

Update – August 22, 2025

CSAH 14 Microsurfacing – CSAH 14 through Emmons to CSAH 17 will be microsurfaced. The contractor has updated the start date for this project. This project is anticipated to start the week of August 25. Work will consist of spreading a “scratch coat” to improve ride and fill voids in the pavement surface. A “finish coat” will then be spread over the entire surface. The result will be an improved ride for users. This treatment is very economical compared to the cost of a more aggressive rehabilitation method like milling and overlay or reconstruction. This pavement surface is planned to last 5-8 years. At that time, a more substantial project will be completed. The project will have flaggers controlling traffic along the project area. Traffic is encouraged to find alternate routes during the work to keep the work area safe and the project progressing efficiently.

CSAH 16 Paving – CSAH 16 paving is now completed. This project was also shouldered. Work remaining includes striping and edge line rumbles. The timeline for this work is not certain. Drivers are encouraged to slow down and be courteous. This work is a preservation project and will extend the life of the pavement.

CSAH 19 Microsurfacing – CSAH 19 (South Shore Drive in Albert Lea) will be microsurfaced near St. Nicholas park and the boat landing. The contractor has updated the start date for this project. This project is anticipated to start the week of August 25. This project is taking place to repair road damage that resulted from the force main repairs completed by the City of Albert Lea following flood damage in the summer of 2024. Work will consist of spreading a “scratch coat” to improve ride and fill voids in the pavement surface. A “finish coat” will then be spread over the entire surface. The result will be an improved ride for users. This treatment is very economical compared to the cost of a more aggressive rehabilitation method like milling and overlay or reconstruction. This pavement surface is planned to last 5-8 years. At that time, a more substantial project will be completed. The project will have flaggers controlling traffic along the project area. Traffic is encouraged to find alternate routes during the work to keep the work area safe and the project progressing efficiently.

CSAH 22 (Sibley Avenue) Improvements – This project is complete. It involved the reconstruction of Sibley Avenue in Albert Lea near the B&B restaurant and Scooters Coffee Shop.

CSAH 26 Paving – This project is completed and involved work between CSAH 13 and CSAH 1.

CSAH 30 Paving and Culvert Replacement – This project is completed and involved work between TH 251 and CSAH 1.

CSAH 34 Microsurfacing – CSAH 34 from CSAH 46 to TH 251 will be microsurfaced. This week, the contractor began milling the existing surface. This was needed due to the poor surface quality of the existing road. The surfacing work will likely begin the week of August 25. Work will consist of spreading a “scratch coat” to improve ride and fill voids in the pavement surface. A “finish coat” will then be spread over the entire surface. The result will be an improved ride for users. This treatment is very economical compared to the cost of a more aggressive rehabilitation method like milling and overlay or reconstruction. This pavement surface is planned to last 5-8 years. At that time, a more substantial project will be completed. The project will have flaggers controlling traffic along the project area. Traffic is encouraged to find alternate routes during the work to keep the work area safe and the project progressing efficiently.

CSAH 35 Paving – This project is now complete and involved work between CSAH 20 and I-35.

CSAH 48 (Margaretha Avenue in Albert Lea) RR Crossing Improvements – The start date for this project has been updated. Margaretha (CSAH 48) will be closed at US Highway 65 to 11th Street East to allow reconstruction of the roadway and for construction of pedestrian improvements. The project will take

approximately one month to complete. During this time, the road will be closed to traffic and a detour will be in place. Please see the following page for a copy of the detour map for this project.

CR 84 (19th Street on the South side of Albert Lea) – This project is completed and involved work between CSAH 18 and TH 65.

CR 95 Paving – This project is completed and involved work between CSAH 29 and CSAH 10.

CR 113 (Oakland Avenue in Oakland) – This project is complete and involved work within the City of Oakland.

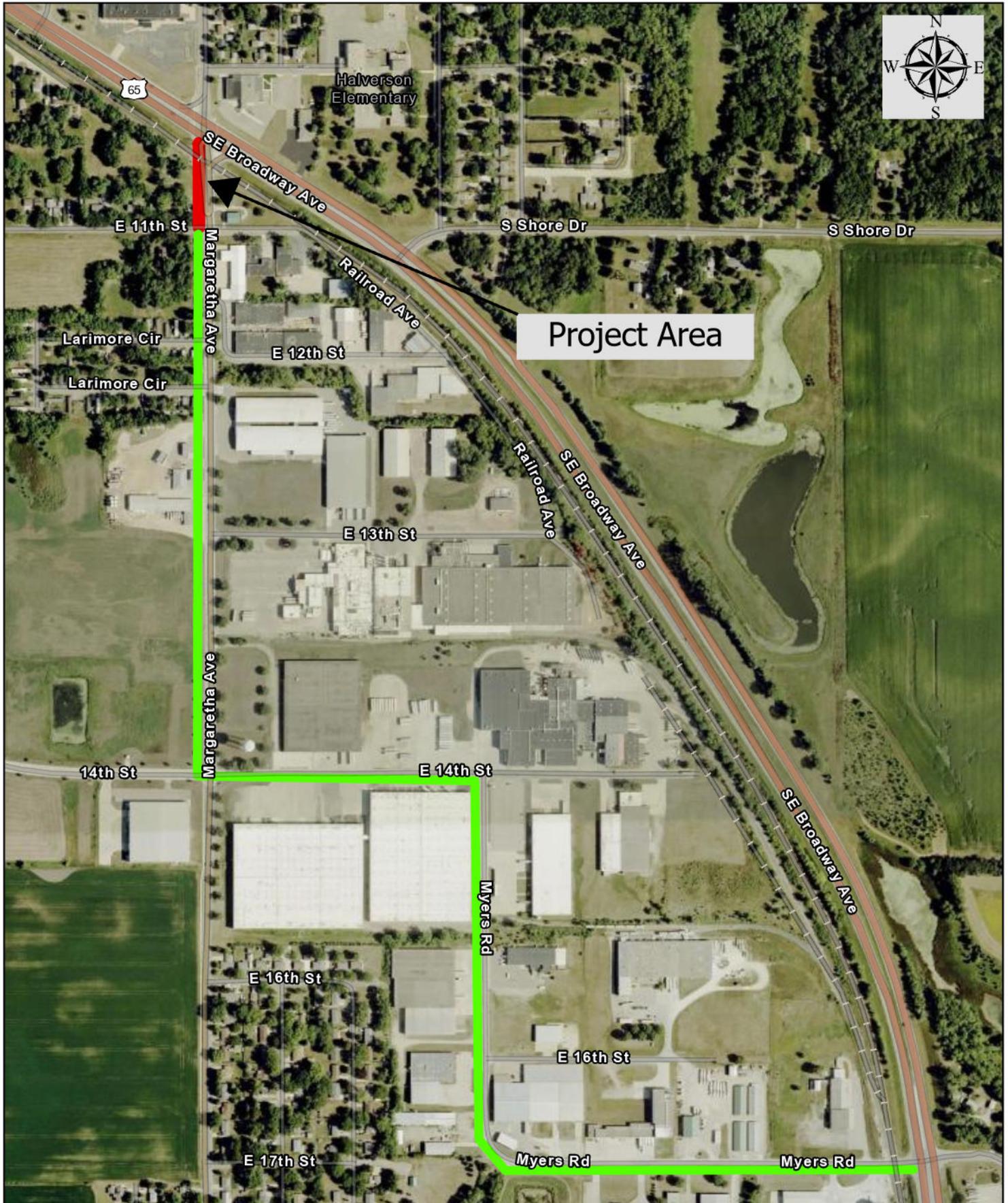
Replacement of Bridge L0389 in Oakland Township – The projected start date for this project is September 2. The project will take approximately two weeks to complete. The road will be closed during the replacement of the bridge.

Replacement of Culvert on CR 95 – This project is complete.

County Park Improvements – This project is complete. Please visit our parks and see the new updates to sidewalk and parking at Whites, Arrowhead, and Pickerel Parks! And the new pavilion at Pickerel!

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Road Closure and Detour - Starting Sept. 8, 2025



Road Closure
From E. 11th St. to T.H. 65



Detour Route
Myers Rd., E. 14th St., Margaretha Ave.

