



Bike Trails Information

Many bike trails in the metro area are currently undergoing construction, resulting in closures and detours. Some trails may be subject to occasional flooding.

Hennepin County

Hennepin County's newest *interactive* bike map shows bike friendly trails, on road lanes and bike friendly streets. Construction and detours are also shown. Link to the interactive map: <http://bit.ly/hennepinbiketrailclosures>

Cedar Lake and Kenilworth Trails Closures: On-going

The Cedar Lake Trail and Kenilworth Trail are closed for two to three years due to Southwest LRT construction. Here is a link to the detour maps: bit.ly/TrailDetourMaps As a result of public feedback, trail signage modifications are being made for better wayfinding.

Cedar Lake Trail: On-going

- Cedar Lake Trail through Hopkins, St. Louis Park, and Minneapolis is closed in three segments until Fall 2021. The 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, bikes and pedestrians, with separate closure of roadways upcoming at various dates. The trail is closed between these segments:
 - Between 5th Avenue South and 8th Avenue South in Hopkins, trail users will follow a pedestrian and bike detour via 8th Avenue, Excelsior Boulevard and 5th
 - Between just east of the North Cedar Lake Trail connection in Hopkins to France Avenue in St. Louis Park.
 - Minneapolis from Linden Yards located west of Van White Boulevard to east of Royalston Avenue.

Kenilworth Trail Closure: On-going

- The Kenilworth Trail is closed in Minneapolis until Summer 2022. At this time, automobiles, bikes and pedestrians will continue to cross at Cedar Lake Parkway and at W 21st Street.
 - The Kenilworth Trail is closed at the intersection with the Midtown Greenway and extends northeast to just south of W 21st St.

Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail in Hopkins

The Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail in Hopkins is now closed between Shady Oak Road and 5th Avenue South. Here is a link to the detour map: bit.ly/TrailDetourMaps

- The section between 11th Avenue South and Shady Oak Road is closed due to storm sewer construction activities. This portion of the trail may be closed for approximately one year. Crews continue to evaluate options to reduce the duration of this closure.
- The section between 8th Avenue South and 5th Avenue South is closed until Fall 2021

France Avenue Trail Project

This project includes the reconstruction of existing, substandard trails along the **west side of France Avenue between W Old Shakopee Road (CSAH 1) and W 84th Street in Bloomington.** The existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities on the west side of France Avenue are a patchwork of sidewalks, narrow trails, and paved shoulders. The varied conditions require weaving, have inconsistent protection, and little separation between trail users and vehicular traffic. Approximately three miles of trail along the corridor will be constructed to meet today's standards for multiuse trails including additional width, improved intersection crossings, along with an improved crossing over Nine Mile Creek. Link to City of Bloomington's webpage on this project for the latest updates: <http://bit.ly/FranceAveTrail>



I-494 Riverbed bike trail between Eagan and Bloomington (Update from MnDOT)

MnDOT just advised Commuter Services of a major delay to the reconstruction of the I-494 riverbed bike trail. It was supposed to be completed by this October, however, all the bids they received exceeded the maximum allowable funding amount. MnDOT revisited the project details to see what options could potentially reduce costs, and then solicited bids again. Unfortunately, all the second round of bids received also exceeded the maximum.

This ultimately means the repair will not occur in 2019. MnDOT says “We are taking this information, regrouping and identifying a path forward that would allow completion of this work in spring 2020.” MnDOT further states “we are disappointed by this turn of events and know others will be as well.”

Commuter Services will keep you informed of the plans. We have asked MnDOT to post LOW MAINTENANCE signs at the entrances of that trail and our staff has been trimming the overgrown vegetation ourselves. Commuter Services will also be placing more orange construction cones in potholes and by the tree roots pushing pavement up.

This work precedes major construction that will happen on interstate 494. The intent is to keep the bike trail open to bike/peds during road construction.

Smetana Road in Minnetonka and Hopkins

Smetana Road from Feltl Court to Feltl Road closed on August 21 for six weeks. Following this closure, Smetana Road from Feltl Road to Nolan Drive will be closed to a year. Signs will be posted seven days before each closure. Here is the link to the detour map. bit.ly/TrailDetourMaps

Hiawatha Bicycle Trail Closure

A section of Hiawatha Bicycle Trail between the Minnehaha Creek Trail and Minnehaha Parkway will be closed throughout construction to accommodate temporary wastewater conveyance piping. Bicycle traffic will be detoured to Minnehaha Creek Trail, 34th Avenue and Minnehaha Parkway. Protected bike lanes with temporary bollards will be created on sections of 34th Avenue crossing Minnehaha Creek and along east and westbound Minnehaha Parkway.

bit.ly/HiawathaBikeTrail

Report a problem: ride@hennepin.us / (612) 543-3377

Carver County

General information, maps, planned construction and closures:

<http://bit.ly/CarverCountyTrails>

Dakota County

General information, maps and current trail conditions:

<http://bit.ly/DakotaCountyTrails>

If you see any closures or other issues we don't have listed here, please feel free to contact Barry Katz, Program Manager at Commuter Services: barry@494corridor.org (952) 405-9425