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WESTBOUND COUNTY ROAD 42 **CLOSED** AT I-35W BEGINNING APRIL 17

Full Closure Expected to Last Five Weeks, Eastbound Closing May 22

Westbound County Road 42 Bridge over I-35W Closing April 17

Beginning the morning of Monday, April 17, commuters traveling west on County Road 42 in Burnsville will likely run into some headache.

Westbound County Road 42 will be **completely closed** at the I-35W junction for bridge repair and road improvements. There will be NO westbound access over the bridge for five (5) weeks. Westbound access is expected to reopen on Monday, May 22. At that time, eastbound lanes will be closed.

Additional information on this closure including detour/route maps and sign-ups for email notifications is available online at www.dakotacounty.us, search "County Road 42."

In general, drivers can follow the tips below during the westbound closure. Drivers are also asked to plan their alternate routes in advance to avoid unnecessary traffic congestion. Closure and detour signage will be posted on roadways prior to work starting.

Traveling West on County Road 42

- Access to I-35W North will remain open
- No access to Buck Hill Road
- Motorists should take County Road 11, I-35E North or I-35W North to access westbound County Road 42

Traveling East on County Road 42

- Access to I-35W North will remain open
- No additional closures until May 22

Traveling South on I-35W

- Ramp to County Road 42 will remain open
- Access to Buck Hill Road will remain open
- Access to Westbound and Eastbound (until May 22) County Road 42 will remain open

Businesses along the County Road 42 corridor will remain open, and will be allowed additional directional signage during construction. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead when shopping or dining in the area.

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Why the Work?

The County Road 42 corridor is vital for homeowners, retail businesses and commuters. The roadway has an average daily traffic volume of more than 50,000 vehicles, and experiences a number of traffic backups.

The project will include an updated roadway, signals and signage – as well an extension of the existing left turn lane at the junction of County Road 42 and the I-35W north ramp. The existing turn lane sees frequent backups. This work is meant to help traffic flow more smoothly in the corridor, and maintain safety for motorists.



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Eastbound County Road 42 will be closed at I-35W May 22-June 21.

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