



State Project 1809-98 Hwy 371 & Hwy 210 Baxter Interchange

Project Update- October 2026

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Project Schedule - Overview



- City projects - 2027

Construction Communication

- Business Access Coordination
 - Similar to the current Hwy 210 project, MnDOT will work with the public and businesses to communicate project updates, traffic switches and schedule.
- Emergency Services Coordination
 - Emergency services personnel have been involved in developing the staging plan and will continue to be engaged throughout design and construction.



D3 - Hwy 210 (Washington St.) in Brainerd: 2026-2027 construction

Crews are ready to dig in!

This week you'll start seeing orange vests, cones and equipment as crews begin preparing the east and mall segments along Hwy 210/Washington St.

Work includes building temporary connections and preparing for detour routes that begin in mid-May. Be prepared for changes and periodic lane, shoulder or median closures.

The eastbound Hwy 210 to southbound Hwy 25 ramp will also close. Simply continue east to the signal to access Hwy 25/Eighth Ave. NE. [Work zone map through mid-May \(PNG\)](#)

Construction Schedule

Construction timeline

Spring 2028

**Work
begins**

2029

**Full intersection
closure and
detours**

Summer 2030

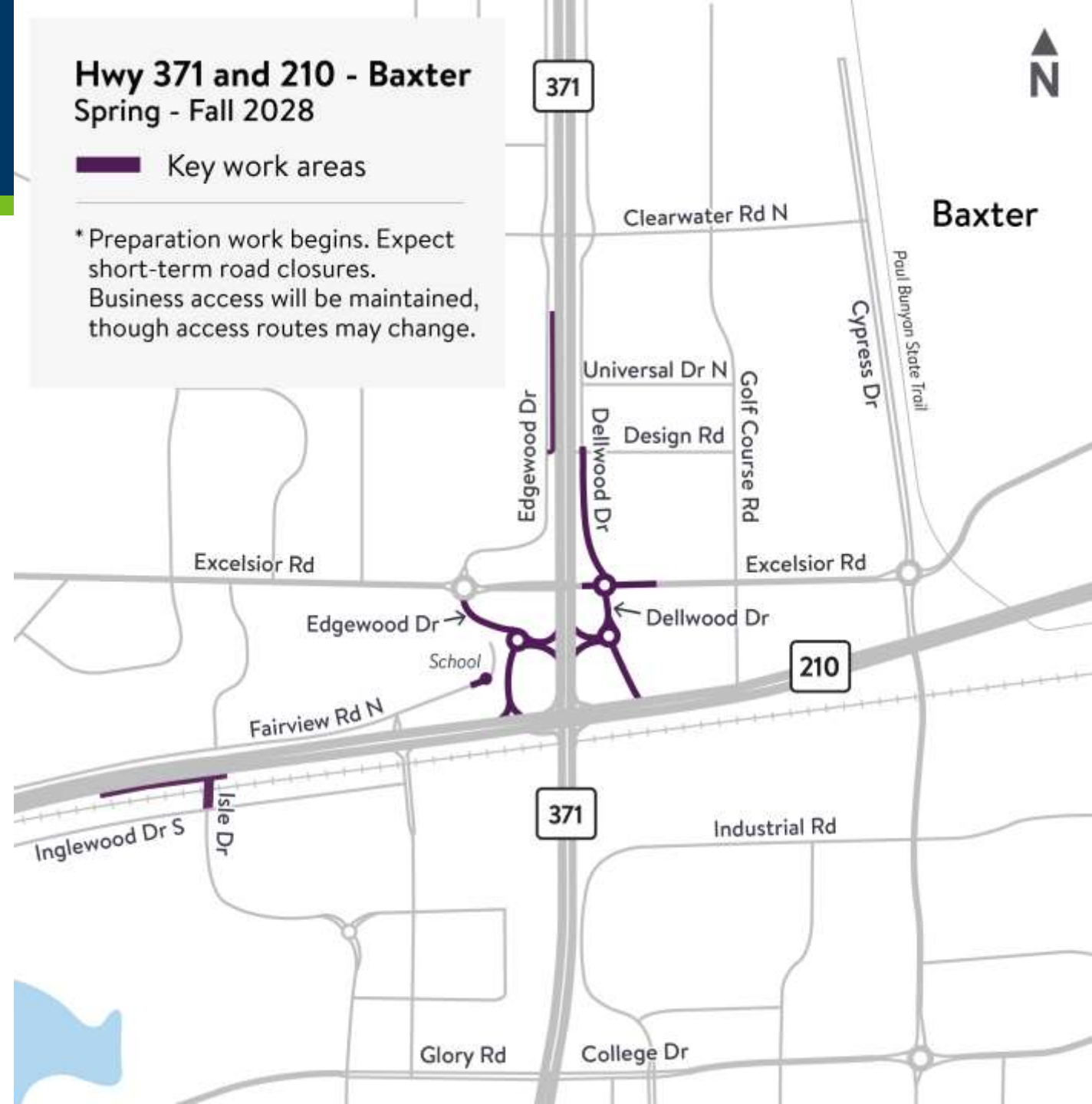
**Work
wraps up**

2028 Construction Map

Hwy 371 and 210 - Baxter Spring - Fall 2028

■ Key work areas

* Preparation work begins. Expect short-term road closures. Business access will be maintained, though access routes may change.

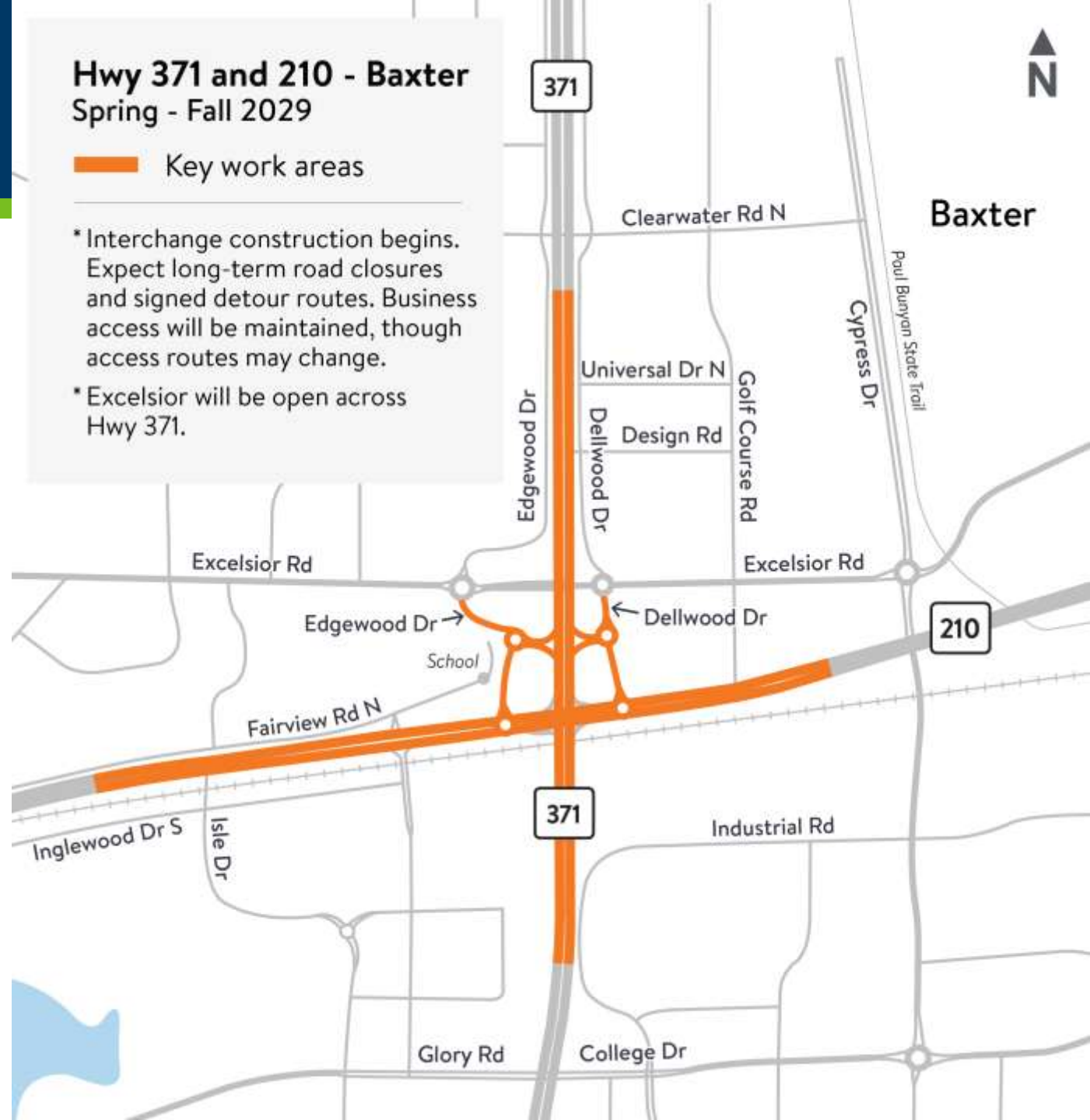


2029 Construction Map

Hwy 371 and 210 - Baxter Spring - Fall 2029

 Key work areas

- * Interchange construction begins. Expect long-term road closures and signed detour routes. Business access will be maintained, though access routes may change.
- * Excelsior will be open across Hwy 371.



2029 Detour Map

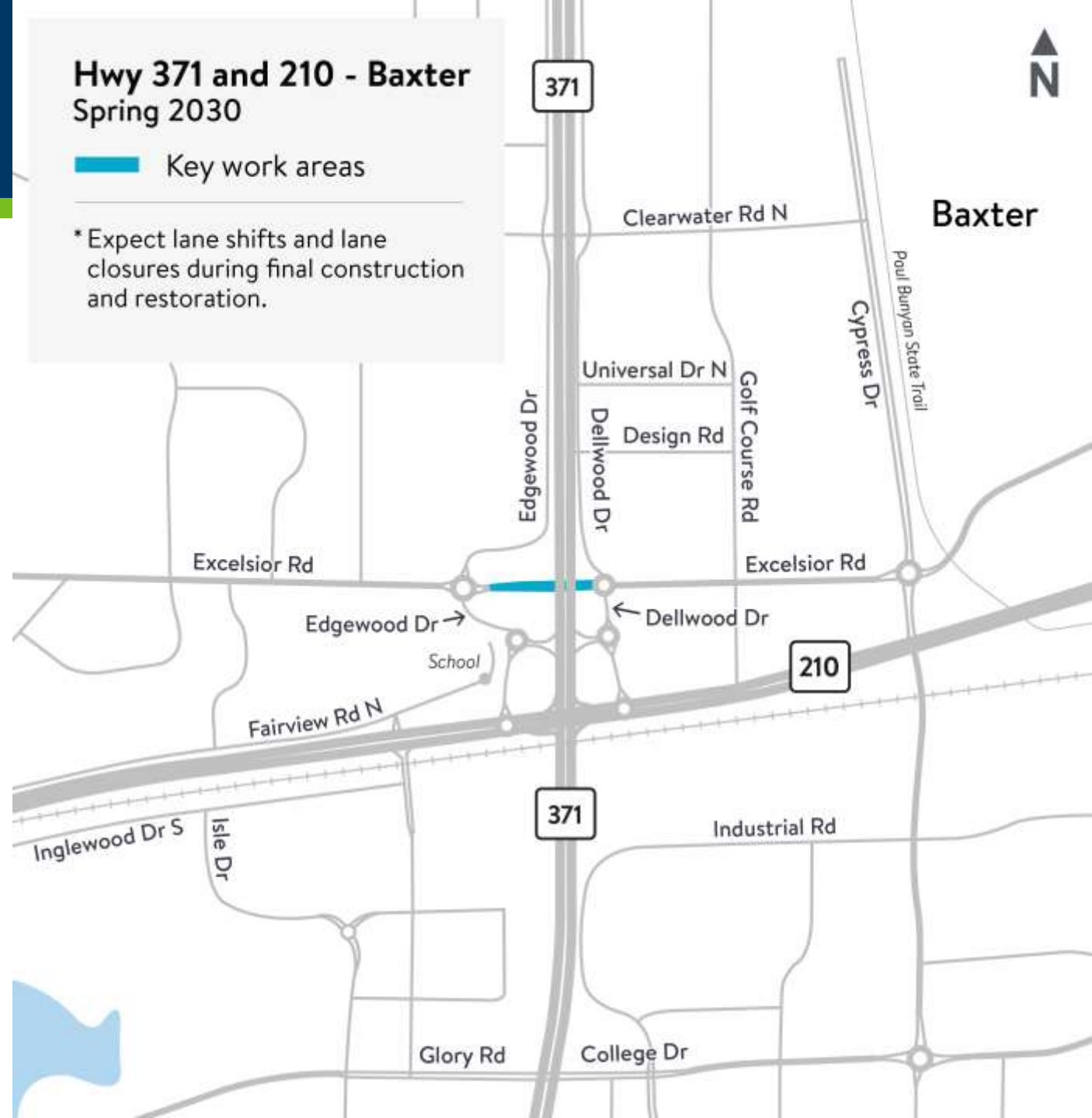


2030 Construction Map

Hwy 371 and 210 - Baxter Spring 2030

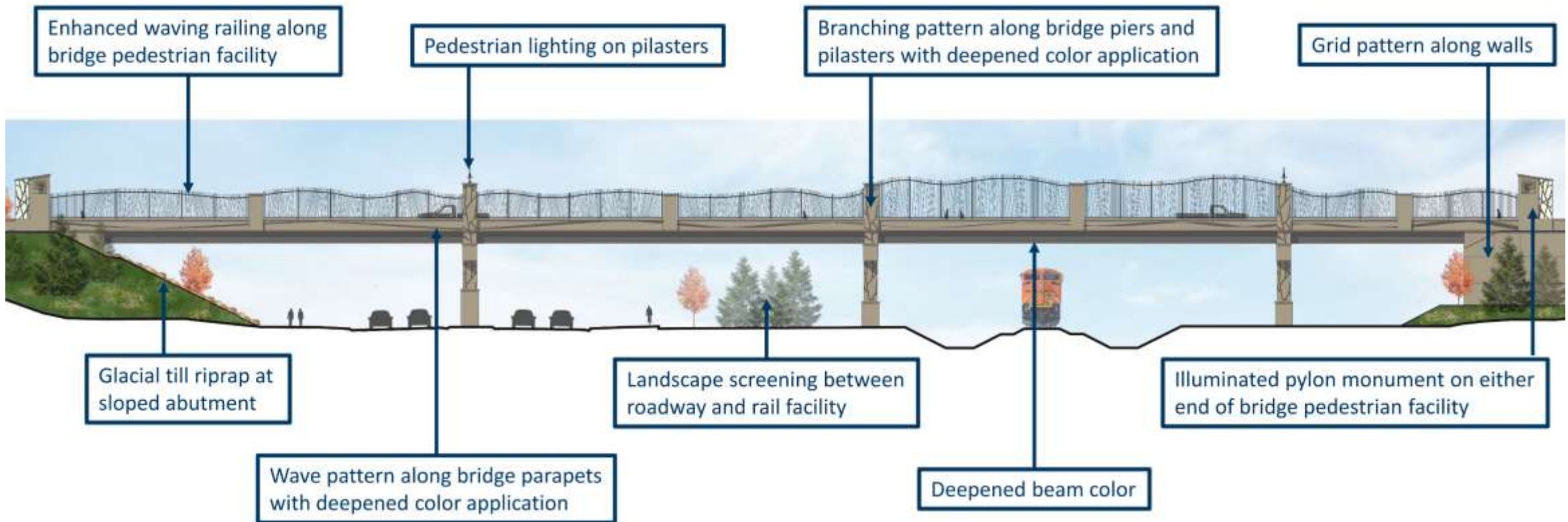
 Key work areas

* Expect lane shifts and lane closures during final construction and restoration.



Project Aesthetics

- A committee was formed to develop a visual quality manual that defines the architectural treatments that will be utilized. Final recommendations are available on the website.
- Aesthetics are now incorporated into the visualizations



Project Visualization





Destination Specific Visualization





NB Hwy 371 exiting to
Excelsior Rd

Bike and Pedestrian Facilities



Future Engagement Plan

- New MnDOT Website is available at: mndot.gov/d3/projects/baxter
 - Aesthetic Committee Report
 - Visualization Videos
 - Staging Graphics
- Next open houses:
 - Summer/Fall 2027
 - Spring 2028 prior to construction

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Construct new interchange

MnDOT will construct a new interchange with connections at the busy intersection of Hwy 371 and Hwy 210 for improved safety, future growth and traffic flow in the Brainerd/Baxter area in 2028-2029.

- [Let's talk transportation: pre-design](#)
- [Sign up for future construction project email updates](#)

Highlights

- Extend the Hwy 371 east (Dellwood Dr.) and west (Edgewood Dr.) frontage roads between Hwy 210 and Excelsior Rd., includes single-lane roundabouts to improve local access and traffic flow
- Construct a new Hwy 371 bridge to span the BNSF railway and Hwy 210 and an additional bridge over Excelsior Rd.
- Relocate Elder Dr. access to the west at Foley Rd.
- Close the existing Design Rd. connection to Hwy 371
- Keep right-in access points to/from Golf Course Dr. and Fairview Rd.
- Update underground infrastructure, includes storm drainage
- Install retaining walls and berms
- New sidewalk/trails along the interchange to connect with city streets and frontage roads, includes tunnel from south of Excelsior Rd. to Edgewood Dr.
- [Revised design layout Feb. 2026 \(PDE\)](#)



Hwy 371 and Hwy 210—Baxter

- Construct interchange and connections
- Construct pedestrian facilities
- Build new bridges

Status

- **Construct:** 2028-2029
 - Prep work: 2028
 - Construct interchange: 2029
 - Wrap-up work: Spring 2030
- **Develop project:** 2026-2027
 - Final detail design plans, construction work and traffic plans 2026-2027
 - Right of way acquisition
- [Let's talk transportation: preliminary design](#) 2024-2025

Location

- **Baxter:** Hwy 371 and Hwy 210, Crow Wing County
 - Hwy 371 between Clearwater Rd. and Glory College Rd.
 - Hwy 210 between Ingewood Dr. and Cypress Dr.

Benefits

- New smoother road surface
- Improves motorist and pedestrian safety
- Improves drainage
- Improves traffic flow and access

State project

- 1806-98

Estimated construction cost

- \$58 million - Corridors of Commerce
- Total cost - TBD

[Website feedback](#)

Hwy 371 and Hwy 210 Intersection Improvement Project

Questions or comments?

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