



# Highway 169 Improvement Project:

FACT SHEET #2 (UPDATED SEPT. 2016)

## WHAT IS THE PROJECT STATUS?

The **Highway 169** project between **Highway 55** and **Highway 62** has reached significant milestones since the last open house in February. In addition to meetings with stakeholders along the corridor, project staff have completed an environmental review and preliminary design of the project. The following updates on the projects include:

- The bridge over Nine Mile Creek will be reconstructed as a causeway, which is a raised road across a low or wet ground
- The St. Louis Park city council voted in support of closing the sub-standard ramps at West 16<sup>th</sup> Street on southbound Highway 169
- Official detour routes have been determined and preliminary plans for construction staging is now available (see back side of this page for map)

## WHAT ARE THE OFFICIAL DETOURS/ALTERNATE ROUTES?

**Detours for the Highway 169 bridge closure over Nine Mile Creek:** The bridge will be closed from Jan. 2017 to late Sept. between Bren Road and 7<sup>th</sup> Street (5<sup>th</sup> Street–Lincoln Drive). Access will remain off Bren Road and 7<sup>th</sup> Street ramps (5<sup>th</sup> Street–Lincoln Drive) for local businesses/residents. Detours will be:

**Northbound:** Highway 62 East to Highway 100 North to I-394 West

**Southbound:** I-394 West to I-494 South to Highway 169

**Alternate routes for the 16<sup>th</sup> Street ramp closure off southbound Highway 169:** The project involves permanently closing the southbound Highway 169 ramps at 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Highway access to the residential neighborhoods served by 16<sup>th</sup> Street is provided by the following alternate routes:



### From I-394:

Hopkins Crossroad interchange, Wayzata Boulevard (South Frontage Road), Ford Road

### From Highway 169:

- Cedar Lake Road (interchange), Ford Road
- Betty Crocker Drive, Shelard Parkway, Wayzata Boulevard (South Frontage Road), Ford Road

## CONSTRUCTION STAGING

- 🕒 The construction work for the bridge replacement project will be limited to Jan. 2017 through late Sept. 2017 and requires a full road closure between Bren Road and 7<sup>th</sup> Street (5<sup>th</sup> Street–Lincoln Drive)
- 📅 Lengthening the lanes at the Cedar Lake Road interchange and closing the 16<sup>th</sup> Street ramps to and from southbound Highway 169 will occur during summer 2017 (closures will occur consecutively)
- 🚧 The road resurfacing work will require temporary lane closures on portions of Highway 169 between Highway 55 and Highway 62. This work also includes non-concurrent ramp closures at 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Excelsior Boulevard, Highway 7, West 36<sup>th</sup> Street, and the southbound off ramp towards Minnetonka Boulevard

## PROJECT SCHEDULE:

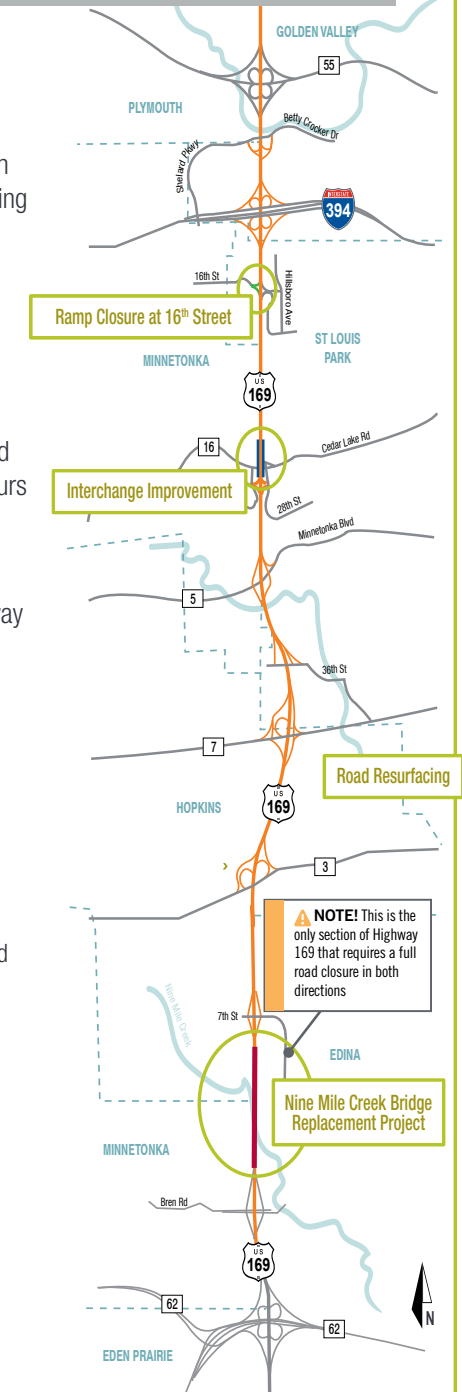
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Public involvement activities									
Final design									
Bridge closure – From Bren Road to 7 <sup>th</sup> Street (5 <sup>th</sup> Street–Lincoln Drive)									
Lane restrictions and ramp closures – Periodically from Highway 55 to Highway 62									
Cedar Lake Road ramp closure									
16 <sup>th</sup> Street ramp closure									

## MORE INFORMATION?

🌐 <http://www.mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy169hopkins>

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## PROJECT AREA AND COMPONENTS



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## PROJECTS

### 16th Street Ramp Closure

Remove southbound freeway ramps at 16th St.  
**Includes:** visual barrier

### Interchange Improvement

Lengthen acceleration and deceleration lanes to/from Cedar Lake Road

### Bridge Replacement Project

Replace Nine Mile Creek Bridge between Bren Rd and 7th Street (5th Street–Lincoln Drive)



— Road Resurfacing

— Nine Mile Creek Bridge Replacement

— Acceleration/Deceleration Lanes

— 16th Street Ramp Closure

\* = Temporary non-concurrent ramp closure

## CONSTRUCTION STAGING

### Road Resurfacing

Bituminous mill and overlay work from Highway 55 to Minnetonka Boulevard includes:

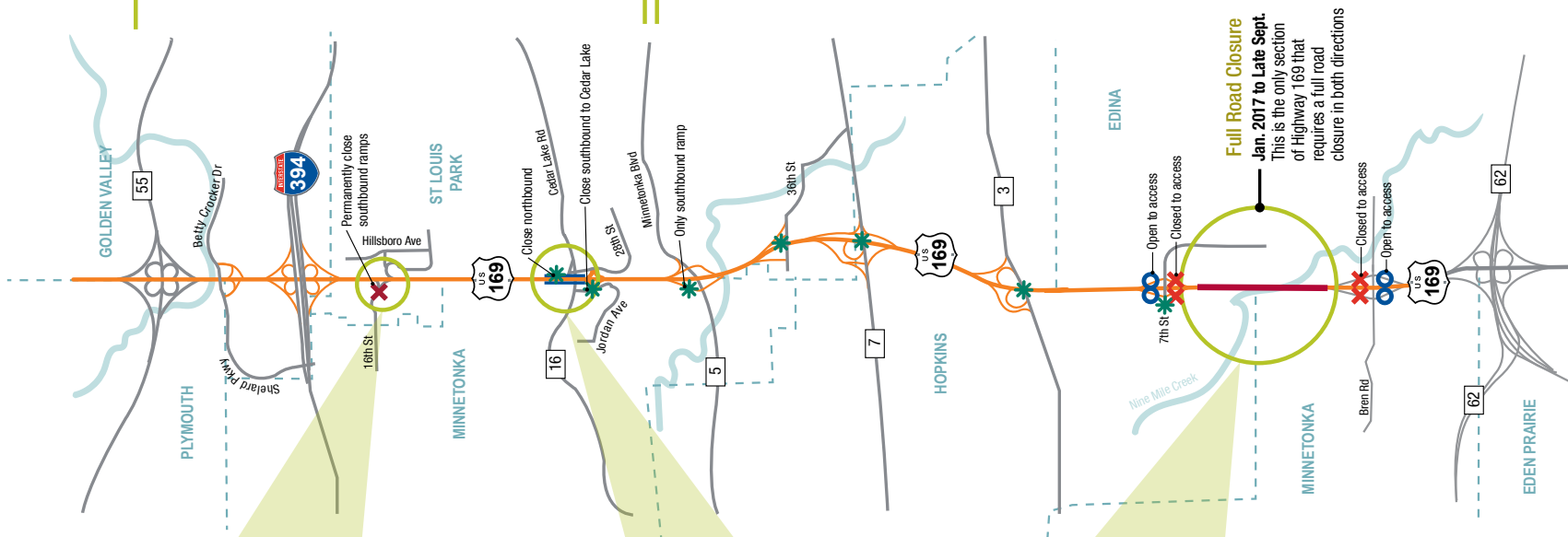
- Four separate weekend directional closures for road resurfacing (two northbound, two southbound)
- Possibly a single lane of traffic in each direction (northbound and southbound) to perform the work

**Includes:** repair median barrier, noise wall and pedestrian crossing upgrades

### Road Resurfacing

Concrete pavement repair from Minnetonka Boulevard to Highway 62 requires:

- Possibly a single lane of traffic in each direction (northbound and southbound) to perform the work



### Full Road Closure

**Jan. 2017 to Late Sept.**  
This is the only section of Highway 169 that requires a full road closure in both directions