# News Release

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## Weekend closure of I-94, Hennepin Avenue/Lyndale Avenue in Minneapolis scheduled for May 4-7

ROSEVILLE, Minn. – Interstate 94 in Minneapolis, between Interstate 394 and Interstate 35W, is scheduled to close from 10 p.m. Friday, May 4 until 5 a.m. Monday, May 7. In addition, Hennepin Avenue/Lyndale Avenue between Dunwoody Boulevard and Oak Grove Street, near Loring Park, will be closed during the same time.

The closures are needed to repair and paint the Irene Hixon Whitney Bridge, the pedestrian bridge over I-94 between the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and Loring Park. To continue repairs and painting, two additional weekend closures for the same stretch of I-94 and Hennepin Avenue/Lyndale Avenue are scheduled for May 11-14 and May 18-21. Restoring the bridge’s wooden deck will continue into August.

MnDOT has set detours for the closures:

* For the eastbound I-94 detour from I-394, motorists can take northbound Highway 100, before the I-394/I-94 junction, to eastbound Interstate 694, to southbound I-35W and then to southbound Highway 280 to I-94.
* For the eastbound I-94 detour from I-694/I-94, motorists can take eastbound I-694, to southbound I-35W and then to southbound Hwy 280 to I-94.
* For the westbound I-94 detour, motorists can go northbound on Hwy 280, before the I-94/I-35W junction, to northbound I-35W and then to westbound I-694 to I-94.
* For the westbound I-94 detour from northbound I-35W, motorists can continue on northbound I-35W and then to westbound I-694 to I-94.
* For the westbound I-94 detour from southbound I-35W, motorists can take southbound I-35W, to westbound Highway 62, to northbound Highway 100, and then will need to go eastbound on I-694 to the East River Road exit loops to access westbound I-694 to I-94.
* For northbound Hennepin Avenue/Lyndale Avenue, motorists can go eastbound on Franklin Avenue to northbound First Avenue South and continue on Marquette Avenue, and then to take a left onto 11th Street South to Hennepin Avenue, or continue on 11th Street South and then take a left on Glenwood Avenue to Lyndale Avenue.
* For southbound Hennepin Avenue/Lyndale Avenue from I-94, motorist can take a left onto Hennepin Avenue, then a right on 12th Street South and then take a right onto LaSalle Avenue to westbound Franklin Avenue to Lyndale Avenue, or continue on Franklin Avenue to Hennepin Avenue.

This work is part of the I-94 Minneapolis to Brooklyn Center project, a maintenance and restoration project for a nine-mile stretch of I-94 between Nicollet Avenue in Minneapolis and Shingle Creek Parkway in Brooklyn Center. In 2017, MnDOT resurfaced nine miles of freeway and repaired almost 50 bridges and the Lowry Tunnel. 2018 is the second and final year of the project. [www.mndot.gov/metro/projects/i94brooklyncntr](http://www.mndot.gov/metro/projects/i94brooklyncntr)

Please plan ahead, know your route and check 511 and the project web site for updates: [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org)

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