

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Cedar Avenue Transit Improvements - Lakeville & Apple Valley

August 30, 2010



Thank you for your patience while we make important improvements to Cedar Avenue to accommodate bus rapid transit.

WHAT'S BEING DONE?

Bus rapid transit along Cedar Avenue involves roadway improvements and construction. These improvements will create bus only shoulder lanes and change access to make travel safer for all. Cedar Avenue construction will take place between 181st Street in Lakeville and 138th Street in Apple Valley. Work will also take place on portions of many of the side roads. Work will include widening Cedar Avenue to accommodate bus only shoulder lanes, extending six-lane thru traffic to south of County Road 46, adding additional turn lanes, building retaining and noise walls, updating public utilities (storm sewer, water main, and sanitary sewer), relocating private utilities, upgrading signal systems and streetscaping.

WHEN WILL WORK TAKE PLACE?

Private utility work starts September 7 and will continue into late fall 2010 or until the ground freezes. CenterPoint Energy will begin by relocating underground lines on the east side of Cedar Avenue between 155th Street and 157th Street. Later in September, Dakota Electric, Charter Communications and Frontier will begin work on relocating their utilities. This work will begin at Dodd Road and head north on the east side of Cedar Avenue. The exact start date is not yet scheduled; you can stay up to date on the latest information by checking the project website and watching for signage along Cedar Avenue.

In spring 2011, road construction on Cedar Avenue will begin and continue into late fall 2011. A contractor will be hired by the end of 2010. They will develop a schedule for the 2011 construction season. Road construction will begin in Lakeville and head north towards County Road 42. You'll receive more construction details next spring in a newsletter and on the project website. In spring 2012 the construction will continue where it left off and continue heading north on Cedar Avenue.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

Most of the utility work will use existing trails and sidewalks for the relocation work. Portions of the trails and sidewalks along the east side between Dodd Road and County Road 42 will be closed. Occasional lane closures may occur and signage will be used to alert motorists. Motorists should use caution while driving through the area as traffic patterns could change daily.

In spring 2011, when construction work begins on Cedar Avenue, lane restrictions will be in effect for the duration of the construction season. Detours will be needed for some side streets while work takes place at intersections along Cedar Avenue. Access to residences and businesses will be available throughout construction. However, the location of access points may change during some of the construction work.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Visit www.dakotacounty.us and search *Cedar Avenue Transit Improvements*
- Construction updates will be delivered periodically to residents and businesses during construction.
- Contact Ross Beckwith, Construction Engineer at 952-891-7926 or ross.beckwith@co.dakota.mn.us