#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION





# **HIGHWAY 24 HEMLOCK ROUNDABOUT**

The City of Annandale, in partnership with the Annandale Care Center, Annandale School District 876 and the Minnesota Department of Transportation, is redesigning the intersection of Highway 24 (Park Avenue) and Hemlock Street. The current intersection will be reconstructed as a roundabout and provide access to the new Annandale Care Center.

### **OVERVIEW**

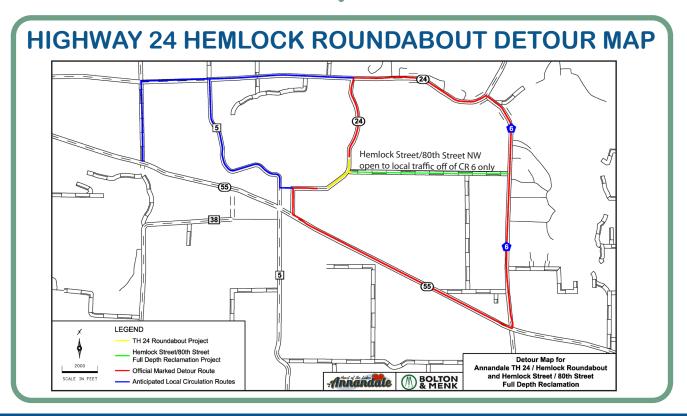
Within the past few years, Annandale Elementary School has experienced congestion in the parking lot during school arrival and dismissal times.

The congestion is related to the exiting vehicles making left turns out of the school to go south on Hwy 24. The level of cross-traffic has made left turns increasingly more difficult, resulting in back-up in the school parking lot.

### **PROJECT PLAN**

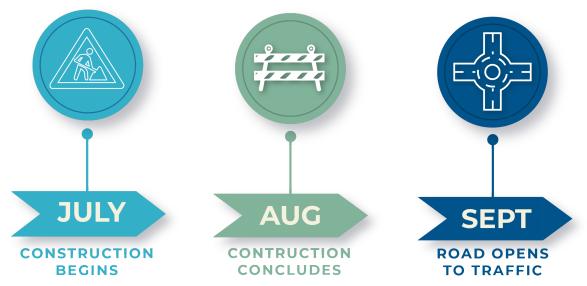
The current Hwy 24 (Park Avenue) and Hemlock Street intersection is scheduled to be transformed to a roundabout this summer.

The new design will only allow right-hand turns when exiting the Annandale Elementary School parking lot. Traffic will be directed northbound to the roundabout, which will allow motorists to circle the intersection and head southbound.



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## **PROJECT TIMELINE**



# **COMMON PROJECT QUESTIONS**

### Why is this project needed?

The Annandale Care Center's campus is expanding north of the existing facility along Hwy 24/Park Avenue. As part of the permitting process, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) recommended adding a roundabout at the intersection of Hwy 24 and Hemlock Street. This will alleviate congestion while exiting the Annandale Elementary school or accessing the Care Center campus expansion.

#### What roads will be closed?

Hwy 24 will be closed to <u>all traffic</u> from Poplar Street to Hemlock Street. Hemlock Street will also be closed between Hwy 24 and County Road 6.

I live in the Eastview Neighborhood - How will this impact me? Hemlock Street will be open via County Road 6 to <u>local traffic only</u>.

I have school aged children - How will I access the elementary and high schools? Both schools will be accessible via Cardinal Way. The AJ Way service road, west of Cardinal Way can be used to enter the elementary campus.

### HEMLOCK STREET/80th STREET NW FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION (FDR)

The FDR consists of milling the full depth of pavement, compacting the road base and paving a new bituminous driving surface. This work will be done under traffic and there will always be access to the Eastview neighborhood and High School from County Road 6 and Hemlock Street/80th Street NW.

### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? Contact the Project Manager

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