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Good afternoon: The email below is being sent out to email update list subscribers this afternoon. The detour maps are provided as links in the document. Please link to them in your publications or on your websites as needed. –Kent

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Metro - Hwy 65 Spring Lake Park to East Bethel: 2023-2024 construction

Hwy 65 lane closures begin June 17

After several weather-related delays, we will finally begin work on Mon, June 17 to replace the Coon Creek bridges between 143rd Ave. and 147th Ave./Andover Blvd. in Ham Lake. The following week, Hwy 65 will fully close in both directions to replace the culvert beneath the highway just south of Viking Blvd. in East Bethel.

Beginning at 1 a.m. Mon, June 17, Hwy 65 will be reduced to one lane in both directions with head-to-head traffic between Bunker Lake Blvd. and 147th Ave./Andover Blvd. to begin the bridge replacement. Traffic will remain a single lane each direction until work is complete on both sides of the road. Work is expected to be completed and the road fully opened by 10 p.m. Sun, July 28.

Hwy 65 closes June 24 - July 17

Then beginning 2 a.m. Mon, June 24, Hwy 65 will fully close between 187th Ln. and Bunker Lake Blvd. through 7 p.m. Wed, July 17, to replace the culvert just south of Viking Blvd. in East Bethel. Access will be maintained to local residences and businesses north of Constance Blvd. up to 187th Ln. Traffic also will be allowed to cross Hwy 65 between Constance Blvd. and Viking Blvd. but drivers will be unable to travel east on Viking Blvd. since the J-turn south of Viking Blvd. will be unreachable within the closure.

Through traffic will be detoured between Constance Blvd. and Viking Blvd. during the closure. Motorists should follow the signed detours for north and southbound Hwy 65 and for eastbound Viking Blvd. to avoid congestion.

The detours are as follows:

- **Northbound Hwy 65:** [West on Constance Blvd., north on Round Lake Blvd., east on Viking Blvd., north on Co. Rd. 13 and east on Co. Rd. 74 to Hwy 65.](#) Traffic can then turn north or south on Hwy 65.
- **Southbound Hwy 65:** [West on Viking Blvd., south on Round Lake Blvd. and east on Constance Blvd. to Hwy 65.](#)
- **Eastbound Viking Blvd.:** [East on Viking Blvd., north on Jackson St. Northeast, east on Klondike Dr. and south on Hwy 65 to Viking Blvd.](#)

There will be an additional five-day full closure later this summer to replace a culvert beneath Hwy 65 just south of 169th Ave./Flamingo Dr. Please watch for more details once a date is scheduled for that pipe replacement.

We appreciate your patience while we make these improvements. Plan ahead by [checking 511](#), and give yourself additional time to reach your destination.

All construction activities and traffic impacts are weather and schedule permitting and subject to change.

Please drive with care in work zones

- Slow down when approaching every work zone, then navigate with care and caution.
- Stay alert; work zones constantly change.
- Watch for workers and slow-moving equipment.
- Obey posted speed limits. The fine for a violation in a work zone is \$300.
- Minimize distractions behind the wheel.
- Be patient; expect delays, especially during peak travel times.



More about this project

We are resurfacing nearly 16.5 miles of Hwy 65 from Co. Rd. 10 in Spring Lake Park to 217th Ave. in East Bethel. Additionally, we will replace bridges over Coon Creek in Ham Lake and the culverts south of Viking Blvd. and north of Constance Blvd. Full-depth pavement repairs will correct areas of settlement and high-tension cable median guardrail installed between Bunker Lake Blvd. and 237th Ave. will help prevent cross-median crashes. The 19-mile project includes drainage improvements, and curb ramp and sidewalk upgrades at 11 intersections between Blaine and East Bethel and replacement of signal systems at 85th Ave. and 93rd Ave. in Blaine. The project is anticipated to be complete this fall.

For more information, including upcoming traffic impacts, or to sign up for project updates, visit the [Hwy 65 project webpage](#). If you have any questions about the project, [contact the project team](#).

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