

Q&A from Kellogg-3rd Street Bridge public meeting

June 26, 2024

Question 1: Will the ped and bike tour via Commercial St accommodate a scooter?

Answer 1: Scooters and electric bikes are regulated by State and local laws. Click [here](#) to link to a City webpage with useful tips and FAQs for general scooter use. Specific to the Commercial Street detour, scooters may use the city streets, bike lanes, and bike trails along the detour route. Use caution, especially around construction and at intersections, and yield to pedestrians.

Question 2: How long is the new bridge expected to last?

Answer 2: We design today's bridges for a 75-year service life. With proper maintenance, it is possible that this new bridge could last 100 years.

Question 3: Will there be any signage guiding drivers to stay on the 7th Street detour route until they reach Robert Street? Or will there be "local access only" signs at Sibley, Wall and Jackson?

Answer 3: Detour signs will identify the "Kellogg Boulevard" route and will direct vehicles from the start to endpoint, between major intersections at Kellogg/Mounds and Kellogg/Robert. Although specific local access signage will not be present, drivers using a phone app service or familiar with the area will be able to access local roads and destinations along the way.

Question 4: How will emergency vehicles get past the anticipated congested traffic on 7th St? More buses will also be running on 7th Street.

Answer 4: As always, emergency vehicles have the right-of-way and with traffic shifted to the outer lanes or shoulders, first-responders will pass in the cleared portion of the roadway. That said, Public Works does work hard to coordinate with police and fire departments, and other agencies including Metro Transit and MnDOT, to monitor and address traffic congestion issues as much as possible.

Question 5: Where are you detouring I-94 when weekend work closes I-94?

Answer 5: MnDOT approves all freeway closures and holds detours to major interstates that provide the highest amounts of traffic capacity. During certain portions of the work, I-94 will be closed between US-52 and Mounds Boulevard. Freeway through-traffic will be directed through the Northeast Metro using I-35E and I-694, between Downtown Saint Paul and Oakdale.