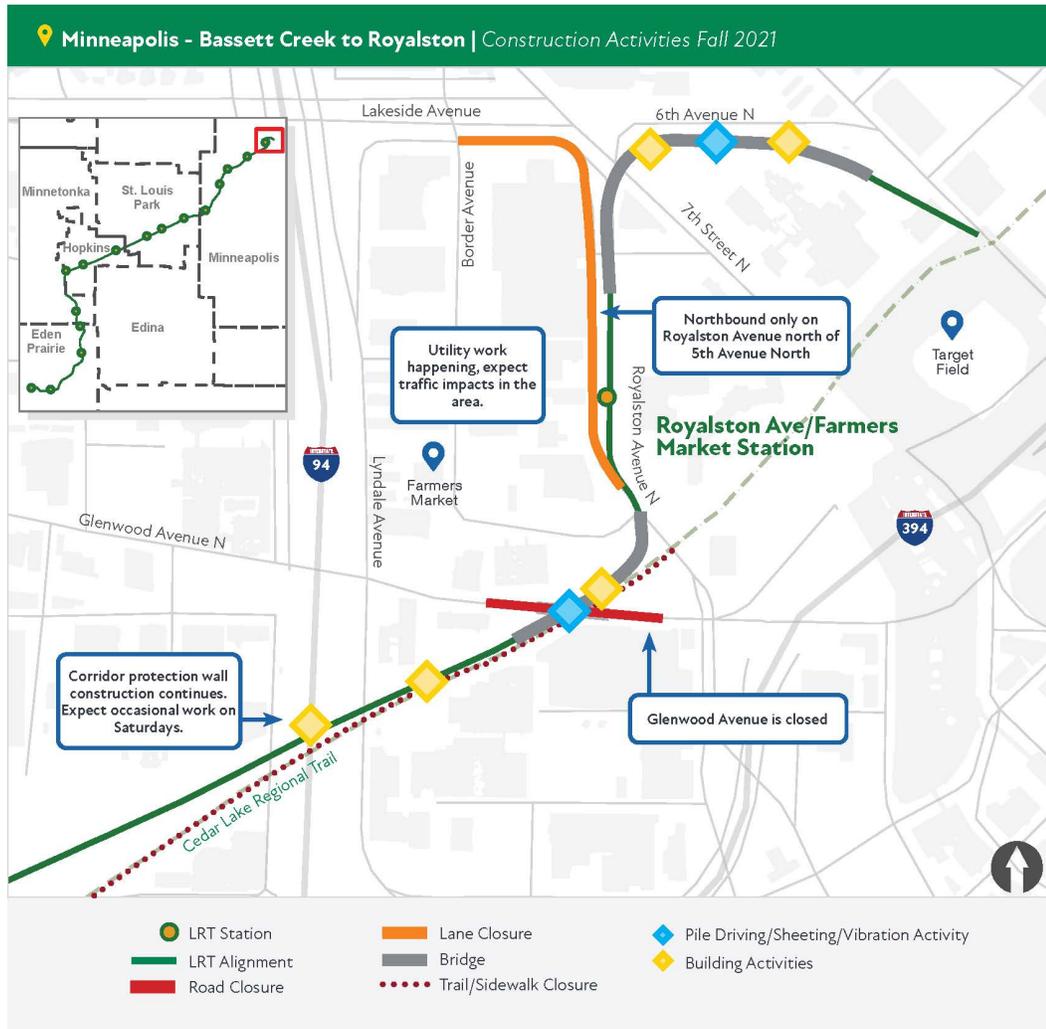
**Bryn Mawr Station to Bassett Creek Valley Station Area**

*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:*

- The Luce Line Regional Trail bridge that crosses the BNSF rail corridor at Bryn Mawr Meadows Park has been demolished. The bridge is expected to be closed for about one year, until fall 2022. It is being reconstructed to connect the new Bassett Creek Valley LRT Station with the park.
- Crews continue to build a corridor protection wall between Glenwood Avenue and Highway I-394, including work on Saturdays.

### 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/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:*

- Glenwood Avenue between Lyndale Avenue North and North 12<sup>th</sup> Street remains closed. [See Minneapolis detour maps.](#)
- Bridge pier work near 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues has resumed. This work entails high-vibration activities for sheeting installation and pile driving. This work is expected to continue through the construction season. Expect temporary lane closures on eastbound 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### **Regional Trails**

- 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 will remain closed until 2022.
- 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 LRT Station with the park.
- The North Cedar Lake Trail east of Dunwoody Boulevard will remain closed through 2022.

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

**[Eden Prairie Sidewalk and Roadway Detours:](#)** Southwest Station, I-494 Ramps at Flying Cloud Drive, Upcoming Flying Cloud near West 70<sup>th</sup>

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

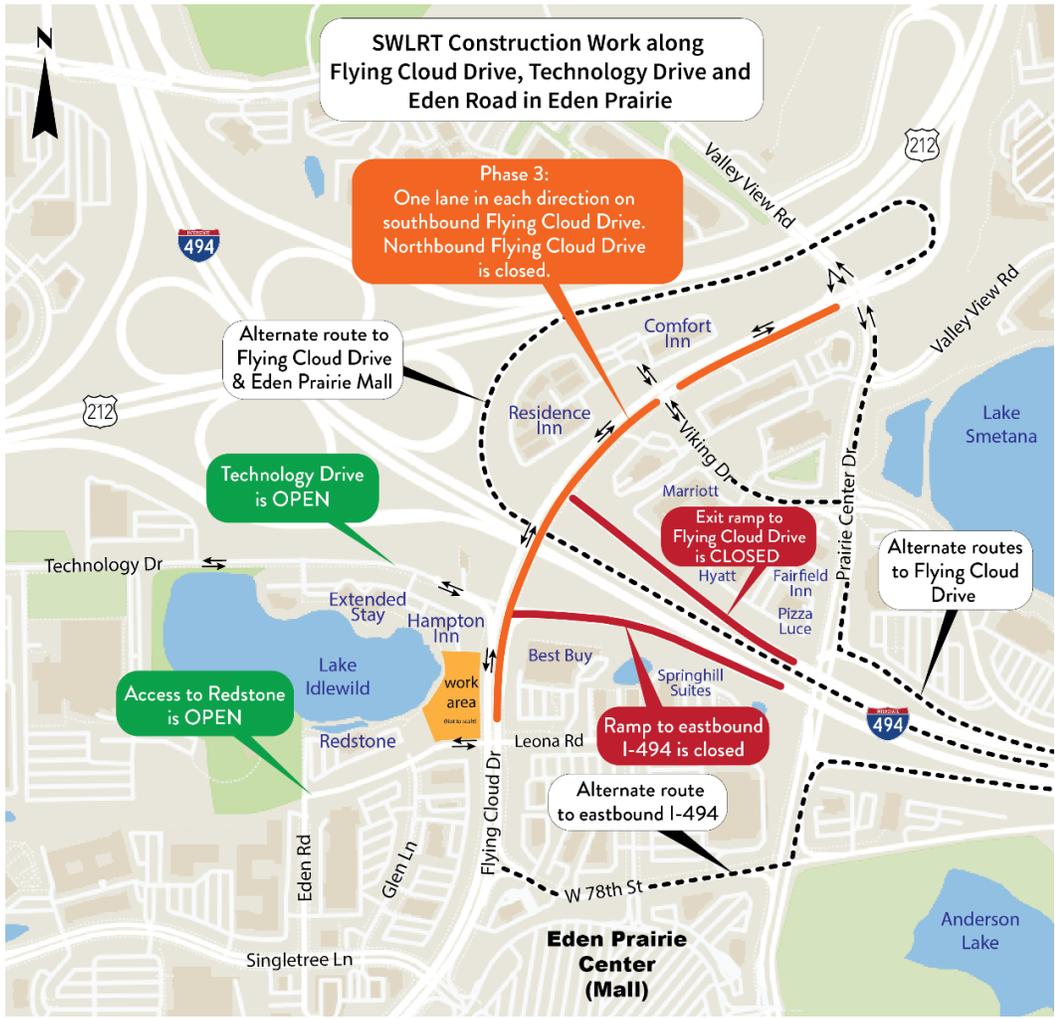
**[Hopkins Detours:](#)** Excelsior Blvd & Jackson Avenue

**[Minneapolis Roadway Detours:](#)** Glenwood Avenue, Royalston Avenue

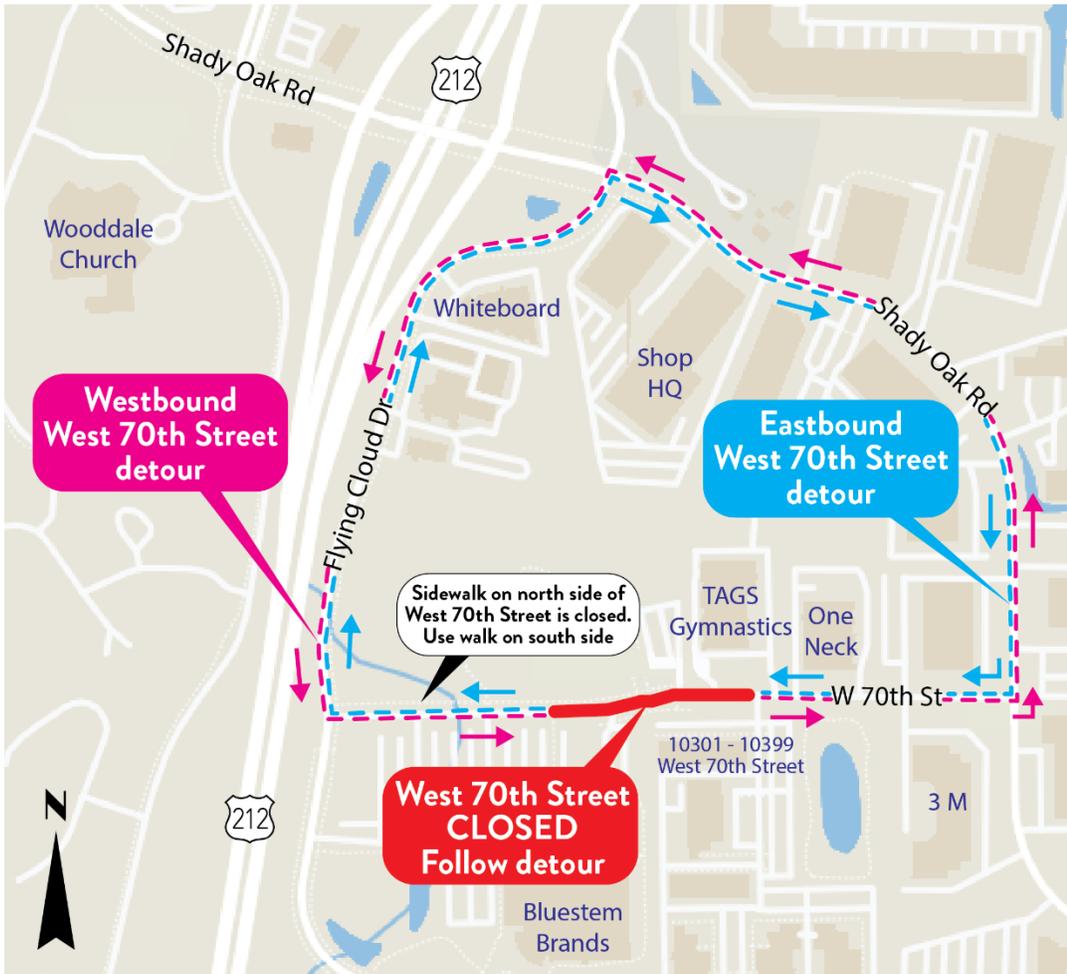
### **SouthWest Transit Station Pedestrian Detour in Eden Prairie**



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



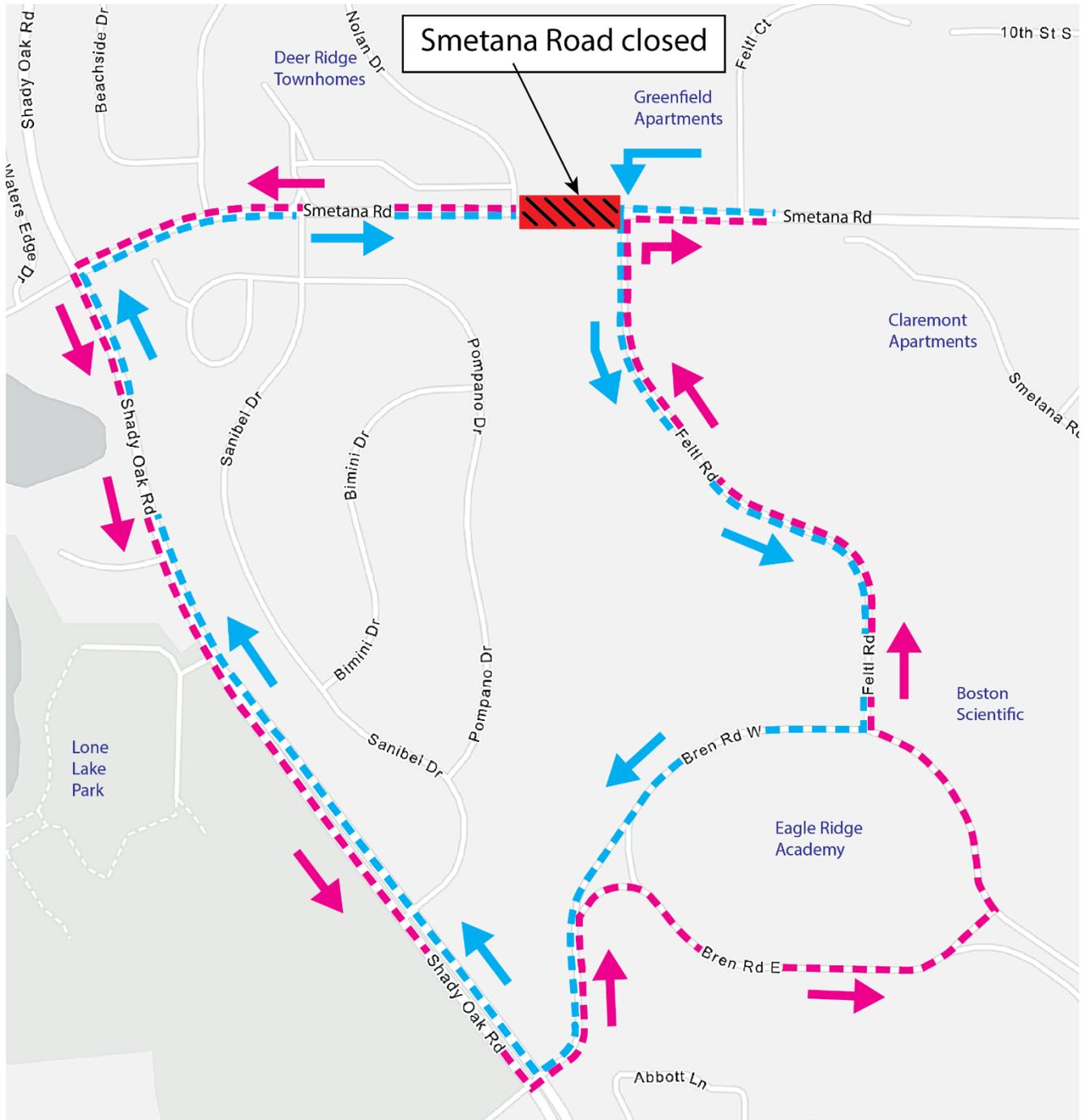
**Upcoming West 70<sup>th</sup> Street in Eden Prairie**



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



# Smetana Road in Minnetonka

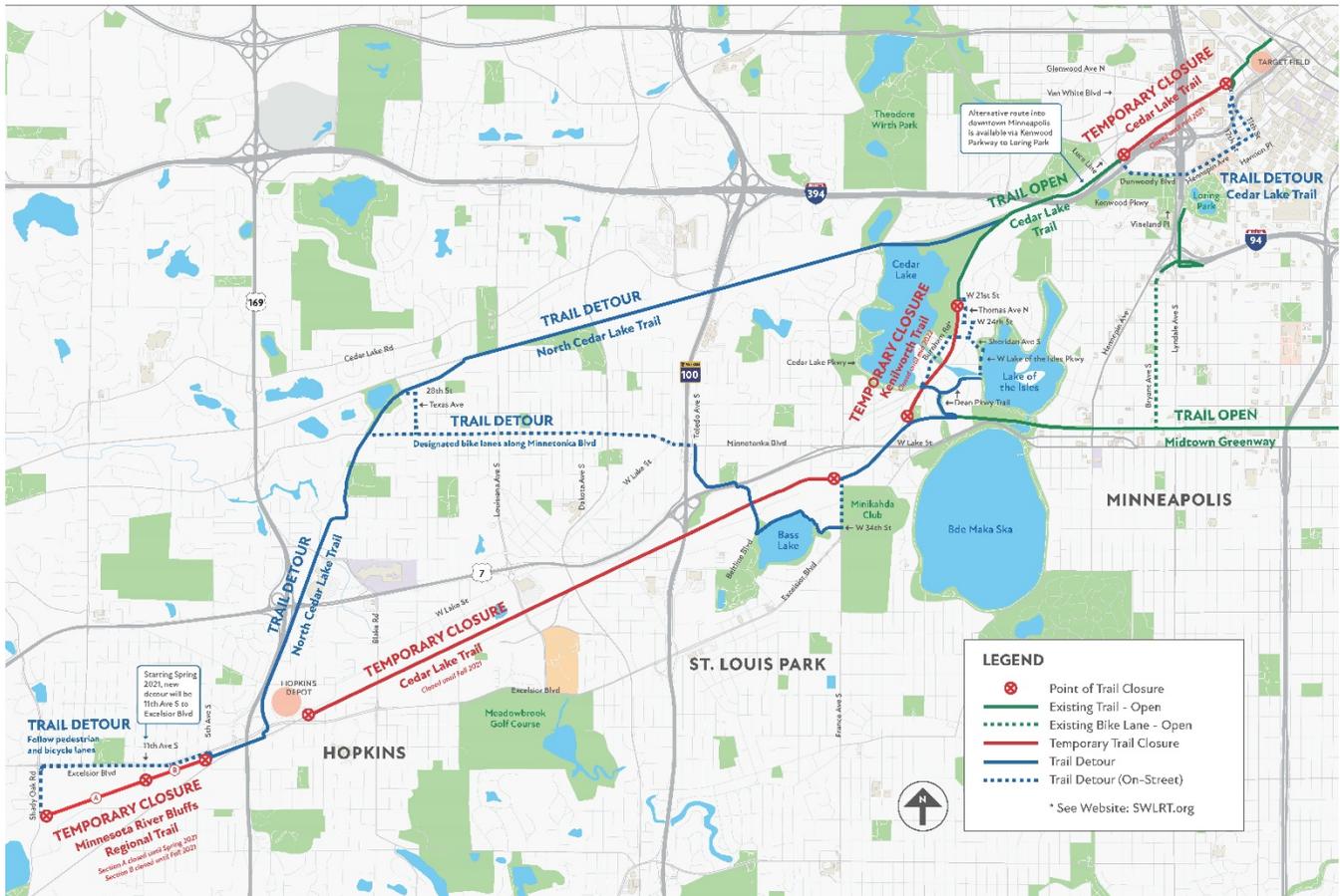


# Blake Road in Hopkins



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Cedar Lake Regional Trail in Minneapolis

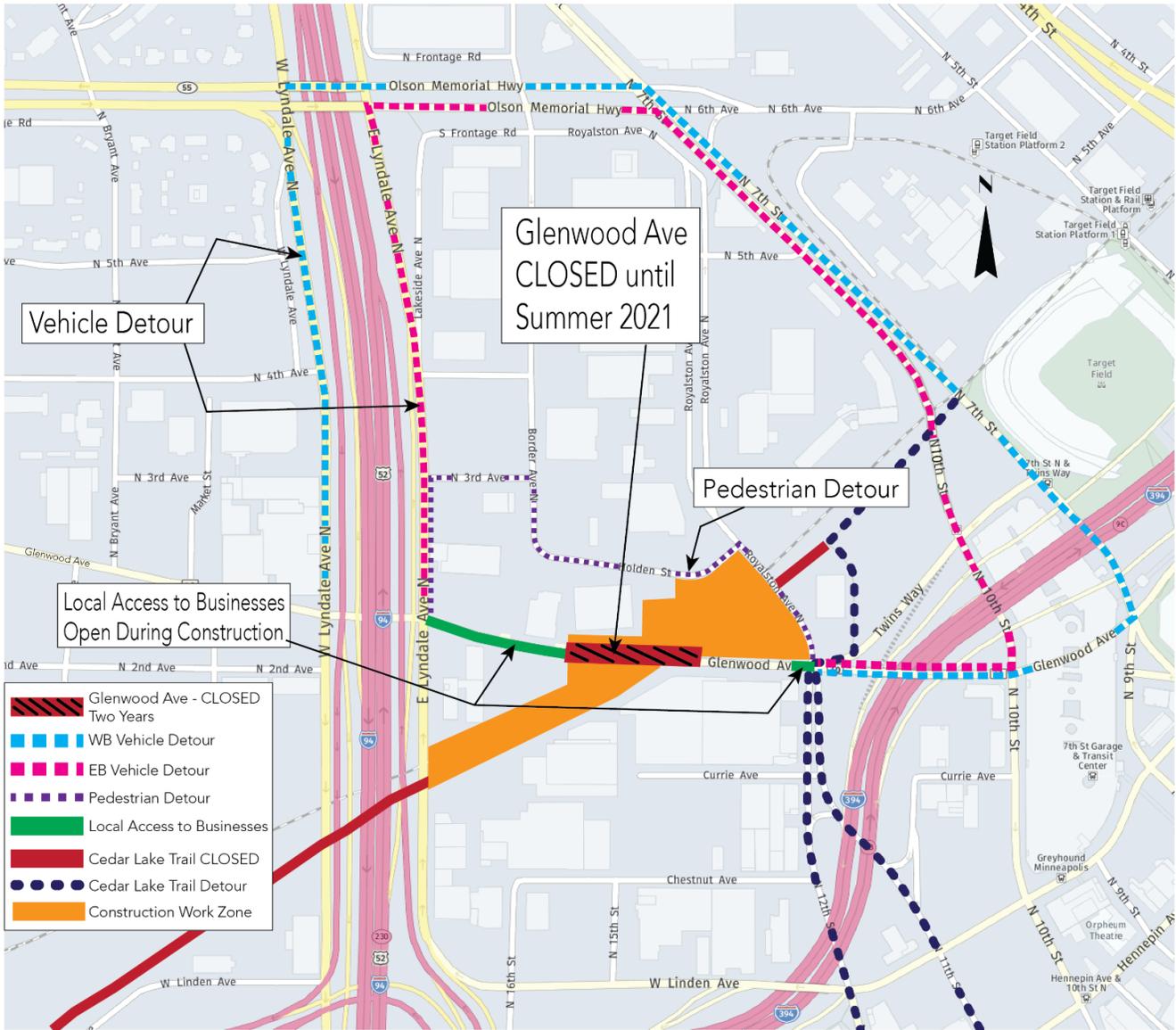
# CEDAR LAKE REGIONAL TRAIL

## TEMPORARY ALIGNMENT

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### Glenwood Avenue Detour in Minneapolis



**Royalston Avenue Detour in Minneapolis**

