

HWY 169 PROJECT OVERVIEW

MnDOT is planning to rebuild and repair the infrastructure on **Highway 169** between **Highway 55** and **Highway 62**.

This will include:

- Closing the southbound exit and entrance ramps on Highway 169 at West 16th Street
- Lengthening acceleration and deceleration lanes to improve safety of entrance/exit ramps at Cedar Lake Road interchange
- Replacing the Highway 169 bridge between Bren Road and 7th Street (5th Street–Lincoln Drive exit)
- Repairing pavement between Highway 55 and Highway 62
- Repairing noise walls, replacing the concrete barrier, installing a visual barrier with the 16th Street access closure, and improving pedestrian accessibility at intersections throughout the corridor



COST AND SCHEDULE

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

	2015				2016				2017			
Public involvement activities												
Preliminary design and environmental review												
Final design/construction							FALL					FALL
					Road closed between 7th St and Bren Rd							Road opens

- The project is estimated to cost between \$72 million and \$87 million



! WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED?

- Improve safety and traffic operations
 - Nine Mile Creek Bridge is at the end of its service life and is in need of repair
 - Southbound Highway 169 ramps at West 16th Street are substandard and a safety concern
 - The existing ramp design at Cedar Lake Road provides substandard acceleration/deceleration lengths. There have been 24 crashes at this location between 2009 and 2011
- Improve quality of roadway
 - The pavement is at the end of its service life and is in need of repair
 - ADA accessibility improvements are needed on the entrance and exit ramps
 - Signal improvements are needed on the entrance and exit ramps



Condition below the Nine Mile Creek Bridge



16th Street Access Ramps



Nine Mile Creek Bridge





WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF A FULL CLOSURE TO REPLACE THE HIGHWAY 169 BRIDGE?

× CONSTRUCTION WILL HAVE IMPACTS!

- Potential delays for motorists
- Impacts to affected businesses
- Increased traffic on local roads
- Noise and visual impacts



+ ADVANTAGES OF FULL CLOSURE

- Reduces construction impacts from 3 years to 1 year
- Minimizes construction concurrent on adjacent routes by expediting this bridge construction to 1 year
- Significantly reduces the risk to workers and motorists in the work zone





WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROJECT?

- Which traffic issues are you concerned about?
 - Are there places you wouldn't know how to get to?
 - What are other problems you foresee?
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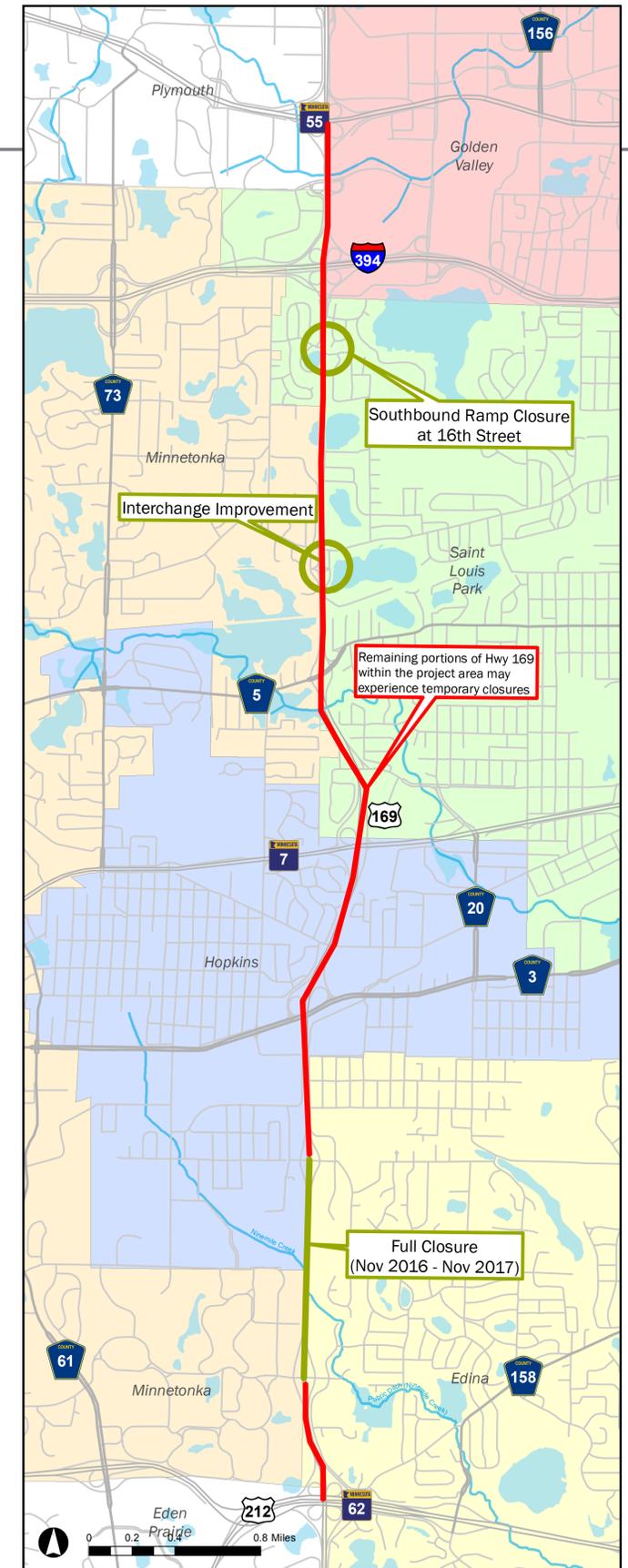
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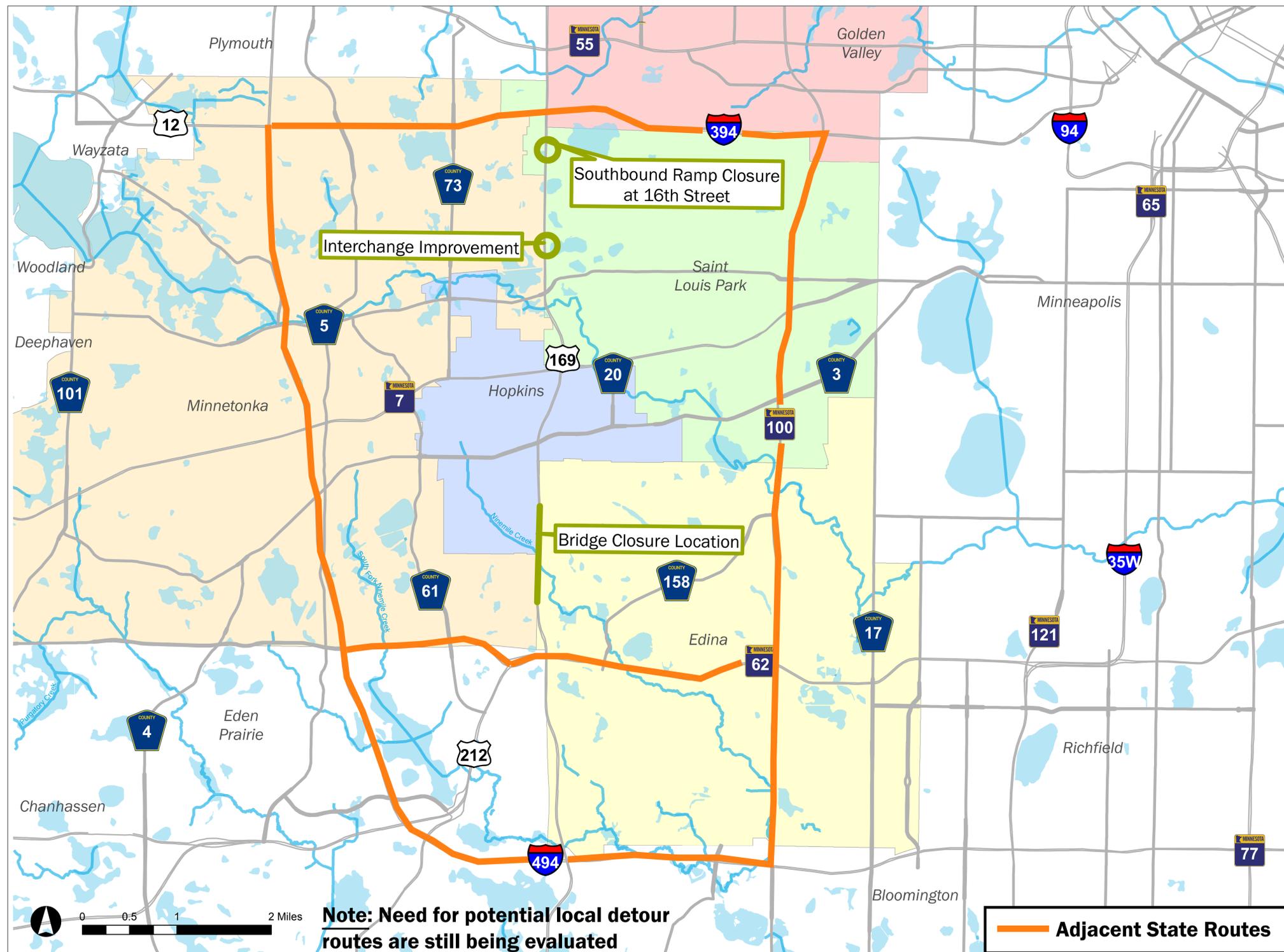
➔ CONSTRUCTION STAGING

Highway 169 will be fully closed between **Bren Road** and **7th Street** (5th Street–Lincoln Drive exit) for one year to construct the new **Nine Mile Creek Bridge**.

Other construction delays and closures will occur along Highway 169 outside of the bridge closure area.



PROJECT AREA MAP



Highway 169 Improvement Projects



PROPOSED WEST 16TH STREET CLOSURE

- The southbound **West 16th Street** exit and entrance ramps to **Highway 169** are proposed for closure
- Approval is needed from the **City of St. Louis Park**
- A visual barrier is proposed at the location of the ramps



REASONS FOR THE CLOSURE INCLUDE:

- Low traffic volumes
- Design deficiencies create safety issues:
 - Short ramp lengths
 - Ramps lead to/from residential street
 - Short distance between ramps and other residential streets (Jordan Avenue, Kilmer Avenue)
- Freeway efficiency
 - Fewer Highway 169 exits means less interruption to traffic
 - Part of MnDOT's program to make Hwy 169 a freeway (22nd and 23rd ramps previously closed)



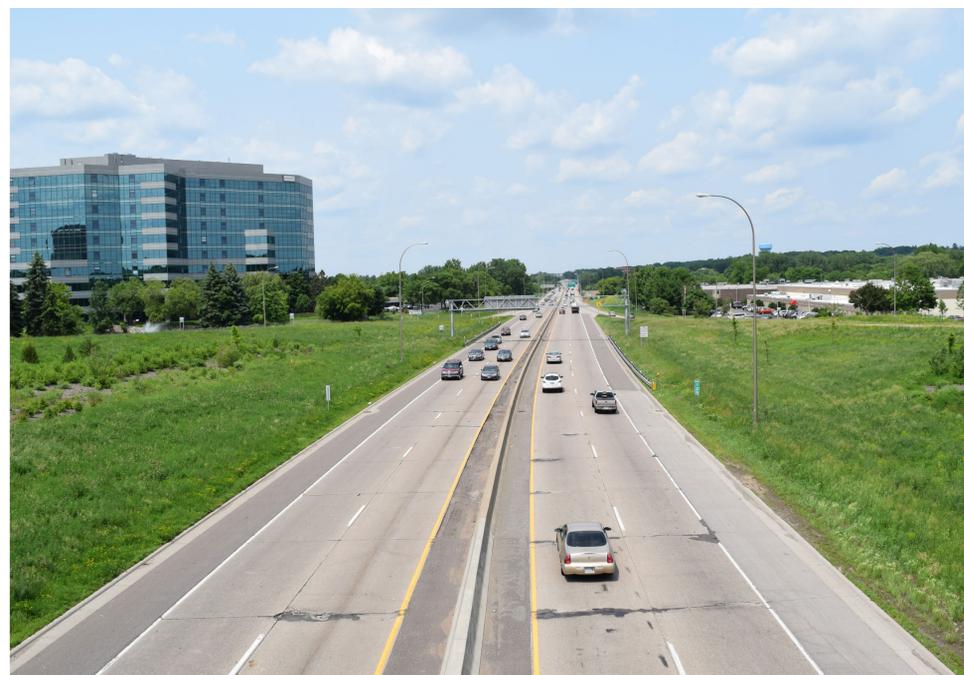
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