



Highway 169 Improvement Projects: ABOUT THE PROJECTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is proposing to rebuild and rehabilitate the infrastructure on **Highway 169** between **Highway 55** and **Highway 62**. The work is scheduled for fall 2016 through fall 2017 and will include:

- Replacing the Highway 169 bridge over Nine Mile Creek in Hopkins, Minnetonka and Edina (bridge is between Bren Road and 7th Street)
- Closing sub-standard highway ramps at 16th Street in St. Louis Park
- Improving safety of entrance/exit ramps at Cedar Lake Road interchange
- Repairing the pavement throughout the corridor

These projects will improve driver safety, accessibility, and provide a smoother road surface and longer lasting bridge once completed. The bridge also is being built to accommodate any future expansion of Highway 169. Nine Mile Creek Bridge is approximately 3,000 ft. long and replacement is a significant undertaking. The current condition of the bridge requires that it is replaced by 2020.

WHAT ARE THE CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS?

This project is expected to cause major traffic impacts during the construction phase as Highway 169 will be closed for one year at the bridge location, between Bren Road and 7th Street, to allow for the removal and replacement of the existing bridge. There will be occasional lane closures on the other sections of Highway 169 between Highway 55 and Highway 62. MnDOT is taking steps to minimize the length and impact of the road closure by expediting the construction process, using innovative construction processes, and working closely with local communities and businesses to improve detour routes and provide public information about the detours.

ADVANTAGES OF FULL CLOSURE:

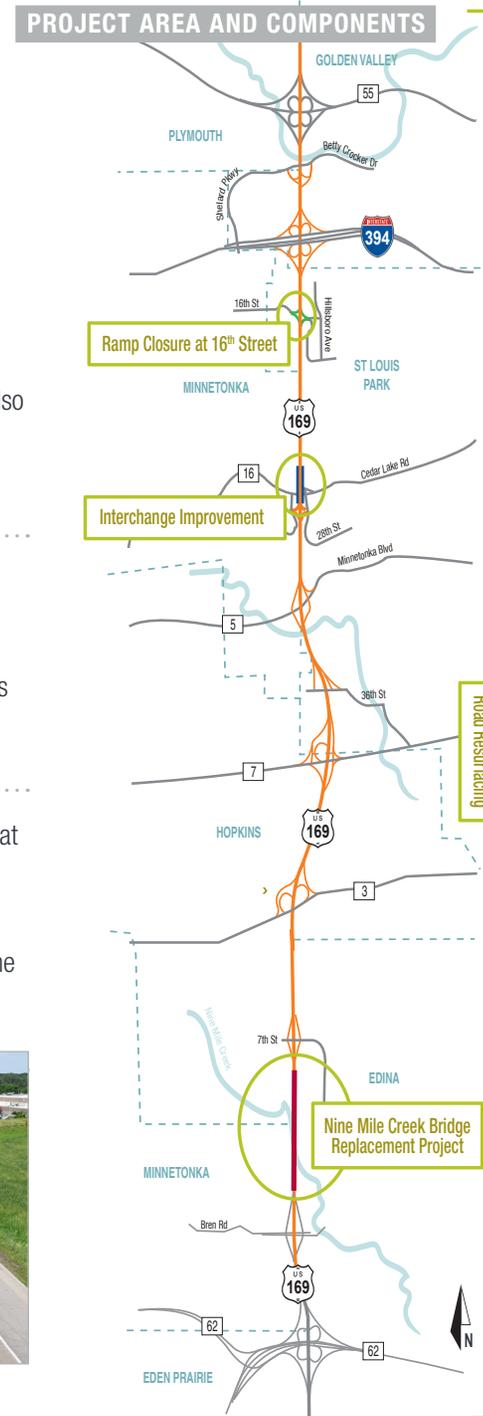
- 🕒 Consolidating all Highway 169 improvement projects will reduce construction impacts from 3 years to 1 year
- 🛠️ Coordinating with adjacent construction projects to ensure that alternate routes won't be under construction while Highway 169 is closed and to avoid conflicts with future Highway Improvement projects
- ❓ Minimizes confusion to drivers by having a work zone traffic plan that is fixed rather than continuously changing
- ✅ Improves the construction quality of the project
- ⚠️ Significantly reduces the risk to workers and drivers in the work zone

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 (under FALL 2016)

Road opens (under FALL 2017)



MORE INFORMATION?

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

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