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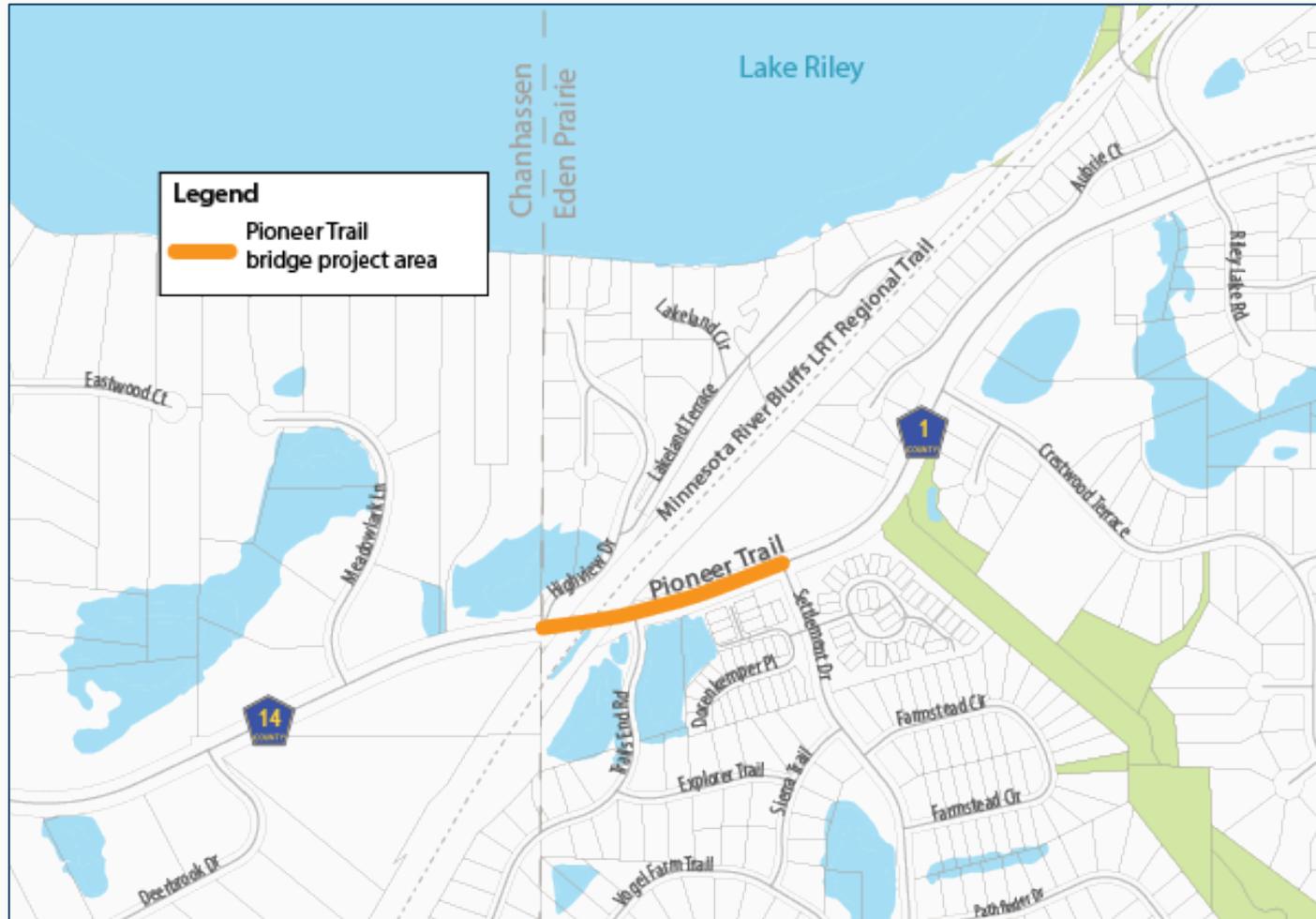


Pioneer Trail bridge reconstruction

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Project area and overview

Project area



Project overview

- Bridge was last reconstructed in 1975.
- Routine maintenance activities are no longer cost effective in preserving the bridge.
- The bridge is in need of improvements for walkers and bikers.
- Reconstruction will improve long-term safety and mobility for drivers, walkers and bikers.

Bridge design

Bridge improvements

As part of the reconstruction project, Hennepin County will be:

- Removing the old bridge and building a new one.
- Keeping the road as a two-way road with one lane in each direction.
- Adding a shared use path for safer walking.
- Adding a shared use path for safer biking.

Existing bridge typical section



Shoulder

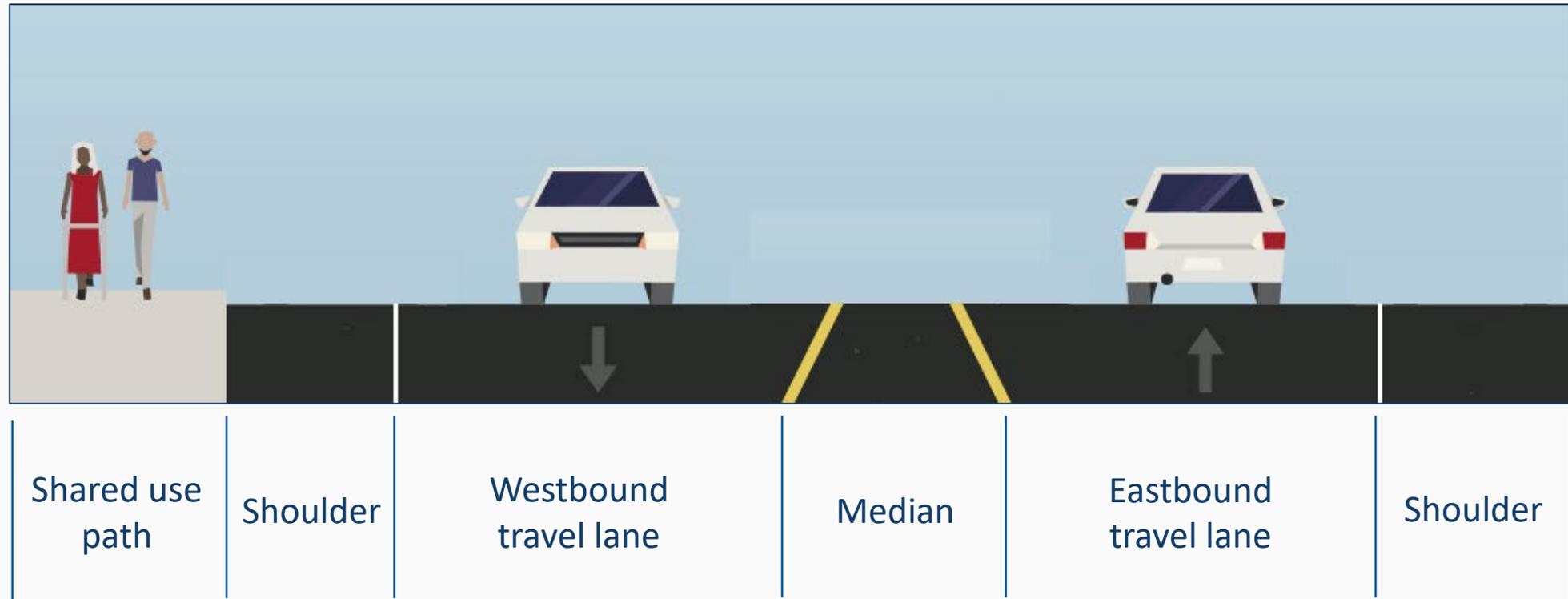
Eastbound
travel lane

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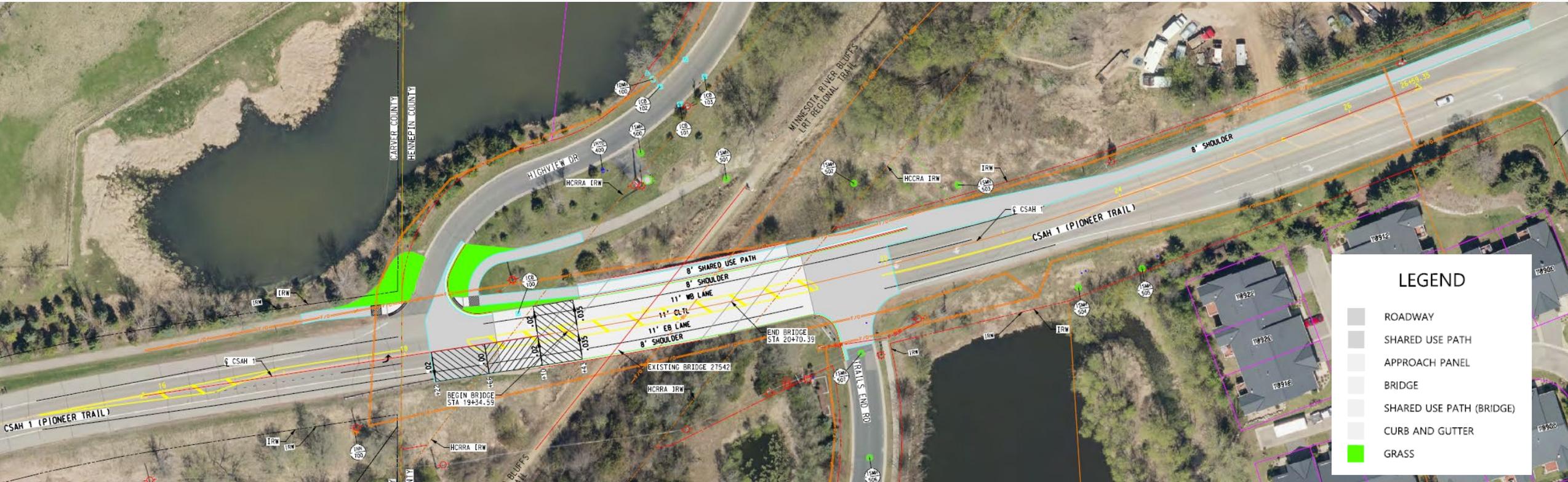
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New bridge typical section



Bridge layout



Project schedule

Project schedule - overview

- Construction will begin in Spring 2026 and end in Fall 2026.
- Vehicle traffic will be detoured for the duration of the project.
- Bicycle traffic on the Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional trail will be intermittently detoured.

Project schedule – spring 2026

- Project begins.
- Vehicle detour route goes into effect.
- Temporary closure of the Minnesota River Bluffs LRT regional trail as the bridge is removed (approximately 1 week).

Project schedule – late spring / summer

- Construction of the new bridge begins.
- To allow for construction activities to safely occur, the Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail will be temporarily closed for approximately 2 months, followed by occasional 2-to-3-day closures.

Project schedule – fall

- Construction of the bridge continues.
- Temporary closures of the Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail as construction activities are ongoing (approximately 2 to 3 days).

Project schedule – late fall 2026

- Project is completed.
- Complete access to the Pioneer Trail Bridge and Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail is restored.

What to expect during construction

As a resident ...

- Updates about the project will be provided through email.
- Construction will occur during the daytime, Monday – Friday.
- Construction noise, traffic delays and changes in traffic patterns are possible.
- Potential changes in trail and roadway surfaces due to construction impacts.



As a driver ...

- Updates about the project will be provided through email.
- Traffic will be detoured off Pioneer Trail Bridge.
- Construction noise, traffic delays and changes in traffic patterns are possible.
- Be aware of people working on or near the roadway and be prepared to slow down.
- Potential changes in roadway surfaces due to construction impacts.



As a biker / walker / roller ...

- Updates about the project will be provided through email.
- Aerial maps showing the surrounding trail system and detour route will be posted near trail closed signs.
- There will be temporary full closures of the trail throughout the project.
- Potential changes in trail surfaces due to construction impacts.



Detour information

Detour information - drivers

- Vehicle traffic will be rerouted from the Pioneer Trail Bridge for the duration of the project (Spring 2026 – Late Fall 2026).
- The roadway detour recommends drivers use Eden Prairie Road/Spring Road, Flying Cloud Drive and Great Plains Boulevard to travel in between Eden Prairie and Chanhassen.



Legend

- Pioneer Trail detour
- Detour signage
- Pioneer Trail bridge project area

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Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail

Pioneer Trail

CHANHASSEN
EDEN PRAIRIE

Lake Riley

Richard T.
Anderson
Conservation Area

Rice Lake

Riley Lake
Park

W 96th St

Coxford Rd

Creekwood Dr

Lakota Ln

Deerbrook Dr

Trails End Rd

Meadowlark Ln

Highway Dr

Lakeland Ter

Scotchman Dr

Vogel Farm Trail

Crestwood Tr

Aulicte Ct

Riley Lake Rd

Stable Path

Dell Rd

Dell Rd

Flying Cloud Dr

Cedar Forest Rd

Belvedere Dr

Praxton Dr

Shelband Rd

Gould Rd

Hilltop Rd

Eden Prairie Rd

Eden Prairie Rd

Spring Rd

Prospect Rd

Spring Rd

Mitchell Rd

Detour information – bikers, walkers, rollers

- Bicycle traffic will be periodically detoured from the Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail throughout the duration of the project.
- Aerial maps showing the surrounding trail system, and the recommended detour route, will be posted at trail entrances near trail closed signs on the Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail.



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Lake Riley

Riley Lake Park

Richard T. Anderson Conservation Area

Rice Lake

Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail

Pioneer Trail

W 96th St

Coxford Rd

Creekwood Dr

Labeta Ln

W 96th St

Coxford Rd

Deerbrook Dr

Trails End Rd

Meadowlark Ln

Hillview Dr

Lakeland Ter

Scotchman Dr

Vogel Farm Trail

Crestwood Tr

Audrie Ct

Riley Lake Rd

Dell Rd

Dell Rd

Stable Path

Bearpath Tr

Dell Rd

Belvedere Dr

Praxton Dr

Cedar Forest Rd

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Spring Rd

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Spring Rd

Mitchell Rd

Next steps

Sign up for email updates

- You can receive updates on the project, any changes to detours, or the project schedule by signing up for email updates on the project website: hennepin.us/pioneer-trail-bridge



Questions



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General comments

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