

Flying Cloud Drive reconstruction

County Road 61 in Eden Prairie and Chanhassen

Hennepin County, in coordination with Minnesota Department of Transportation, Carver County, and the cities of Eden Prairie and Chanhassen, is reconstructing Flying Cloud Drive (County Road 61) between Highway 101 and Charlson Road. The road will be raised above the 100-year flood plain to help minimize the potential for road closures during Minnesota River flood events.



- New pavement for a smoother ride
- A shared turn lane (creating a 3-lane configuration)
- A new multi-use trail along north side of the road
- A new link in the trail network between Shakopee and Eden Prairie

Project corridor awareness

With the nearby bluffs, rivers and grasslands, this corridor is also home to unique wildlife and has been a popular travel route for many years.

Hennepin County has been working with experts to make sure that artifacts of the area are properly recovered and that wildlife is protected for years to come.

Archaeological discoveries

- Prior to reconstruction activities, archaeological crews have uncovered more than 5,000 artifacts.
- Archaeologists determined that people have used this corridor for more than 1,300 years.

Environmental factors

- Throughout construction, crews will continue to take all necessary precautions to protect the habitats of the endangered long-eared bat and rusty patch bumblebee.
- There will also be components of this work to enhance nearby wetlands and improve water quality in nearby wetlands by using best stormwater management practices.
- These wetlands are home to many species of wildlife and act as filters for the water that will eventually flow into the nearby Minnesota River.

2018-2020

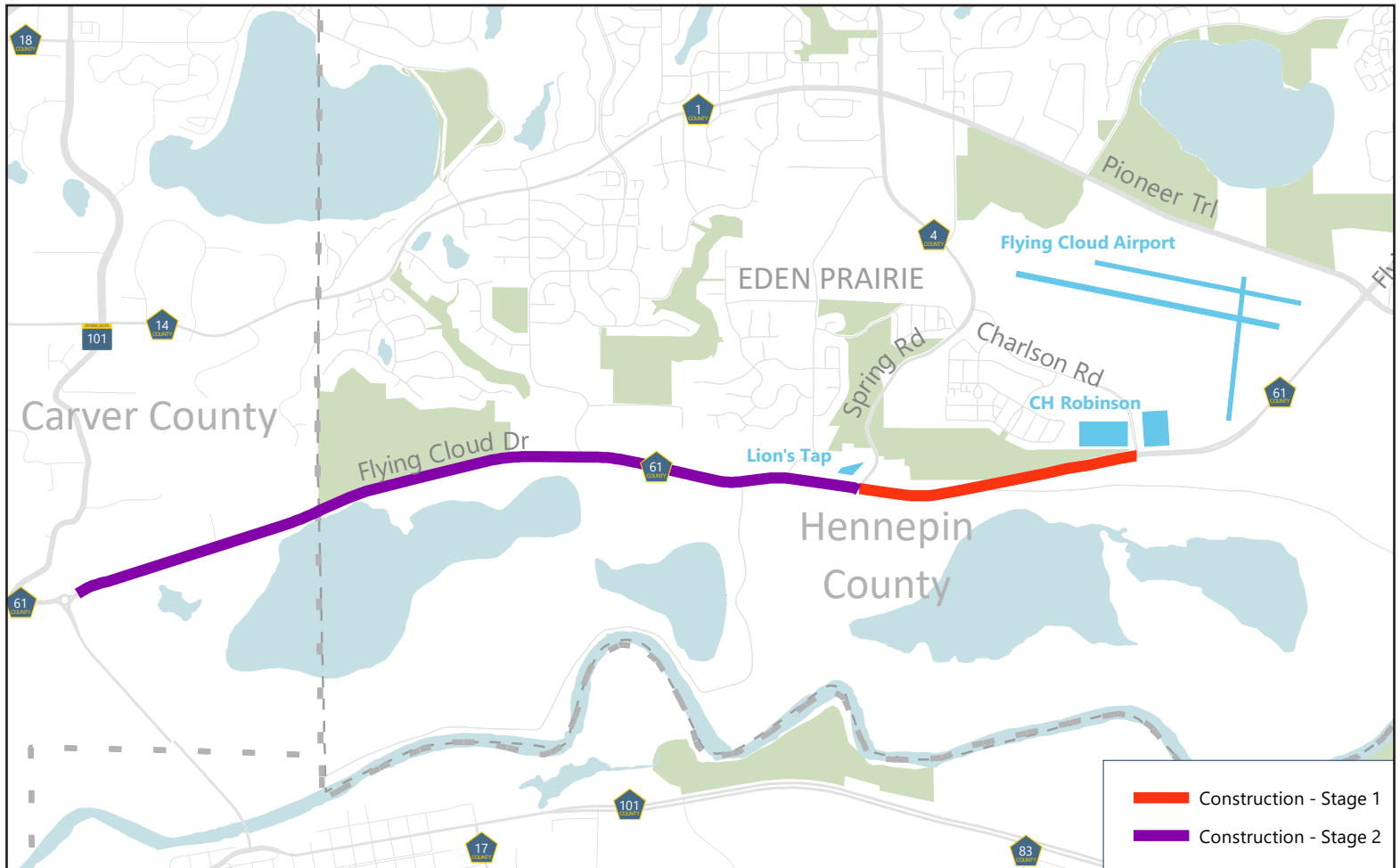
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Project stages



Project timeline

Work will be completed in two stages, with Stage 1 beginning in March 2018. Project is anticipated to be complete in early 2020.

- Stage 1: Spring Road to Charlson Road - Spring to Fall 2018
- Stage 2: Spring Road to Highway 101 - Fall 2018 to early 2020

Learn more and sign up for project updates

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