

## Highway 10 Anoka

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[Subject Line]: Low clearance restrictions at Thurston Ave. and Fairoak Ave. intersections postponed

# Metro – Hwy 10 Anoka: 2022-2023 Construction

## Low clearance restrictions at Thurston Ave./Cutters Grove Ave. and Fairoak Ave. postponed

As you know, low clearance was scheduled to start this month on Fairoak Ave. and on Thurston Ave./Cutters Grove Ave. while crews begin to construct the new overpasses. The traffic plans have been revised, and there will be no height restrictions for now.

Instead, here's what to expect:

### Fairoak Ave.

Beginning Tue, Aug. 9, Fairoak Ave. will be closed between Hwy 10 and the Main St. Service Rd. just north of Hwy 10.

Traffic won't be able to cross Hwy 10 at Fairoak Ave., and some turning movements to and from Hwy 10 will not be available.

Fairoak Ave. on the south side of Hwy 10 won't have any restrictions; the "jug handle" will remain in place.

Access to all businesses will be maintained during the intersection closure.

Here are the posted detours:

- **If you want to travel from [westbound Hwy 10 to north Fairoak Ave.](#):** Take westbound Hwy 10 to Main St./Greenhaven Rd. exit to Main St. Service Rd. to Jacob Ln.
- **If you want to travel from [eastbound Hwy 10 to north Fairoak Ave.](#):** Take eastbound Hwy 10 to northbound Thurston Ave. to westbound Green Haven Pkwy. OR take eastbound Hwy 10 to Main St./Greenhaven Rd. to Main St. Greenhaven Rd roundabout to Main St. Service Rd. to Jacob Ln.
- **If you want to travel from [south Fairoak Ave. to north Fairoak Ave.](#):** Take eastbound Hwy 10 to Main St./Greenhaven Rd. exit to Main St./Greenhaven Rd. roundabout to Main St. Service Rd. to Jacob Ln.
- **If you want to travel from [W Main St. to north Fairoak Ave.](#):** Continue northbound on West Main St. through the roundabout to Main St. Service Rd. to Jacob Ln

### Thurston Ave/Cutters Grove Ave

- No height restrictions, and no traffic changes at this time. Stay tuned for more information later in August.

### Main St/Greenhaven Pkwy

- All ramps open by Thurs, Aug, 4 *except* the loop ramp from W. Main St./Greenhaven Rd to westbound Hwy 10.

## Why the change?

In a word, safety.

Because of the unique combination of Anoka's roads, traffic patterns, and the multiple construction sites in the city, crews are building the overpasses while maintaining traffic on Hwy 10. The traffic plan called for tall vehicles to be detoured around the site during the first stages of overpass construction. But when there is low clearance, there is always a risk of bridge strikes; inevitably, some motorists either underestimate their height or miss their detour, and the top of their vehicle strikes the bridge. Under some conditions, a bridge strike to the temporary structures during the early construction stages at Fair oak could have presented a safety risk to motorists or crews.

The engineers from MnDOT, the contractor team, and the City of Anoka all agreed that for the safety of motorists and crews, at least during the initial bridge construction, the intersection at Fair oak Ave should be closed to all traffic.

The project team will be continuing to evaluate options to safely provide the most access with the least disruption.

There will be no changes to the current pedestrian and bicycle access.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as crews continue work on Hwy 10 in Anoka.

*All construction activities and traffic impacts are weather permitting and subject to change.*

## More about this project

MnDOT and the City of Anoka are working together to reconstruct and improve roads and bridges on Hwy 10 between Thurston Ave. and 7th Ave. through Anoka. When complete, the two-year Hwy 10 Anoka project will improve traffic flow, decrease traffic delays and increase safety. Construction is anticipated to be completed in spring 2024.

Drivers should plan for delays when travelling on Hwy 10.

- Allow for plenty of extra time
- Travel outside of rush hour times
- Follow posted detour routes and avoid cutting through neighborhoods
- Consider [Metro Transit](#) buses, [Northstar commuter rail](#), carpooling, [Park & Ride lots](#), or telecommuting
- Visit [511mn.org](https://www.511mn.org) or download the Minnesota 511 app on your [Apple](#) or [Android](#) device for real time traffic information

For more information, including upcoming traffic impacts, visit the [Hwy 10 Anoka project webpage](#). If you have any questions about the project, contact the [contact the project team](#).