

## PROJECT UPDATE

The Highway 169/41/78 Interchange Improvement Project is in its final year of construction. This year, crews will complete the new Highway 169/41/78 Diverging Diamond Interchange, median work, road paving and the new Weckman Rd. Here's what you can expect while traveling locally and on Highway 169 south of Shakopee as the summer season ramps up. Be alert and give yourself more time to get through the area.



## WHAT TO EXPECT THROUGH THE END OF JULY



Head-to-head traffic on Highway 41 east of the river and on Highway 169 through the Highway 169/41/78 intersection



No access from southbound Highway 169 to County Highway 78 or from Highway 41 to County Highway 78



Signed detour uses County Highway 69 to get around construction at the Highway 169/41/78 intersection



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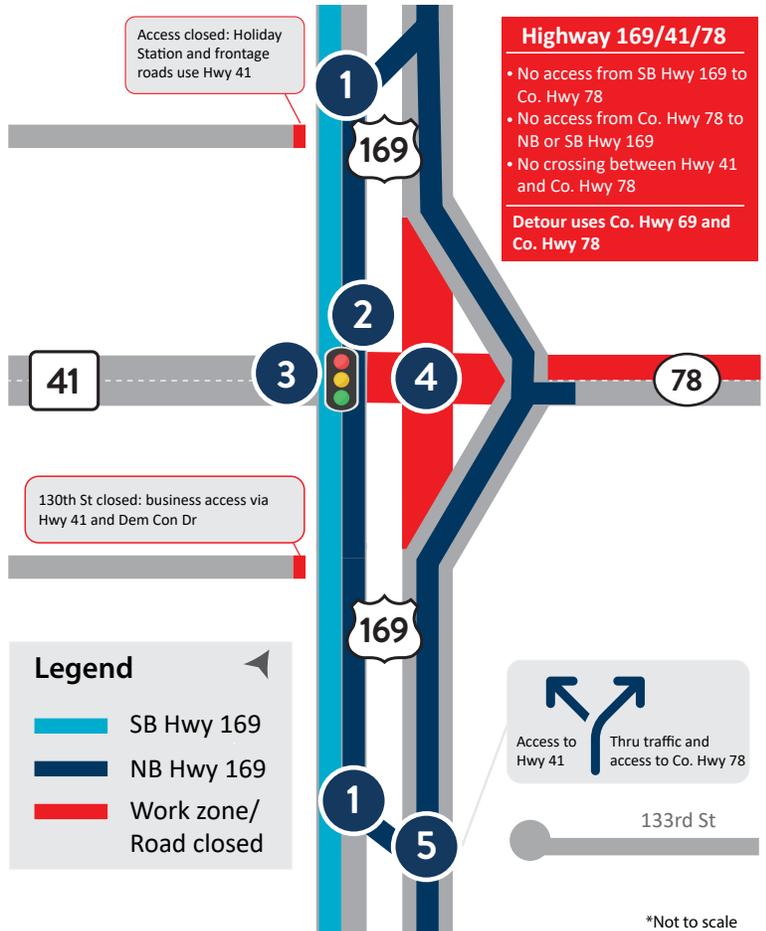


Lane restrictions and closures at the Highway 169/41/78 intersection

## Travel impacts

The traffic impacts you see today in our work zone will be in place through the end of July.

- 1 Highway 169 traffic is head-to-head on the same side of the road near the Highway 169/41/78 intersection.
- 2 Northbound and southbound Highway 169 access to/from Highway 41 will continue to be controlled by a traffic signal.
- 3 From Chaska, Highway 41 to northbound Highway 169 will be reduced to a single lane of traffic. From this lane, you can only go north on Highway 169.
- 4 There is no crossing between Highway 41 and County Highway 78 at the intersection.
- 5 Northbound Highway 169 traffic splits near 133rd Street to route motorists around the construction area.
  - To access Highway 41, stay left and follow the posted signs.
  - To access County Highway 78, stay right and follow the posted signs.
  - To stay on northbound Highway 169, stay right and follow the posted signs.



# PLAN FOR A LATE SUMMER HIGHWAY 41 CLOSURE

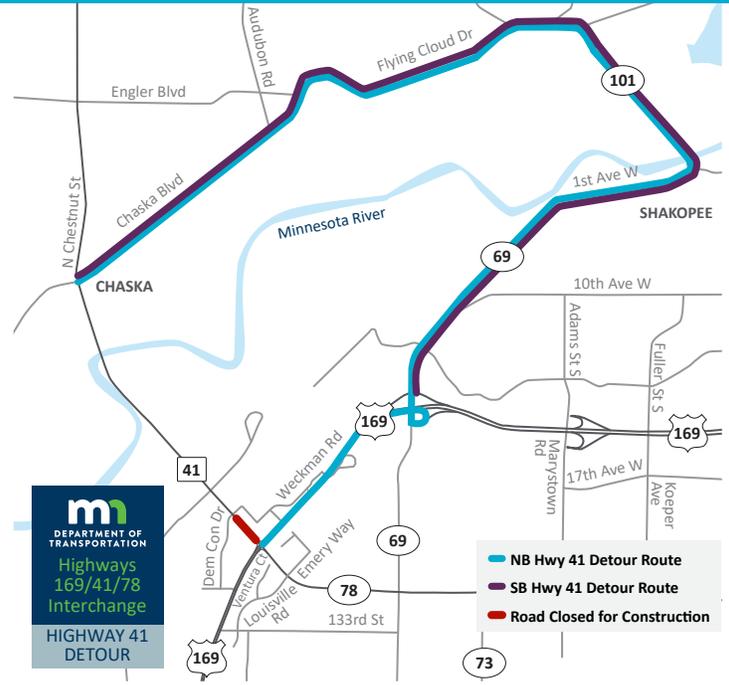
Plan for a one-month full closure of Highway 41 between Highway 169 and downtown Chaska to allow crews to finish constructing the new Highway 169/41/78 interchange. Watch for our next project newsletter with information about what to expect later this summer.



Motorists will use Highway 169, County Highway 69, County Highway 101, Highway 61/Chaska Blvd and Highway 41 to get around the closure. See map.



Local businesses will remain accessible during this time. However, there will be temporary route changes for some businesses. Know your route before you visit any businesses within the project area during the closure.



## INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION IN PHOTOS!

See pictures from mid-April of crews building reinforced structures in the early stages of the interchange bridges construction.

View of crews pouring concrete for a vehicle crash wall in front of a series of bridge piers from April 23, 2020. The crash wall, or pier strut, is the area between the pier columns under the bridge. It protects the pier columns from traffic.



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Scott County and MnDOT are building a new interchange at Highway 169/41/78 in Jackson and Louisville townships. Construction began in fall 2018 and is anticipated to be completed in late fall 2020.

This project will:



Improve safety and traffic flow in the area by removing direct access to Highway 169.



Maintain local business access to support area growth via a new frontage road system.



Support the long-term vision of extending the freeway to this stretch of Highway 169.



**COMING SOON!** What's a Diverging Diamond and how to navigate this type of interchange.

## FOLLOW THE PROJECT

Follow construction progress and be prepared for what's next.



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