

# Central Corridor Light Rail Transit

## St. Paul University Avenue East Construction Update

For May 19-25, 2012



Check out the rapid progress on University Avenue and visit Cheng Heng Restaurant for lunch or dinner! Cheng Heng Restaurant at 448 University Avenue West in St Paul is the only Cambodian restaurant on University Avenue.

Join us there for [Lunch on the Avenue](#) on Thursday, May 31 at 12:00pm.

### Highlights

- The I-94 and I-35E commons is closed the weekend of May 18-21 for Cedar St bridge demolition. See attached map for detour routes and more information. **-NEW**
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- Traffic on Rice at University will switch to one lane in each direction on the east side of the intersection early next week; watch for lane shifts. **-NEW**
- Traffic on Marion at University will switch to one lane in each direction on the west side of the intersection early next week; watch for lane shifts. **-NEW**
- Hamline intersection is closed to north-south traffic at University on the north side of the intersection to complete utility, track and roadway work; the closure is expected to last approximately three more weeks. Griggs is open to north-south traffic during the closure. See attached map for detour routes.
- Traffic switched to the south side of University between Griggs and Chatsworth; upon the switch, Dunlap, Oxford, and Chatsworth closed on the north side of University. Traffic maintained on the north side of University between Chatsworth and Galtier; watch for lane shifts.
- Westbound University traffic between Prior and Cleveland restored to the north side of University; watch for lane shifts.

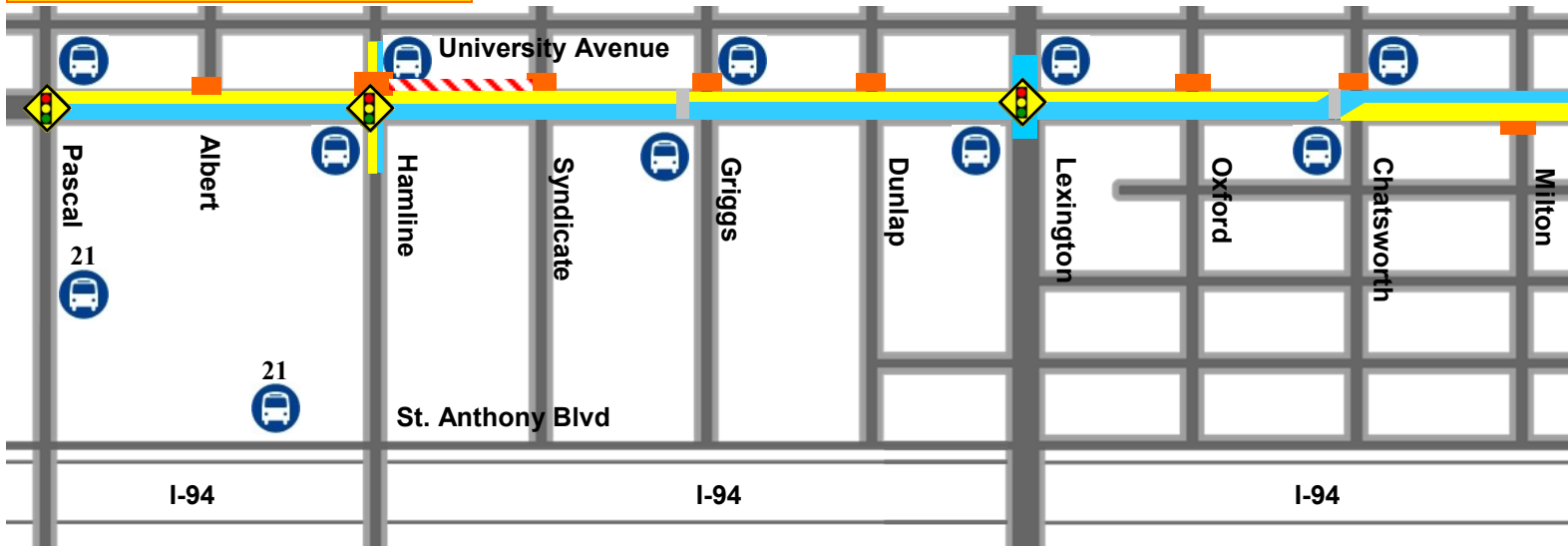
### Upcoming work in the next few weeks; more details in next week's update:

- University between Park/MLK and Robert will close to all traffic movements early June.
- Cleveland is scheduled to be closed to north-south traffic at University for track installation after Memorial Day for approximately two weeks.

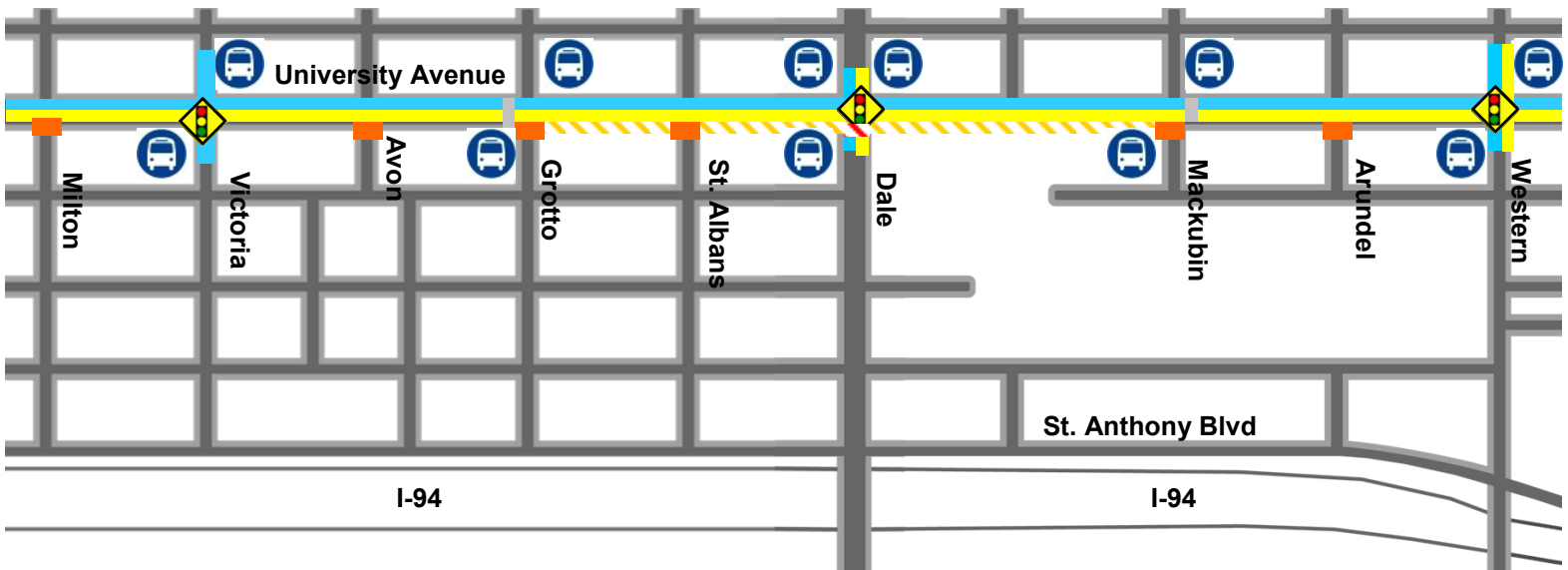
# University Avenue - St Paul East For May 19-25, 2012









Hamline intersection north side closure began May 17 for approximately 3.5 weeks.

## University Avenue: Pascal to Milton



## University Avenue: Milton to Western



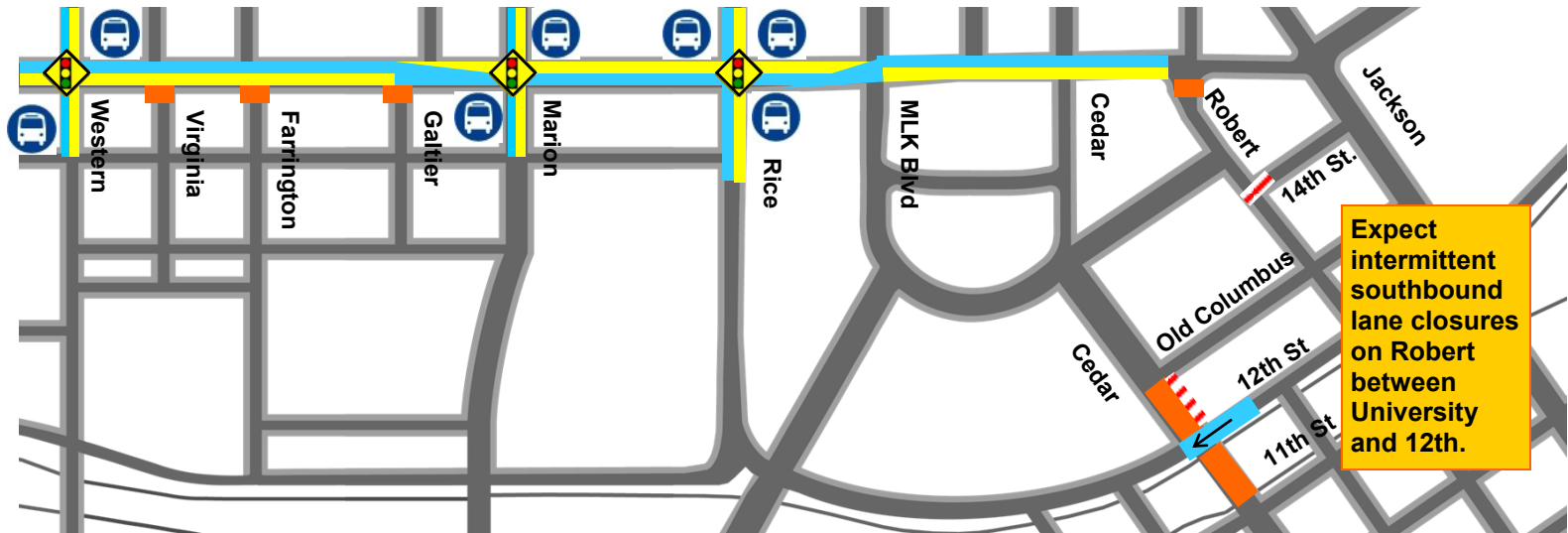
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-  Lanes closed to traffic, follow detours for business access
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Please don't go around barriers into construction zones. Construction hours will generally be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, but crews are allowed to work from 6 a.m. to midnight seven days a week if needed. **Schedules subject to change due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances! Check [www.centralcorridor.org](http://www.centralcorridor.org) frequently for updates.**

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## University Avenue: Western to Jackson



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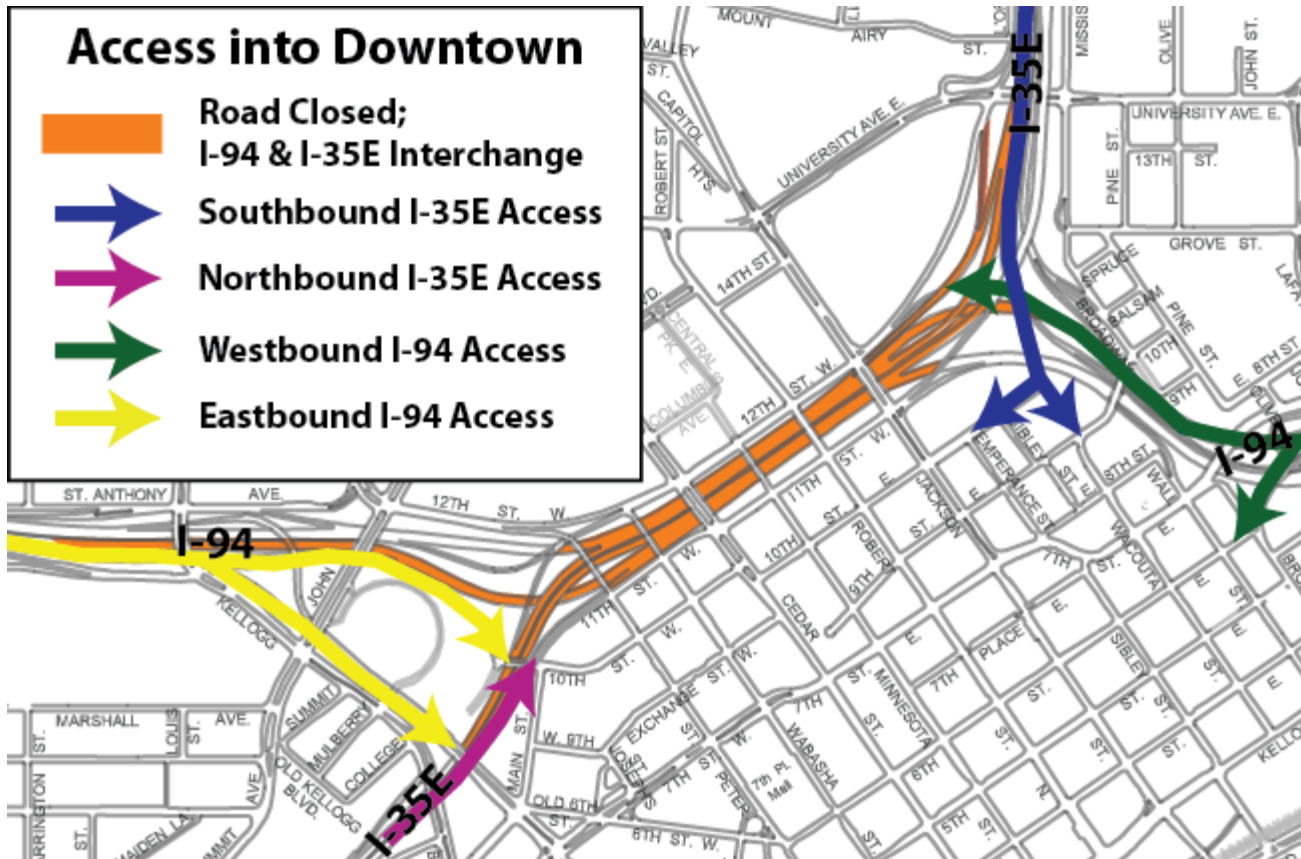
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- Traffic switched to the south side of University between Pascal and Chatsworth. Traffic maintained on the north side of University between Chatsworth and Galtier; watch for lane shifts.
- Westbound University traffic between Prior and Cleveland restored to the north side of University; watch for lane shifts.
- The following intersections between Pascal and Robert street are signalized for vehicular traffic movements: Pascal, Hamline, Lexington, Victoria, Dale, Western, Marion, and Rice. All other intersections between Chatsworth and Galtier are closed to thru traffic on the south side of University until work is complete on the south side.
- Intermittent closures of the southbound lane along Robert are expected between University and 12th until crews complete work on the station platform in June.
- Traffic between Galtier and MLK switched to one lane in each direction on the south side of University; watch for lane shifts.

# Closure of I-94/35E Commons for the Central Corridor Light Rail Construction May 18, 19, 20 & 21, 2012

**Details:**

- Construction work on the Cedar Street Bridge over 35E/I-94 will occur May 18, 19, 20 & 21 which will result in the closure of the 35E/I-94 commons area.
- On May 18, I-94 WB / I-35E SB will close at 8 p.m. and I-94EB will close at 10 p.m., reopening at 5 a.m. on May 21. Ramp closures will occur one hour before.
- I-35E will be closed between 11<sup>th</sup> Street and the 10<sup>th</sup> / Wacouta exits
- I-94 will be closed between the 5<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Street exits and the 12<sup>th</sup> Street exits



**Access into Downtown St. Paul from I-94 & I-35E**

- Access into downtown St. Paul from SB I-35E can be made from 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Wacouta Street exits
- Access into downtown St. Paul from NB I-35E can be made from Kellogg Blvd and 11<sup>th</sup> Street exits
- Access into downtown St. Paul from WB I-94 can be made from 12<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street exits
- Access into downtown St. Paul from EB I-94 can be made from 5<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> Street exits

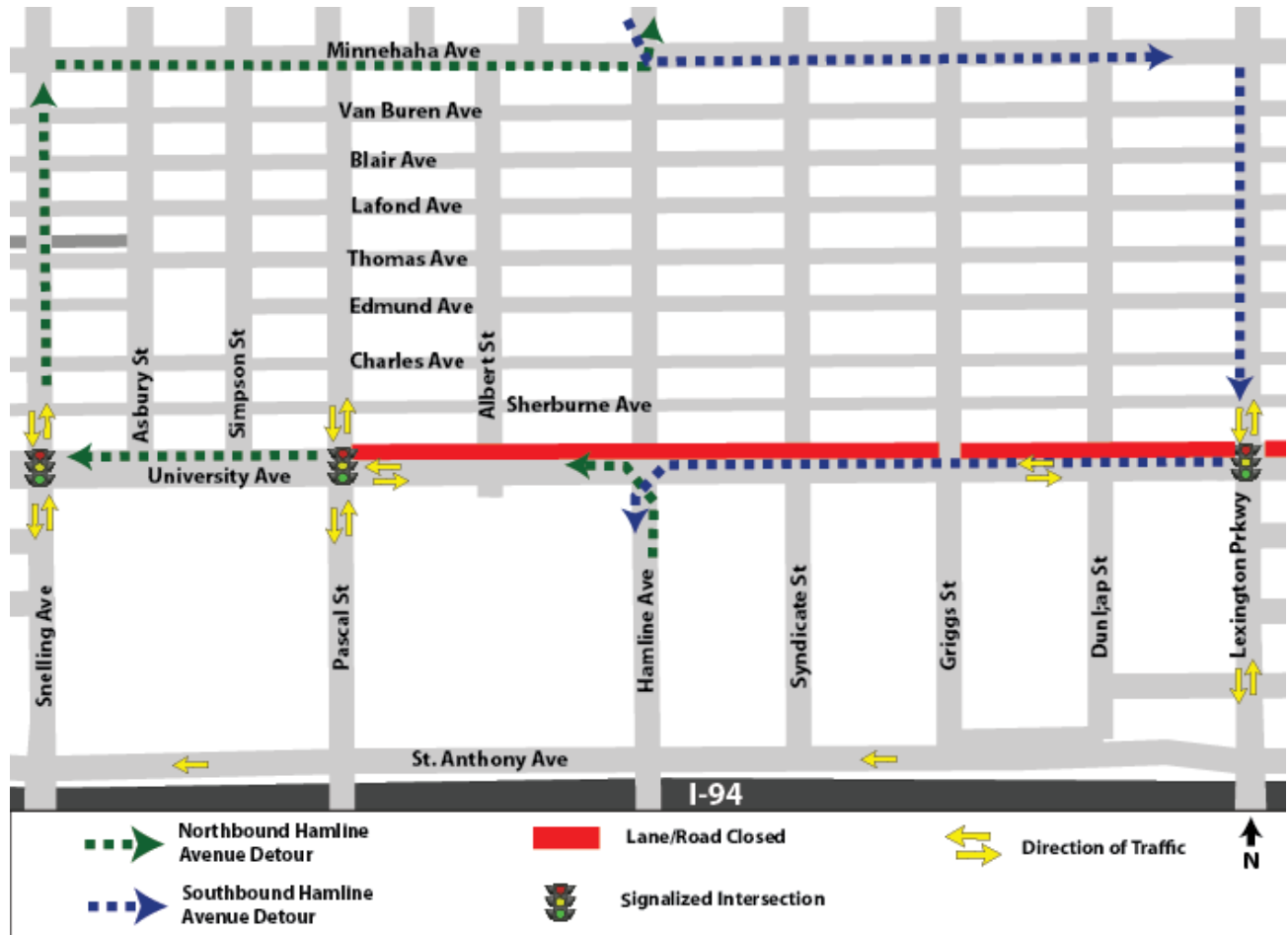
**Access onto I-94 & I-35E from Downtown Saint Paul:**

- Access to EB I-94 and NB 35E can be made from downtown St. Paul on 11<sup>th</sup> Street
- Access to WB I-94 can be made from downtown St. Paul on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and from 12<sup>th</sup> Street
- Access to SB 35E can be made from Kellogg Blvd

**Questions or concerns about the Central Corridor construction? Call the 24-hour construction hotline with comments or concerns on construction at (651) 602-1404. To learn more about the Central Corridor Light Rail, visit the official website at [www.centralcorridor.org](http://www.centralcorridor.org).**

# Intersection Closure Began May 17 Hamline and University Avenue—North Side

For Utility, track and roadway work



Hamline at University closed on the north side of the intersection on May 17, 2012. This closure will impact the north side of Hamline for approximately three more weeks while crews complete utility, track and roadway work.

## Closure Details

- Hamline closed to north-south traffic at University; only north side of University to be constructed during this period.
- Griggs to remain open to north-south movements during the closure period.

## Traffic Details

- Northbound traffic traveling along Hamline from south of University, go west on University, north on Snelling, east on Minnehaha to proceed north on Hamline.
- Southbound traffic traveling along Hamline from north of University, go east on Minnehaha, south on Lexington then west on University to proceed south on Hamline.
- Pedestrian traffic is detoured to Pascal during the closure period.

For questions, please contact

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**24-hour construction hotline 651-602-1404**

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### **Sidewalk and Crosswalk Details**

- Sidewalk under reconstruction between Grotto and Mackubin. Follow marked pedestrian detours.-  
**NEW**
- South crosswalk closed at Dale and University; use north, east and west crosswalks.
- Crosswalk closed at 14th Street and Robert; follow pedestrian detours to Old Columbus.
- Sidewalk on east side of Cedar closed between 12th and Old Columbus; use sidewalk on the west side.
- Signalized pedestrian crossings installed at ,Hamline, Griggs, Lexington, Chatsworth, Victoria, Grotto, Dale, Mackubin, Western, Marion, Rice, and Robert.
- Sidewalk closed on the north side of University between Prior and Cleveland; use sidewalk on the south side.

### **Bus Details**

- Routes 16 and 50 bus stops located at all signalized pedestrian crossings on University from Hamline to Rice. All other stops between Hamline and Rice on University are temporarily closed.
- Westbound route 16 bus stop at Albert closed; eastbound route 16 bus stops open to all regular stops west of Hamline.
- Route 21 re-routed during construction:
  - Bus stops at Hamline and University, Albert and University, and Pascal and University are temporarily closed; passengers directed to temporary stops at Pascal and Wal-Mart entry drive or Simpson and University.
  - Bus stops on Hamline north of I-94 are closed, temporary bus stops in place at Pascal and Wal-Mart entry drive; westbound bus stop in place at St. Anthony west of Hamline.
- Visit [www.metrotransit.org/construction](http://www.metrotransit.org/construction) for changes to bus routes during CCLRT construction.

### **For general project questions and comments for University Avenue, contact:**

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### **Utility Hotlines:**

St. Paul Regional Water Services 24-hour Hotline: (651)266-6868

To report an electrical outage/check status of an outage call Xcel Energy: 1-800-895-1999

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