



Construction Update for the week of January 9, 2012

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

General Updates

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

Northeast Quadrant

Daytime **pile driving** activities occur along westbound I-494 to the east of Hwy 169, and along northbound Hwy 169 to the north of the new roundabout as we continue retaining wall construction. **Pile driving activities are expected to continue through the end of February.** Additional daytime construction activities include bridge pier construction for the new flyover bridge from westbound I-494 to northbound Hwy 169.

Southeast Quadrant

Bridge abutment construction continues for the new flyover bridge from northbound Hwy 169 to eastbound I-494. Retaining wall construction also continues along northbound Hwy 169, south of I-494.

Southwest Quadrant

Bridge abutment construction continues on the new bridge from eastbound I-494 to southbound Hwy 169 along with retaining wall construction along eastbound I-494.

Freeway Construction

Hwy 169

A weekend closure of both directions of Hwy 169 is tentatively scheduled for mid-February. More details to follow in upcoming updates. In spring 2012, southbound traffic will be rerouted to the new northbound lanes and we'll begin reconstructing the southbound lanes.

Road and Ramp Closures

W. 78th Street (SW 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. You 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**. You'll 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 office hours, call the Hwy 169/494 Project Information Line.*

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