



## Construction Update for the week of February 6, 2012

*The information in this update is tentative  
and subject to change.*

### General Updates

#### **Eastbound I-494 to Southbound Hwy 169 Ramp Closure: Feb. 6**

The ramp from eastbound I-494 to southbound Hwy 169 will close at 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6.

During the closure, motorists should follow the posted detour route:

Eastbound I-494 to northbound Hwy 100 to westbound I-494 to southbound Hwy 100

Also, beginning at 9 p.m. on Feb. 6 there'll be alternating lane closures on southbound Hwy 169 between Valley View Road and Anderson Lakes Parkway/Bloomington Ferry Road.

The closure is necessary for us to place bridge beams above the roadway. The ramp and all lanes of southbound Hwy 169 will reopen at 5 a.m., Tuesday, February 7.

*Note: The ramp is also scheduled to close overnight on the evening of Monday, Feb. 13 for continued beam placement. More details to follow in upcoming updates.*

#### **Washington Avenue Update**

Washington Avenue is closed at Nine Mile Creek (north of Viking Drive/West 78th Street), but is **scheduled to reopen by Monday, Feb. 6, weather permitting.**

Until the road reopens, the following detours will remain in effect:

- **Washington Avenue:** Eastbound Viking Drive to northbound Golden Triangle Drive to eastbound W. 76th Street to Washington Avenue
- **Viking Drive:** Washington Avenue to westbound W. 76th Street to southbound Golden Triangle Drive to Viking Drive

The Washington Avenue Bridge spanning I-494 remains open during the closure.

#### **Hwy 169 & I-494 Nighttime Lane Closures**

Watch for periodic nighttime lane closures on Hwy 169 between Valley View Road and Anderson Lakes Parkway and on I-494 between Prairie Center Drive and West Bush Lake Road. Lane closures will occur between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. For real-time travel information anywhere in Minnesota, visit [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org).

### Interchange Construction

#### **Northwest Quadrant**

Mucking operations occur this week near southbound Hwy 169 in preparation for roundabout construction.

#### **Northeast Quadrant**

Bridge pier and retaining wall construction continue this week. **Daytime pile driving** activities also continue and are expected to continue through the end of February.

#### **Southwest Quadrant**

Beam placement continues for the flyover bridge from westbound I-494 to southbound Hwy 169. In order to continue with the beam placement, overnight closures of the eastbound I-494 ramp to southbound Hwy

169 are scheduled for February 6 and 13. Retaining wall construction along eastbound I-494 also continues.

### **Southeast Quadrant**

Retaining wall construction continues.

## **Freeway Construction**

### **Hwy 169**

A weekend closure for both directions of Hwy 169 is currently scheduled for Feb. 17-20 for bridge beam placement over the freeway. More details to follow in upcoming updates.

## **Road and Ramp Closures**

### **Eastbound I-494 Ramp to Southbound Hwy 169**

The ramp from eastbound I-494 to southbound Hwy 169 will close overnight Monday, Feb. 6. The closure is necessary as we place bridge beams over the roadway.

### **Washington Avenue at Nine Mile Creek**

Washington Avenue is closed at Nine Mile creek until approximately early February while we install a culvert under the roadway.

### **W. 78th Street (SW Quadrant)**

W. 78<sup>th</sup> Street is closed between Washington Avenue and Anderson Lakes Center (9855 W. 78<sup>th</sup> Street) for retaining wall construction. W. 78<sup>th</sup> Street is scheduled to reopen in spring 2012.

### **Ensign Neighborhood**

Access to the Ensign neighborhood during the W. 78th Street closure is, and will remain, available via the north I-494 frontage road (Viking Drive) and the new Washington Avenue Bridge spanning I-494. Access to southbound Hwy 169 from the neighborhood also has been restored. Motorists won't be able to cross Hwy 169 from westbound Highwood Drive; however, emergency vehicle access will remain available across the highway.

### **Southbound Hwy 169 Loop to Eastbound I-494: HOV Lane Closure (long term)**

The HOV lane for the southbound Hwy 169 loop ramp to eastbound I-494 is closed until approximately mid-November 2012. The loop ramp itself is open and access from southbound Hwy 169 to eastbound I-494 is available.

### **Marth Road**

Marth Road (east of Hwy 169) is closed between Hwy 169 and West Bush Lake Road through the winter; however, emergency vehicle access will be available. Motorists will be able to access eastbound I-494 from Hwy 169 during the closure, but will not be able to cross under Hwy 169 until 2012.

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*The Hwy 169/494 Project area includes Hwy 169 between Valley View Road and Anderson Lakes Parkway, and I-494 between Prairie Center Drive and W. Bush Lake Road.*

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