



Construction Update for the week of January 30, 2012

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

General Updates

Hwy 169 Daytime Lane Closures: Jan. 30

The left lane in both directions of Hwy 169 will be closed between I-494 and Valley View Road from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30. The closure is necessary for us to move equipment to the west side of the highway.

Washington Avenue Closed

Washington Avenue is closed at Nine Mile Creek (north of Viking Drive/West 78th Street) while we replace the culvert beneath the roadway. Access to local businesses is available via the posted detour route.

You can follow the posted detour routes:

- **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 will remain open during the closure. Weather permitting, Washington Avenue will re-open by Monday, Feb. 6.

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.

Interchange Construction

Northwest Quadrant

Utility work continues as crews install a culvert under the roadway at Nine Mile Creek.

Northeast Quadrant

Bridge pier construction continues this week. Additional daytime construction activities include **pile driving** along westbound I-494, north of the new roundabout, for retaining wall construction. **Pile driving activities are expected to continue through the end of February.**

Southwest Quadrant

Beam placement occurs later in the week for the ramp from eastbound I-494 to southbound Hwy 169. No closures of the ramp are needed at this time, but future overnight closures are tentatively scheduled in February as beam placement continues. Retaining wall construction along eastbound I-494 also continues.

Southeast Quadrant

Retaining wall construction continues along northbound Hwy 169, south of I-494.

Freeway Construction

Hwy 169

The weekend closure for both directions of Hwy 169 has been tentatively rescheduled for Feb. 17-19. More details to follow in upcoming updates.

Road and Ramp Closures

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 (Southwest Quadrant)

W. 78th Street is closed between Washington Avenue and Anderson Lakes Center (9855 W. 78th Street) for retaining wall construction. W. 78th 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.

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.

For More Information on the Hwy 169/494 Interchange Reconstruction Project:

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Hwy 169/494 Project: www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/169

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For more information on the Highway 169/Bren Road improvement project visit www.169bren.com