

Update – September 12, 2025

CSAH 1 Culvert Replacements – There are two culverts on CSAH 1 that will be replaced beginning approximately September 16. This work will take three weeks to complete. The road will be closed to traffic during construction and there will be a detour route installed.

CSAH 14 Microsurfacing – CSAH 14 through Emmons to CSAH 17 has been microsurfaced. This project is anticipated to be completed today. Work that remains includes painting and the removal of signage. 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.

CSAH 16 Paving – This project is complete.

CSAH 19 Microsurfacing – CSAH 19 (South Shore Drive in Albert Lea) will be microsurfaced near St. Nicholas Park and the boat landing. This segment will be completed in the next few weeks. There will be minor disruptions to traffic. 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.

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 complete and involved work between CSAH 13 and CSAH 1.

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

CSAH 34 Microsurfacing – The Microsurfacing on this project is complete. After approximately two weeks, new pavement striping will be painted and this project will be complete on CSAH 34 from CSAH 46 to TH 251. 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.

CSAH 35 Culvert Replacements – This project is nearing completion. The second of the two pipes to be replaced will be completed on Monday, September 15 and the road is planned to be open to traffic by Wednesday, September 17. There will be gravel patches in place over the winter. Loose gravel signs will be installed to warn traffic of the change in surface.

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 – Work has started on this project. This week, structures were repaired or replaced and the old pavement was removed. Next

week, the sidewalk will be removed and the base will be prepared for new concrete and bituminous pavement. The road will remain closed until approximately October 3. During this time, 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 complete and involved work between CSAH 18 and TH 65.

CR 95 Paving – This project is complete 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.

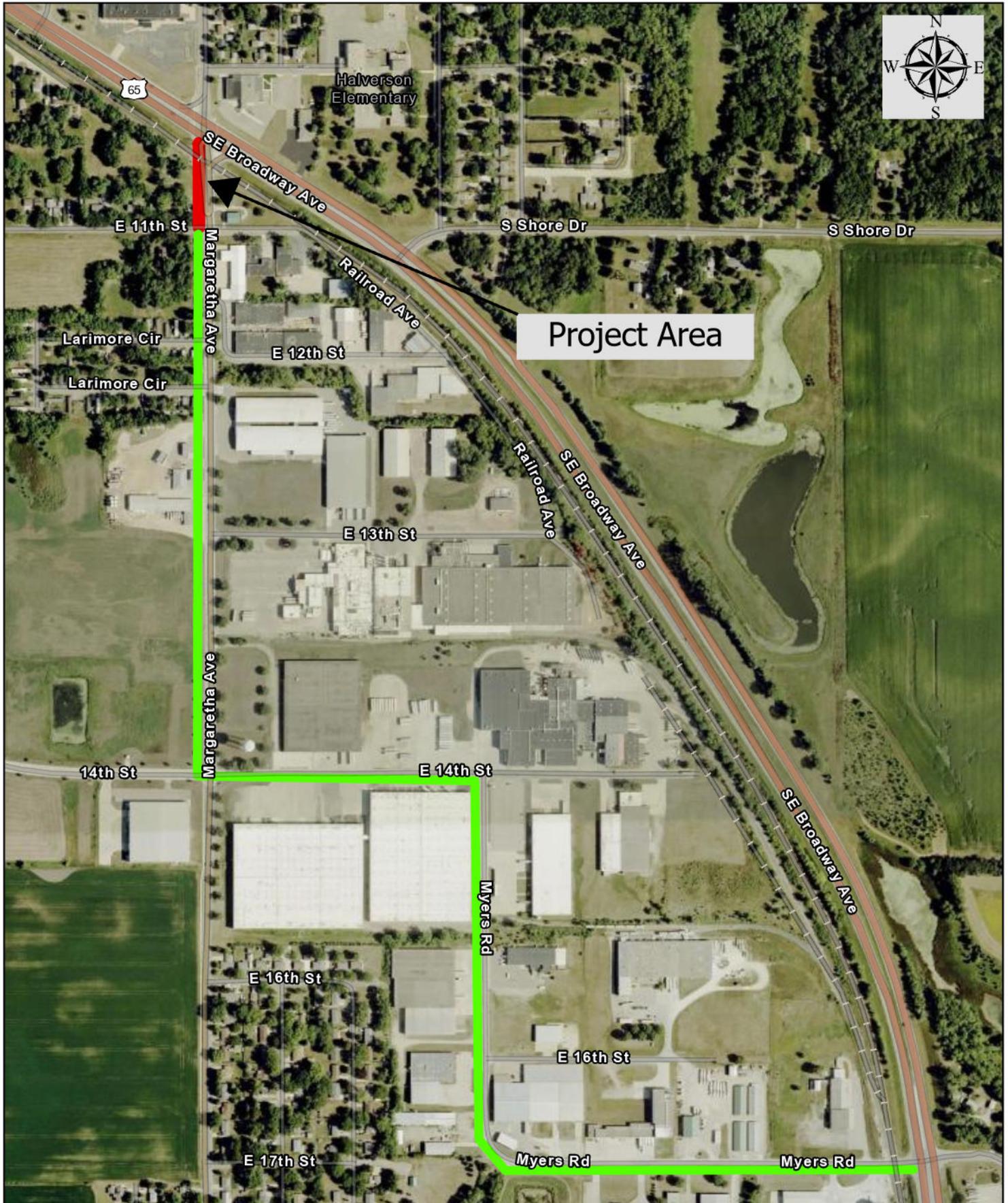
Replacement of Bridge L0389 in Oakland Township – This project will be completed on Monday, September 15. It is planned to be opened to traffic on Tuesday, September 16. The project involved the removal of a timber bridge and the installation of a new culvert.

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.

