



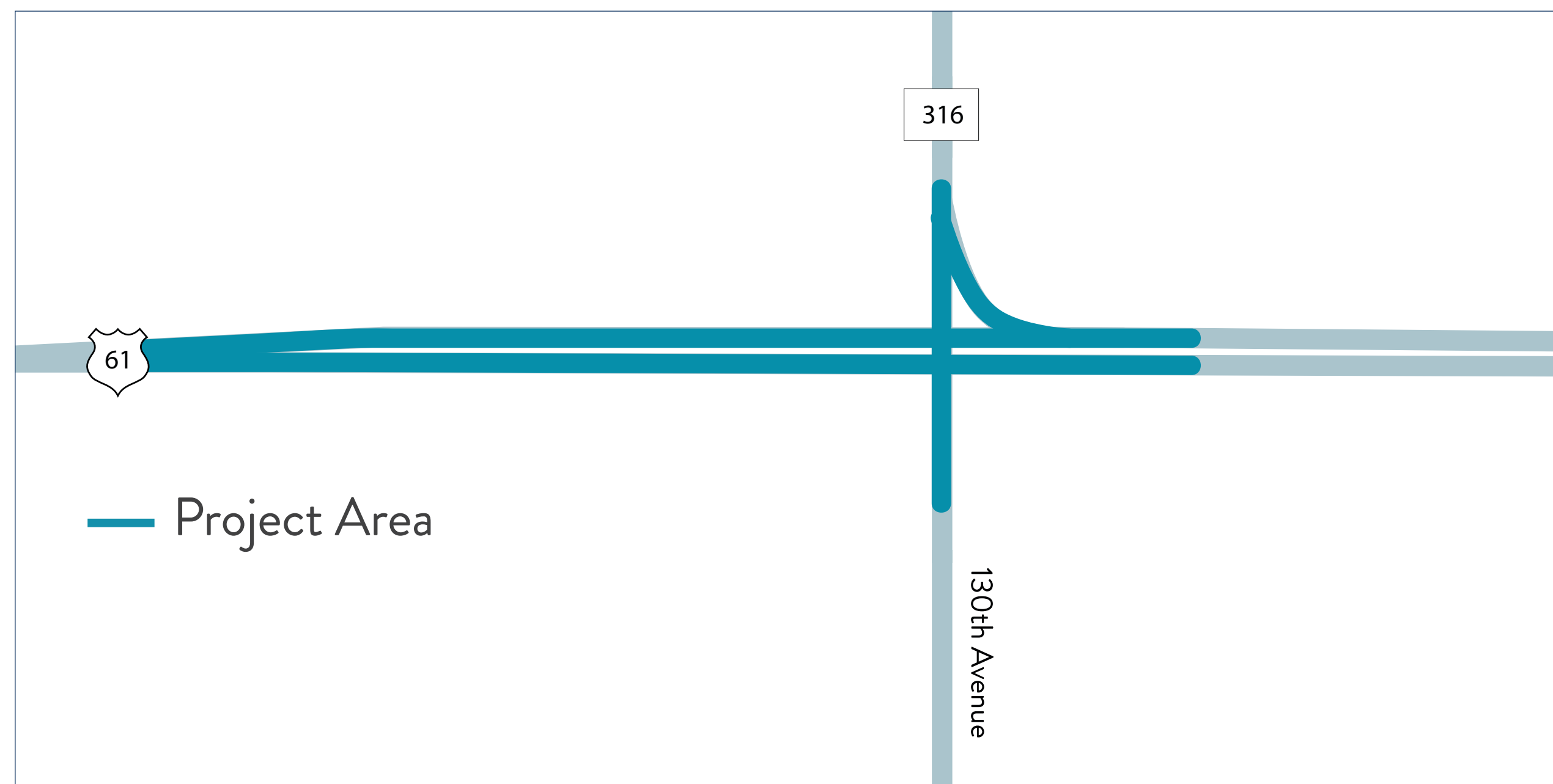
Hwy 61/Hwy 316 Intersection Safety Project

OVERVIEW

Hwy 61 is an important travel route through Dakota and Goodhue counties, connecting commuters, communities and commerce from the Twin Cities to southeast Minnesota along the scenic Mississippi River. MnDOT evaluated Hwy 61 to identify safety and traffic flow improvements, specifically at the **Hwy 61/Hwy 316** intersection.

Constructing a roundabout at this intersection will:

- Improve intersection safety for all users
- Create safer highway access
- Shorten wait times and keep traffic moving
- Improve bicycle facilities and connections
- Accommodate future development in the area with improved intersection conditions



PROJECT BACKGROUND

During the project study and design phases, MnDOT identified the following issues at the Hwy 61/Hwy 316 intersection to be improved with the project:

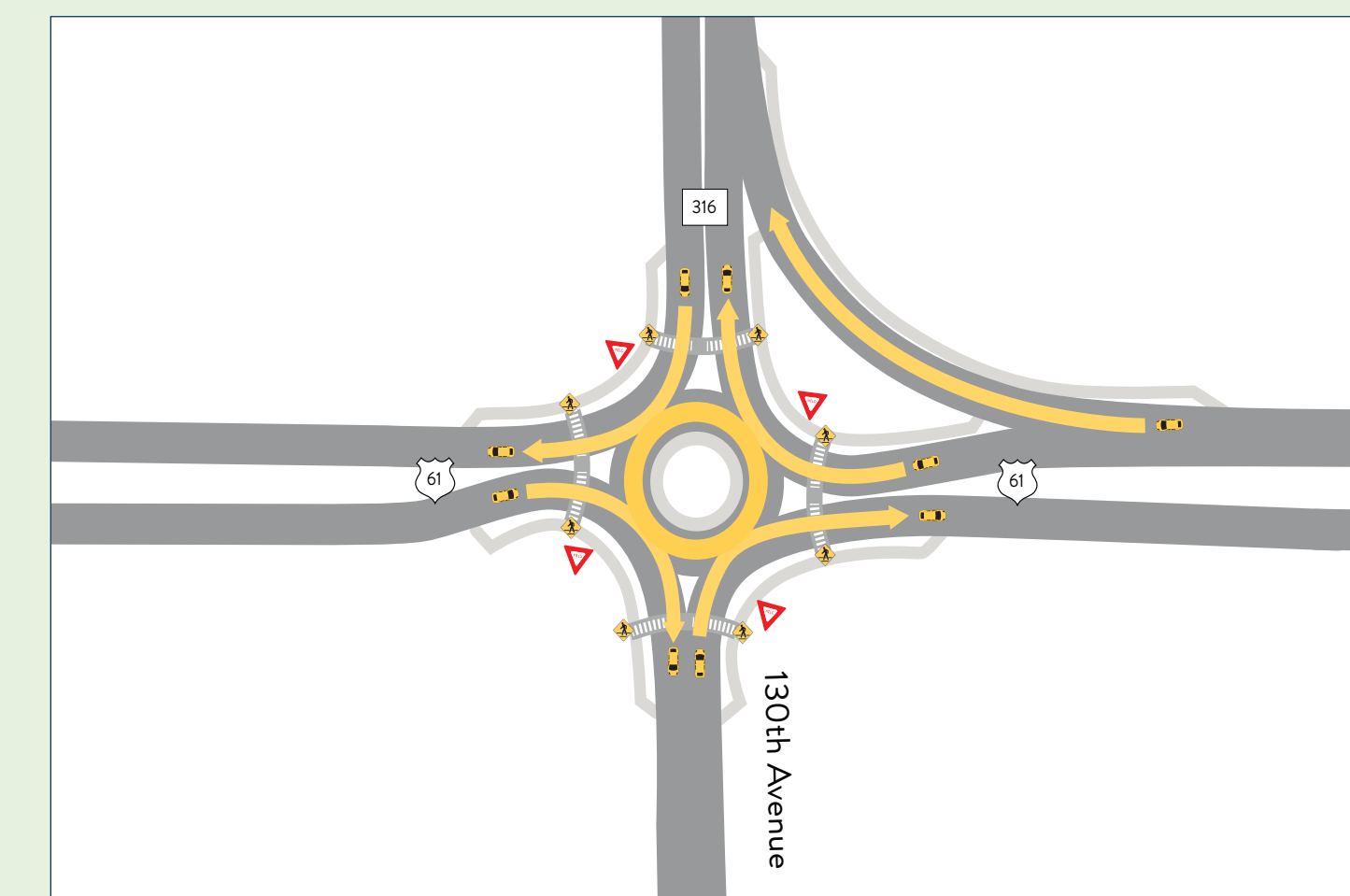
- A history of serious right-angle crashes. Right-angle crashes, sometimes called "T-bone" crashes, are often more serious or deadly than other crashes.
- A wide variety of roadway users, with many types of vehicles.
- Traffic volumes will continue to increase at the intersection with the adjacent current and future development.
- Difficulty getting on/off Hwy 61 at certain times of the day.

After studying these findings, MnDOT will construct a roundabout at Hwy 61/Hwy 316 to address future traffic growth and improve safety by reducing speed at this busy intersection.

ROUNDAABOUT BENEFITS AND NAVIGATION

ROUNDAABOUT BENEFITS

- Significantly reduces the risk of serious and fatal crashes
- Allows motorists to get through the intersection more safely and in less time
- Slows more traffic with less delay than most stop signs or traffic signals
- Slow traffic to make entering/exiting the area easier for users



MOTORISTS

- Slow down when approaching a roundabout.
- Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout and merge into traffic when it is safe.
- Continue through the roundabout until you reach your exit. Do not stop or pass other vehicles in the roundabout.

LARGE TRUCKS/EQUIPMENT

- Give large trucks extra space in a roundabout.
- Large trucks will be able to make all turns within the roundabout.
- The intersection is being designed to accommodate large agricultural equipment.

BICYCLISTS

- MnDOT is making additional improvements to help improve safety and connections for bicyclists.
- Bicyclists following the Mississippi River Trail can bypass the roundabout by using trails around the intersection or flow with traffic to continue on the route.

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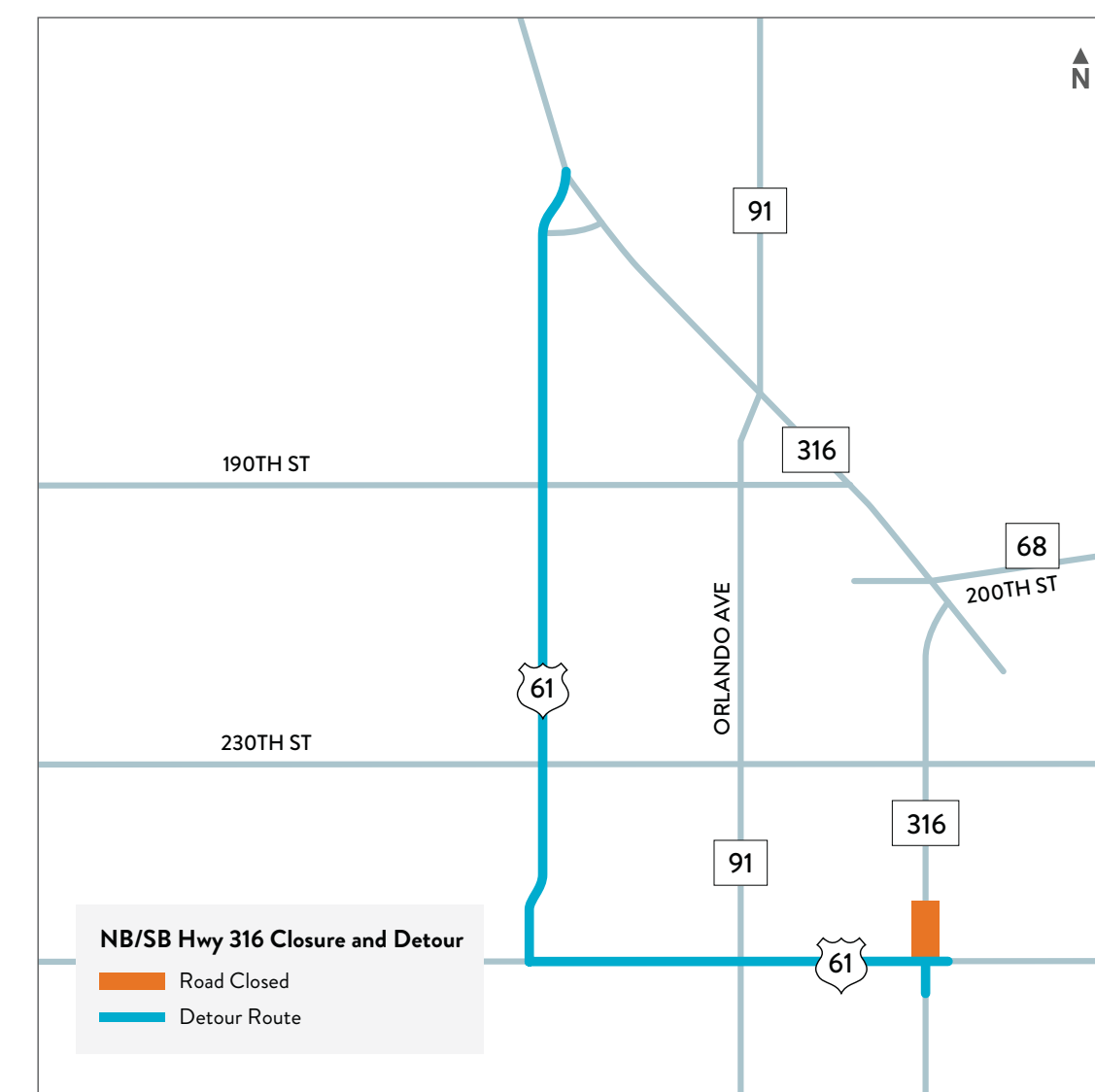
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CONSTRUCTION STAGING/SCHEDULE

STAGE 1

MID-JULY 2022 THROUGH EARLY SEPTEMBER 2022

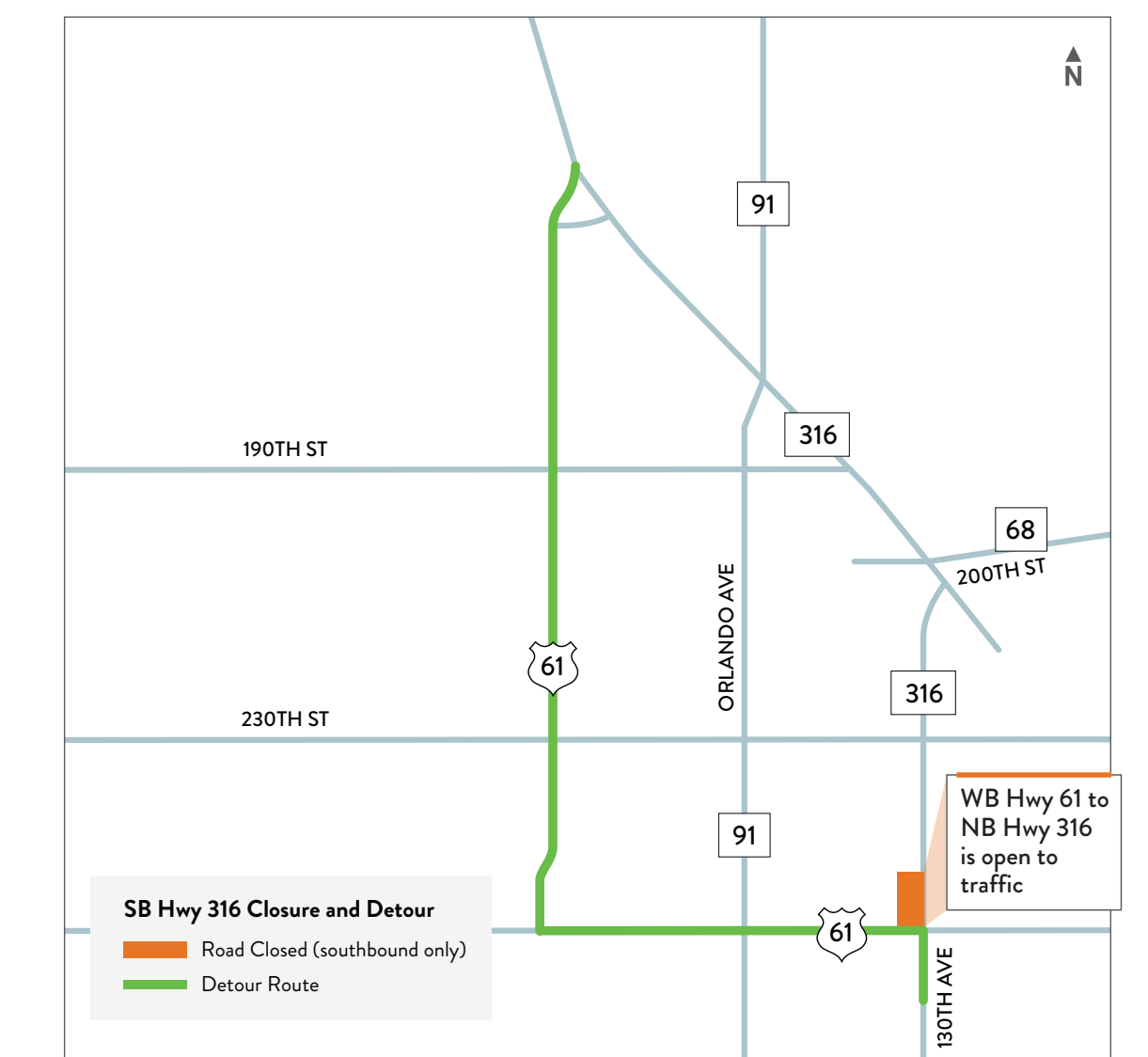
- Hwy 316 will be temporarily closed in both directions at the Hwy 61/Hwy 316 intersection for approximately three weeks while crews construct the temporary Hwy 61 bypass that will be used to keep traffic moving through the area during construction.
 - Detour:** Motorists will use Hwy 61 to the west to access Hwy 316. See the first detour route map.
- Hwy 316 will reopen to traffic at the Hwy 61/Hwy 316 intersection from early August through September once the Hwy 61 bypass is open to traffic and roundabout construction begins.
- 130th Avenue will be closed for approximately 8-10 weeks beginning in mid-July so crews can construct the west, east and south legs of the new roundabout.
 - Detour:** Motorists will use 260th Street and County Hwy 93 during this roundabout construction. See the second detour route map.



STAGE 2

LATE SEPTEMBER 2022 THROUGH LATE OCTOBER 2022

- Southbound Hwy 316 will close again at the Hwy 61/Hwy 316 intersection for approximately one month while crews construct the north leg of the roundabout. Northbound Hwy 316 will remain open for westbound Hwy 61 traffic.
 - Detour:** Southbound Hwy 316 traffic will use Hwy 61 to the west to get around the closure. Access to Hwy 316 from 130th Avenue will be detoured to Hwy 61 to the west.



ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

- Hwy 61 near the Hwy 61/Hwy 316 intersection will be reduced to a single lane of traffic in each direction during construction**
- Temporary shoulder closures near the construction area**
- Reduced speeds through the construction zone**
- All businesses and residences will remain accessible during construction**

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