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## Construction to begin on North Broadway

April 15, 2021 – ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA – Construction will begin on North Broadway Avenue on Monday, April 19, 2021. Aged and deteriorated infrastructure along and adjacent to North Broadway Avenue is in need of replacement and upgraded capacity. This project includes the replacement of water main, storm sewer, and sanitary sewer, along with the full reconstruction of pavement in the area. Safety improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists are also included in the project.

Tyler Niemeyer, Assistant City Engineer for the City of Rochester shares, “We are pleased with the level of interest and engagement this project received in the months approaching construction. We understand construction is disruptive to businesses and residents. We are hopeful our approach to the project, coupled with participation from those most impacted by it, will minimize impacts as we build toward a transformed corridor that improves safety and accessibility for all users.”

This project is intended to begin the transformation of the Broadway Avenue corridor into a significant multi-modal gateway to downtown Rochester and the Destination Medical Center (DMC) Development District.

The public can learn more about the project, view phasing and detour maps, and sign up for newsletter updates at: [reconstructbroadway.com](http://reconstructbroadway.com)

### Travel impacts from April 19 through May 10\*:

- Silver Lake Drive NE will be closed at the North Broadway intersection. This closure is to all for the construction of a bypass that will be used for the future project detour.
- North Broadway traffic will be restricted to one lane northbound and one lane southbound between 11 Street North and the Zumbro River bridge.
- Sidewalks and Recreational Trails:
  - Access along and across North Broadway Avenue will be maintained at all times.
  - The Silver Lake Trail on the south side of the lake will be closed near 13 Street/North Broadway Avenue. A signed pedestrian detour for trail users, including cyclists, will provide a path for crossing North Broadway.
- Rochester Public Transit:
  - Some delays may occur on routes 21, 101, 102, and 150X due to traffic restrictions and potential backups.

**Travel impacts beginning on May 10\*:**

- North Broadway will be closed to through traffic between Civic Center Drive and Silver Lake Drive NE. Through traffic will detour to Silver Lake Drive NE. Local traffic and business access for North Broadway will utilize side streets (5 Street North to 13 1/2 Street North).
- Sidewalks and Recreational Trails:
  - Access along and across North Broadway Avenue will be maintained at all times.
  - The Silver Lake Trail on the south side of the lake will re-open via a temporary pedestrian and bicycle path. This temporary route, for pedestrians and cyclists alike, will use 12 Street NE and North Broadway to connect trail users to the Cascade Creek Trail and the Silver Lake Trail on the north side of the lake. This temporary route will be in place for the first phases of the project and will be modified as the work locations shift throughout the 2021 construction season.
- Rochester Public Transit
  - Routes 101, 102, and 21 will detour along Silver Lake Drive NE. Temporary bus stops will be installed along the detour routes. See [rptride.com](http://rptride.com) for more information.

*\*All dates are weather dependent.*

Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the project either on existing sidewalks or via temporary routes. Pedestrians and cyclists should pay close attention to any sidewalk/trail closures that direct individuals to a detour.

This project will last through September 2022.

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