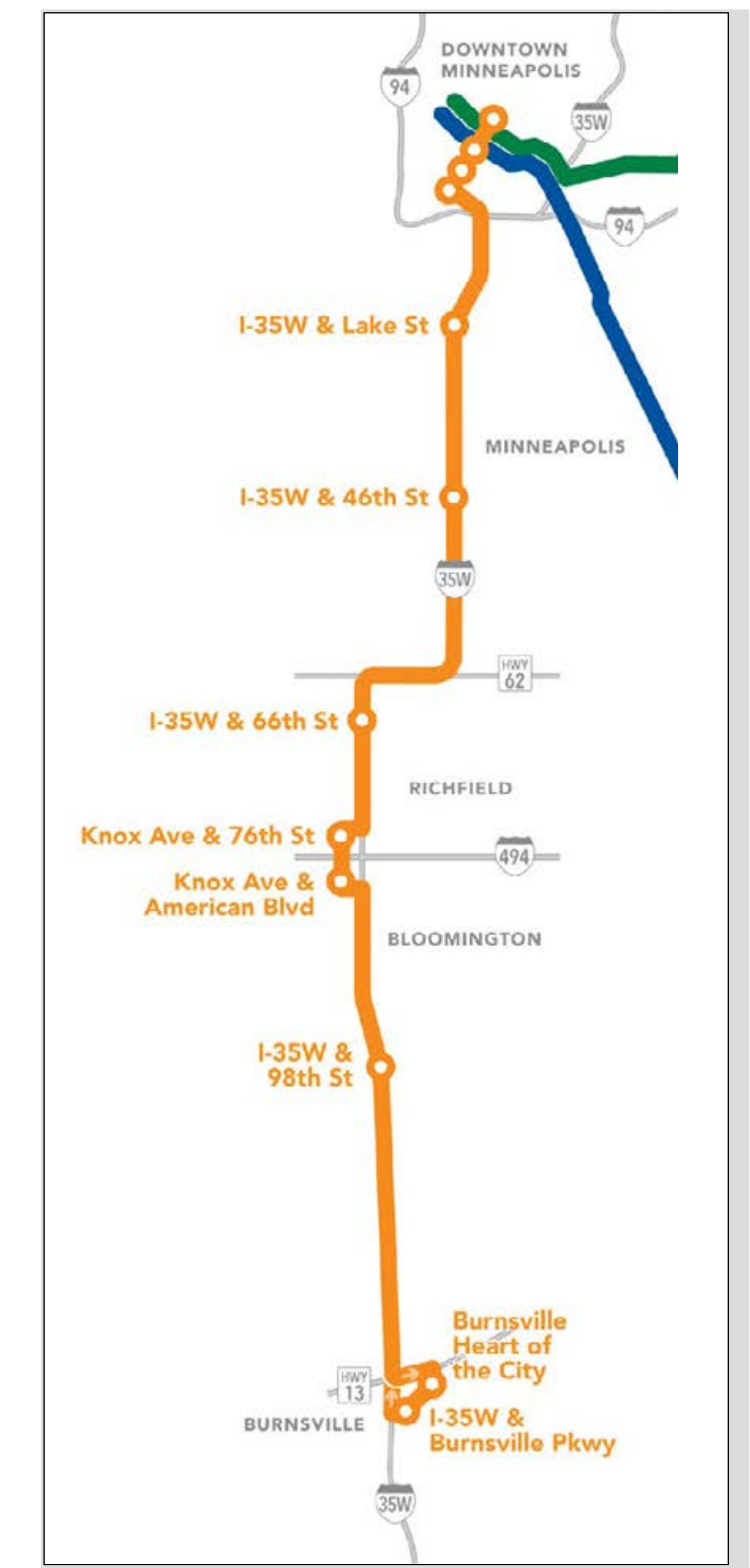




# Project Overview



- » 17-mile transitway now fully in construction
- » Region's busiest express bus corridor with 14,000 daily transit rides and over 200,000 vehicles/trucks
- » 12 accessible transit stations with enhanced infrastructure with all-day, reliable, frequent service, seven days a week
- » Access to 198,000 jobs and 121,000 residents, including 56,000 jobs outside of downtown Minneapolis
- » \$150.7 million project, all funding secured
- » First phase of construction underway, led by MnDOT, on I-35W in Minneapolis
- » Next phase of construction, the Knox Avenue Transitway, began in 2019 in Richfield and Bloomington
- » \$74.1 million awarded from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) through the Small Starts program
- » Scheduled to open for revenue service in late 2021





# Knox Avenue Transitway Renderings

The transitway will make the trip between I-35W & 98th St and I-35W & 66th St stations 45-55 percent faster than current conditions on the Route 535.



Knox Avenue - Looking North



Knox Avenue - Looking South



Northbound Birdseye View



Knox Avenue - Tunnel View Looking South



# Construction Staging



## Stage 1A: Aug - Oct 2019

**Work:** Utility and water main construction begins.

**Road closures:**

- Southtown Dr. is closed for the duration of construction – access to businesses remain open.
- Late Sept.-early Oct. (date is still TBD), ramp from southbound I-35W to westbound I-494 closed for approximately 3 weeks, follow posted detour westbound Hwy 62 to southbound Hwy 100 to I-494.
- Overnight ramp closure(s) from Penn Avenue to eastbound I-494 are anticipated, follow posted detour routes;
  - » To eastbound I-494 take eastbound American Blvd. or eastbound 76th St. to Lyndale Ave.
  - » To southbound I-35 take eastbound 82nd St. to I-35W.



## Stage 2A: Spring 2020 - Fall 2020

**Work:** Build north segment of transitway tunnel.

**Road closures:**

- Ramp from southbound I-35W to westbound I-494 closed for approximately 4 months, follow posted detour to westbound Hwy 62 to southbound Hwy 100 to I-494.
- Three lanes of traffic in each direction maintained on the south side of I-494.



## Stage 1B: Fall 2019

**Work:** Build temporary I-494 lanes on Southtown Drive and SW corner of I-494 and I-35W interchange for future traffic during tunnel construction.

**Road closures:**

- Ramp from eastbound I-494 to southbound I-35W for approximately 2 weeks, follow posted detour thru three I-494 and I-35W interchange ramps. Northbound I-35W then westbound I-494 to southbound I-35W.



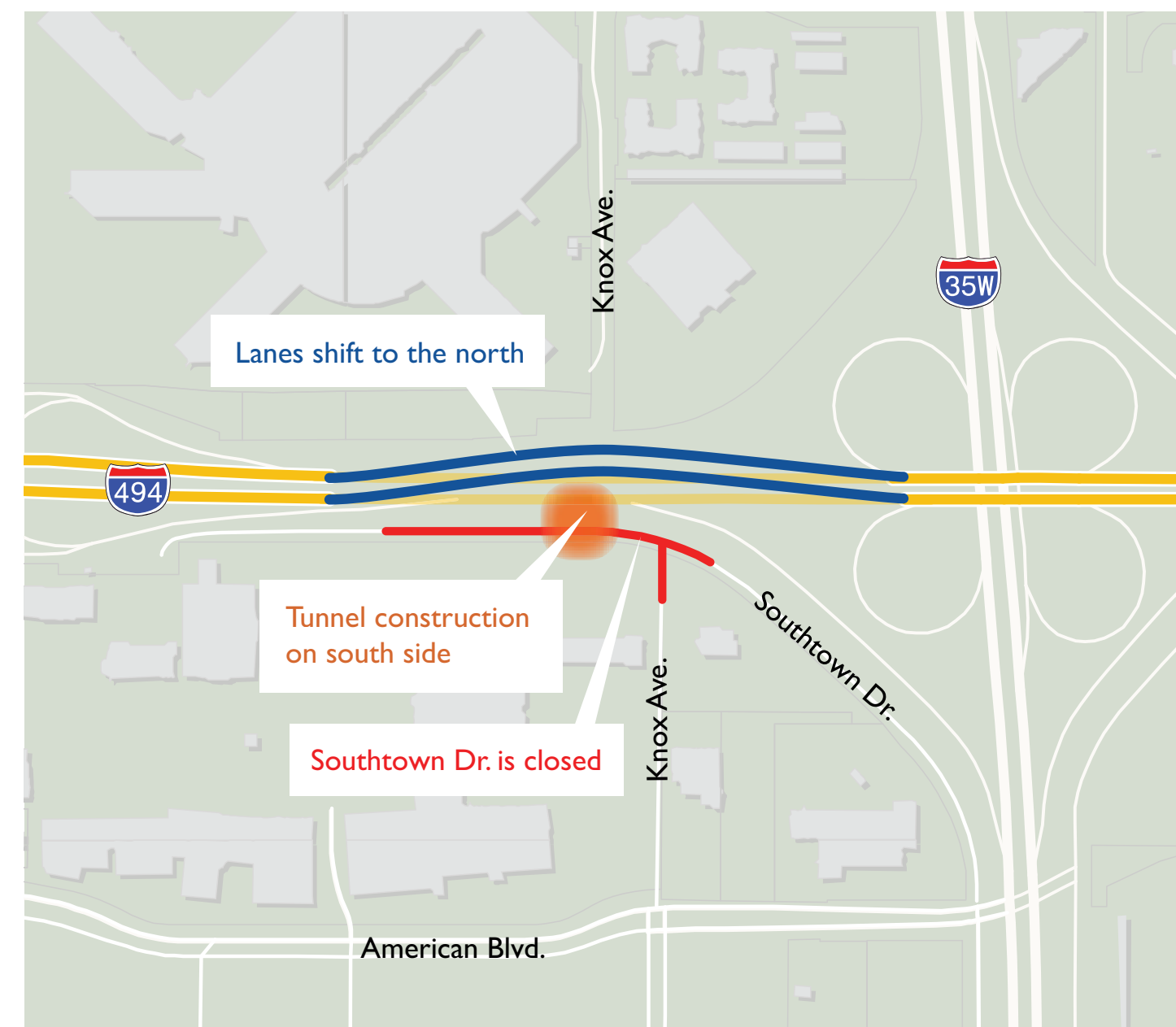
## Stage 2B: Fall 2020 - Winter 2020

**Work:** Build I-494 median area for winter road configuration.

**Road closures:**

- Short-term, weekend or overnight lane and ramp closures anticipated.

# Construction Staging



## Stage 3A: Spring 2021 - Summer 2021

**Work:** Build south segment of transitway tunnel.

**Road closures:**

- 3 lanes of traffic in each direction maintained on north side of I-494.



## Stage 3C: Fall 2021

**Work:** I-494 barrier work and return I-494 to original lane configuration.

**Road closures:**

- Weekend and/or overnight closures anticipated. More information will be in 2021.



## Stage 3B: Summer 2021

**Work:** Connect tunnel segments

**Road closures:**

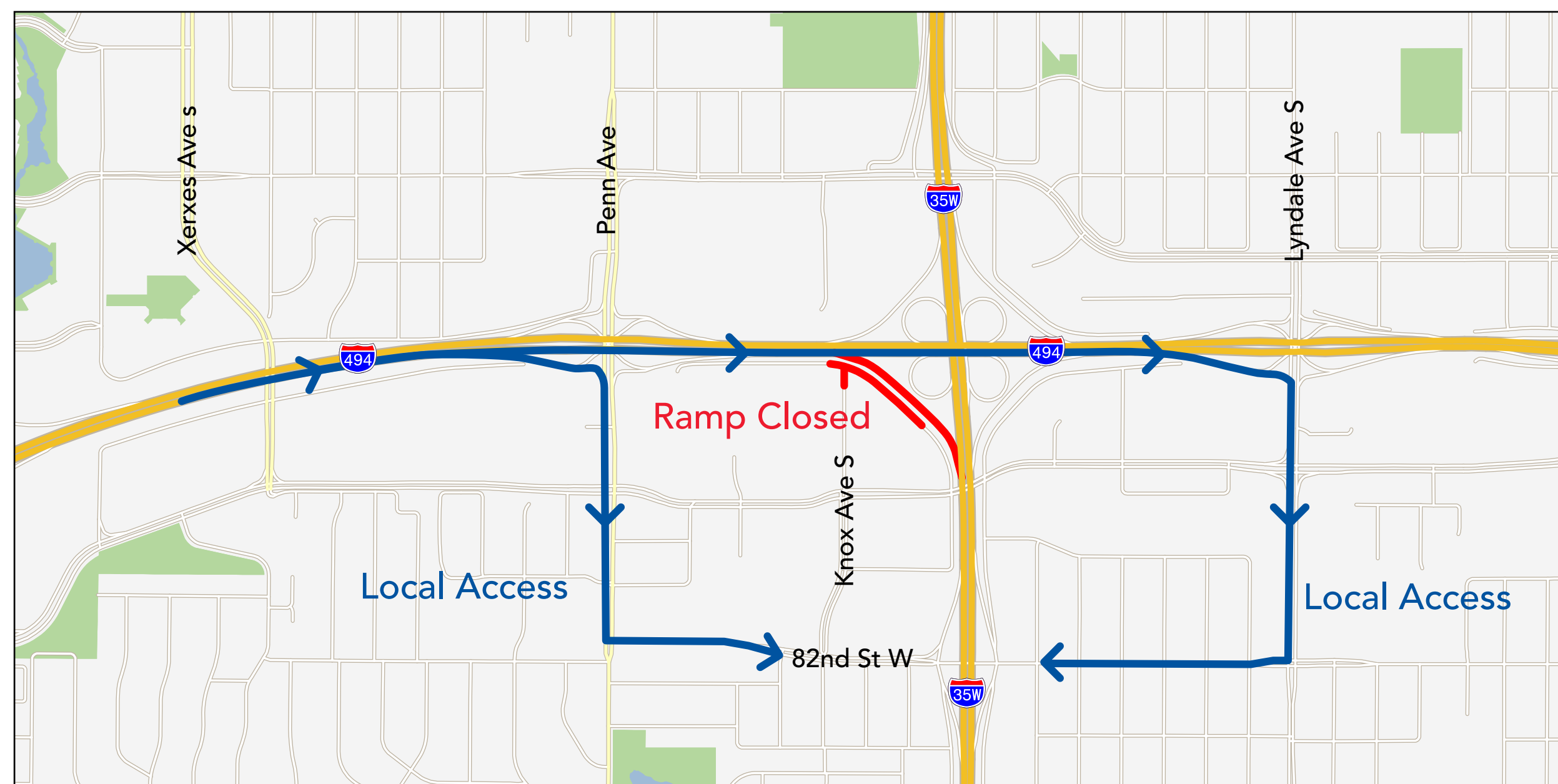
- Ramp from eastbound I-494 to southbound I-35W closed for approximately 3 weeks. Follow posted detour.



# Detour/Local Access

## Ramp closed eastbound I-494 to southbound I-35W

Eastbound I-494 to southbound I-35W ramp will be closed for approximately three weeks beginning in fall 2019 and again beginning in 2020, with anticipated closures expected in 2021.



### Local business access is available from:

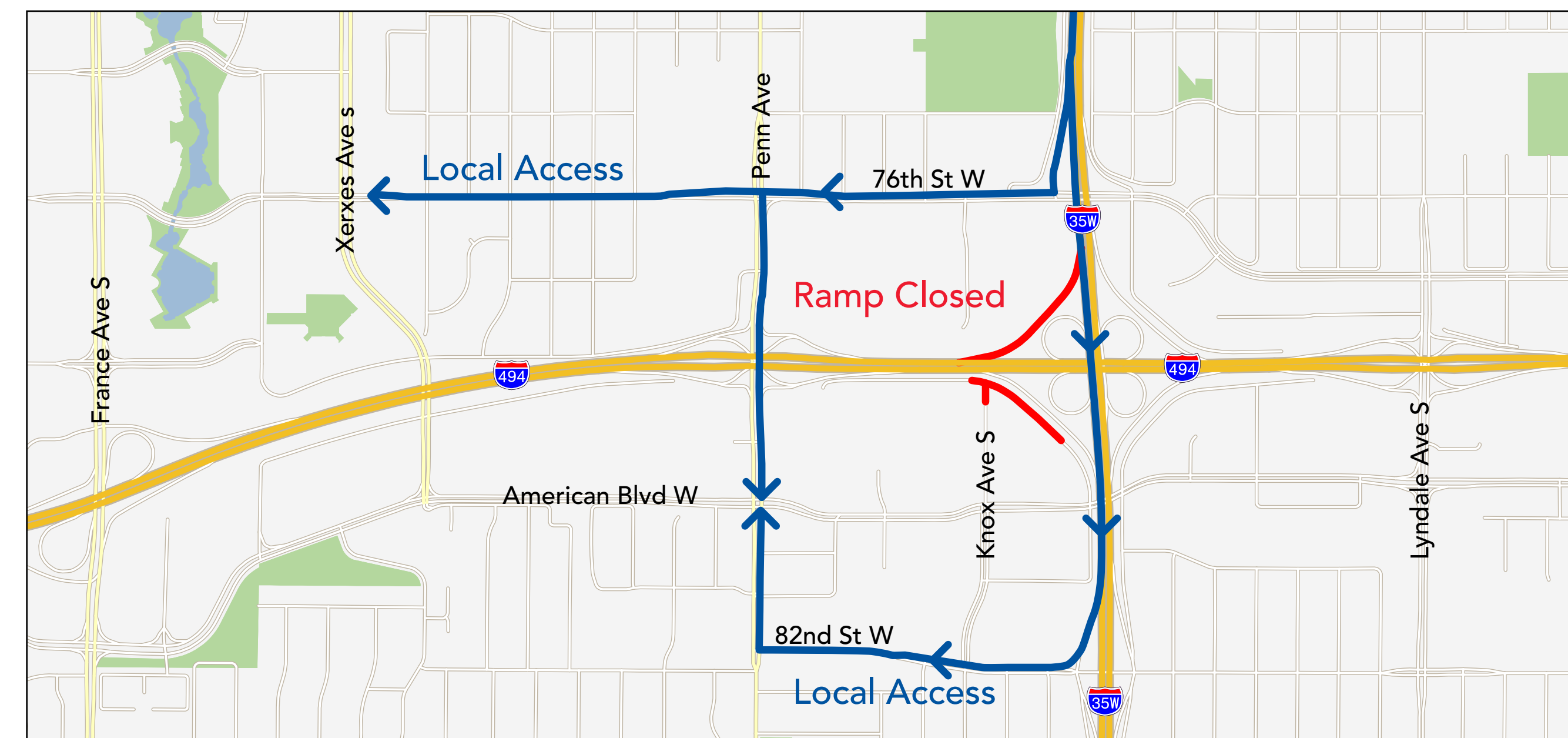
- Penn Avenue southbound to American Boulevard or 82nd Street
- Lyndale Avenue southbound to American Boulevard or 82nd Street

### Bus routes:

- Route 535 is not expected to be impacted by closure

## Ramp closed southbound I-35W to westbound I-494

Southbound I-35W to westbound I-494 ramp will be closed for approximately 3 weeks in fall 2019 and again beginning in 2020 for approximately 4 months. Follow posted detour to westbound Hwy 62 to southbound Hwy 100 to I-494.



### Local business access is available from:

- 76th Street westbound to Penn Avenue or for businesses further west continue westbound 76th Street to Xerxes Avenue or France Avenue.
- 82nd Street westbound to Penn Avenue southbound to American Boulevard.

### Bus routes:

- Route 535 is not expected to be impacted by closure