

Project Overview

The METRO Orange Line is a 17-mile planned highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line that will connect Minneapolis, Richfield, Bloomington, and Burnsville along I-35W. The Orange Line will provide frequent, all-day service in both directions, seven days a week.

Knox Avenue Transitway

A transitway will be built along Knox Avenue, beneath I-494, to connect the Knox Ave & 76th St and Knox Ave & American Blvd stations. Along with transit-only lanes, the Knox Avenue transitway will include a multi-use trail for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Knox Avenue Transitway will make the trip between I-35W & 98th St and I-35W & 66th St stations 45-55 percent faster than current conditions on the Route 535.

Construction

Construction of the transitway will continue through 2021. Lane capacity on I-494 will be maintained during construction on temporary lanes.

Utility and south side temporary lane construction begins in 2019. Starting in 2020, all traffic will shift to the south side of I-494 with construction on the north side. In 2021, all traffic will shift to the north side with construction on the south side. See below for more information on the construction stages.

I-35W/I-494 Interchange: Southbound I-35W to westbound I-494 ramp

This ramp will close in Spring 2020 for approximately four months for tunnel construction beginning spring 2020.

- Detour: westbound Hwy 62 to southbound Hwy 100 to I-494
- Local Access: from southbound I-35W to 76th St or 82nd St to Penn Ave

For more information on construction and to subscribe to email updates, visit:

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGIxxssJTqQ>

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