

Hwy 97 Construction Updates

Hwy 97 road improvements

Construction begins on **Hwy 97 between I-35 and Hwy 61** in early summer 2025.






Road improvements include:

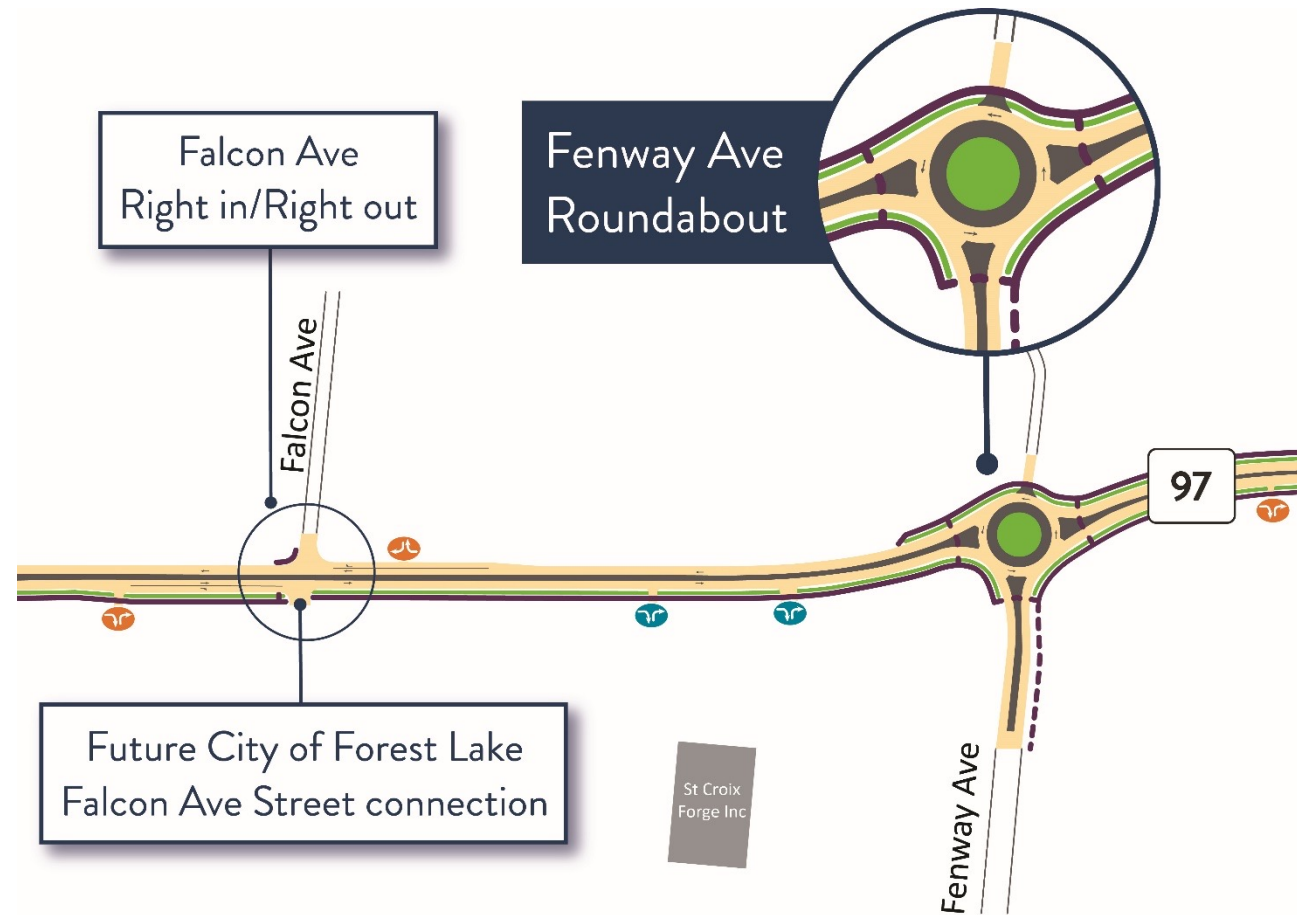
- Reconstructing the road
- Constructing a single-lane roundabout at Fenway Ave.
- Upgrading pedestrian crossings
- Adding raised median islands, multi-use trail and trail connection to Hardwood Creek Regional Trail
- Replacing traffic signals
- Repairing and replacing drainage

Hwy 97 road improvements: I-35 to Everton Ave.

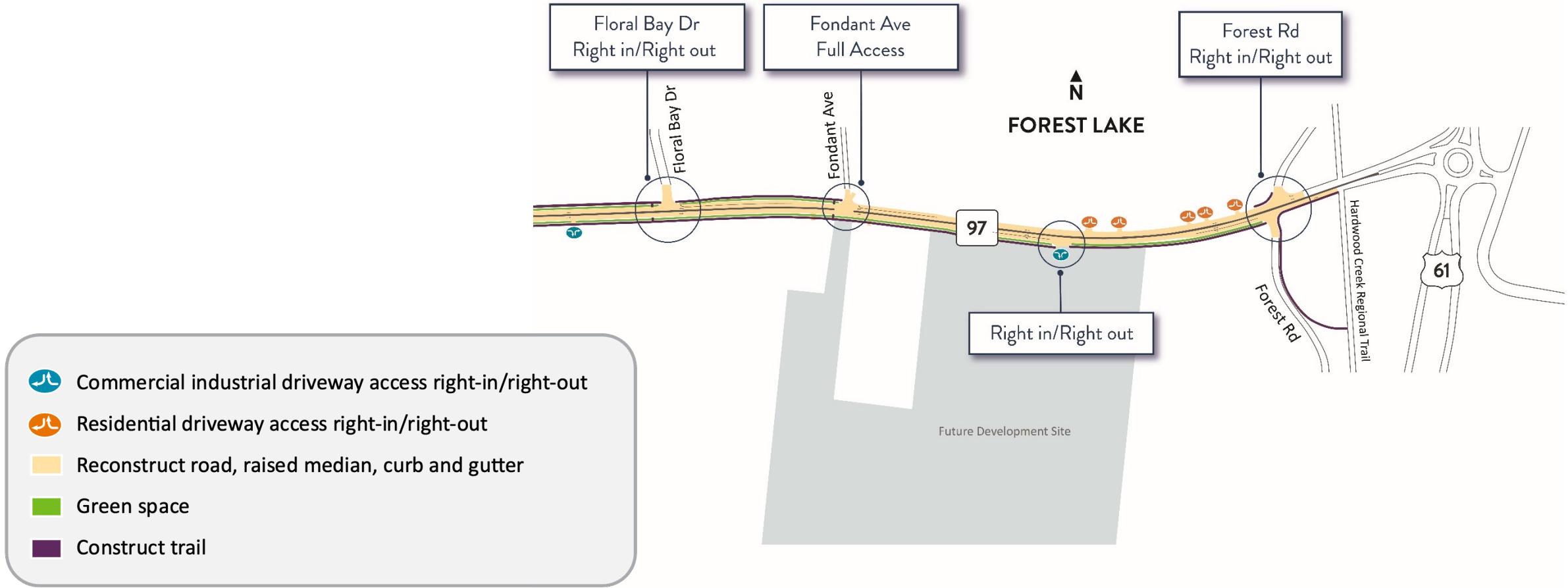


Hwy 97 road improvements: Everton Ave. to Fenway Ave.

-  Commercial industrial driveway access right-in/right-out
-  Residential driveway access right-in/right-out
-  Reconstruct road, raised median, curb and gutter
-  Green space
-  Construct trail



Hwy 97 road improvements: Fenway Ave. to Hwy 61



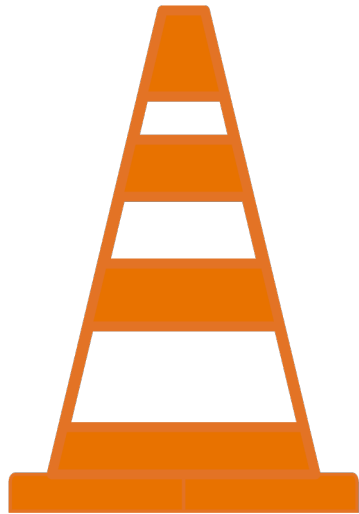
Timeline and staging

Construction will occur in two stages.

Utility work will occur throughout the full project area in 2025.



Detours

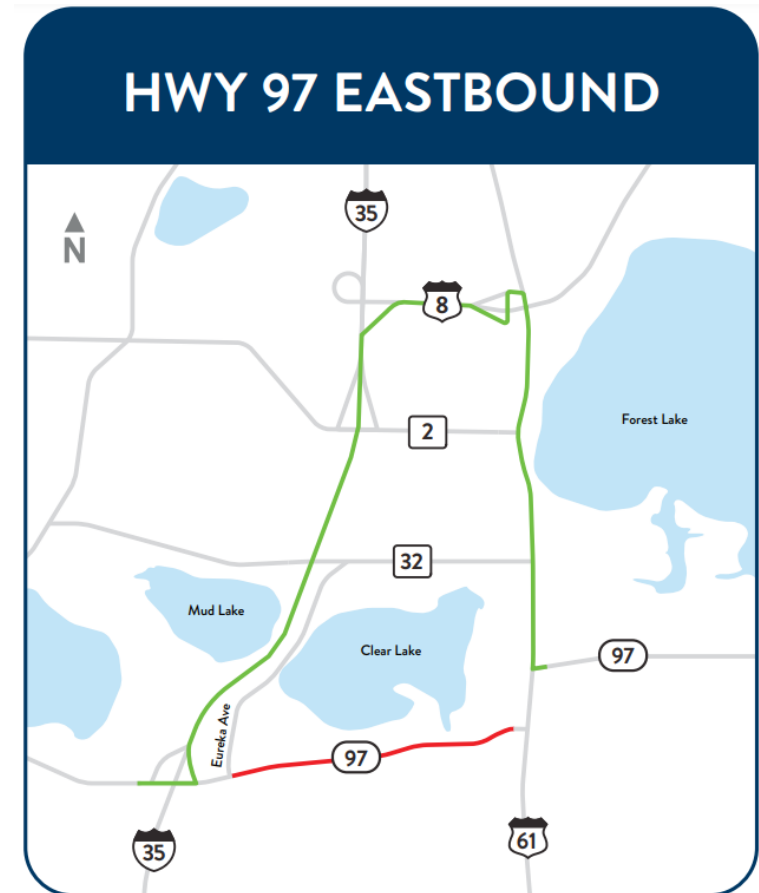


- Signed detours for highway through traffic
- Same detours for both stages
- Local residential and business access maintained throughout construction – routes will change periodically

Detour #1

Detour #1: Hwy 97 eastbound

Northbound I-35 to
eastbound Hwy 8 to
southbound Hwy 61



Detour #2

Detour #2: Hwy 97 westbound

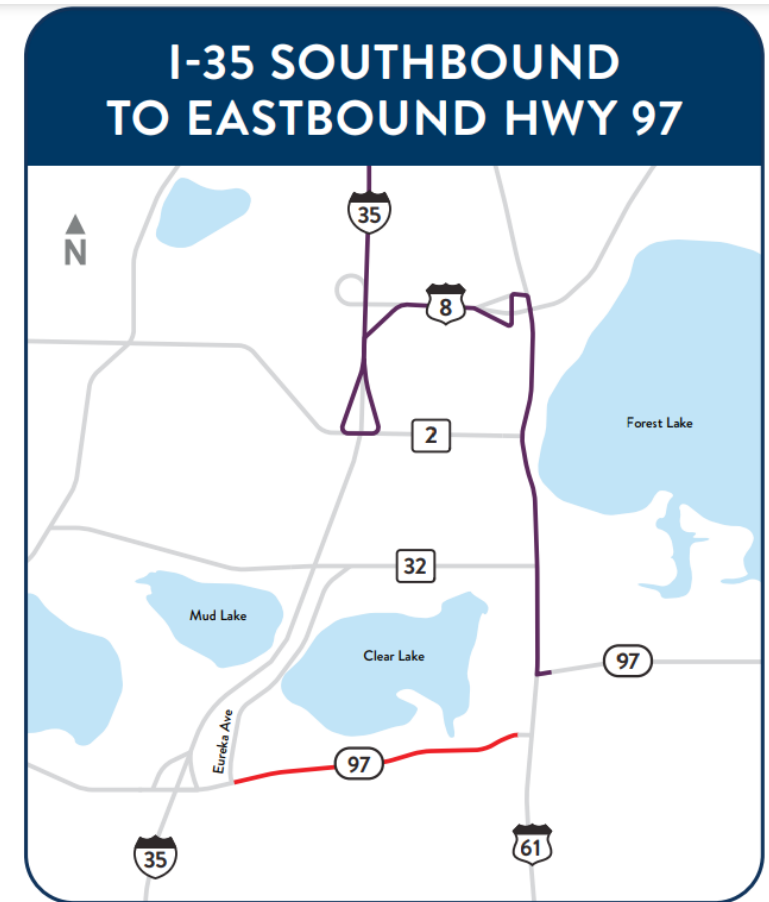
Northbound Hwy 61 to
westbound Hwy 8 to
southbound I-35



Detour #3

Detour #3: Southbound I-35 to eastbound Hwy 97

Southbound I-35 to Broadway Ave to northbound I-35 to eastbound Hwy 8 to southbound Hwy 61 to eastbound Hwy 97



Local access – 2025 (Stage 1)

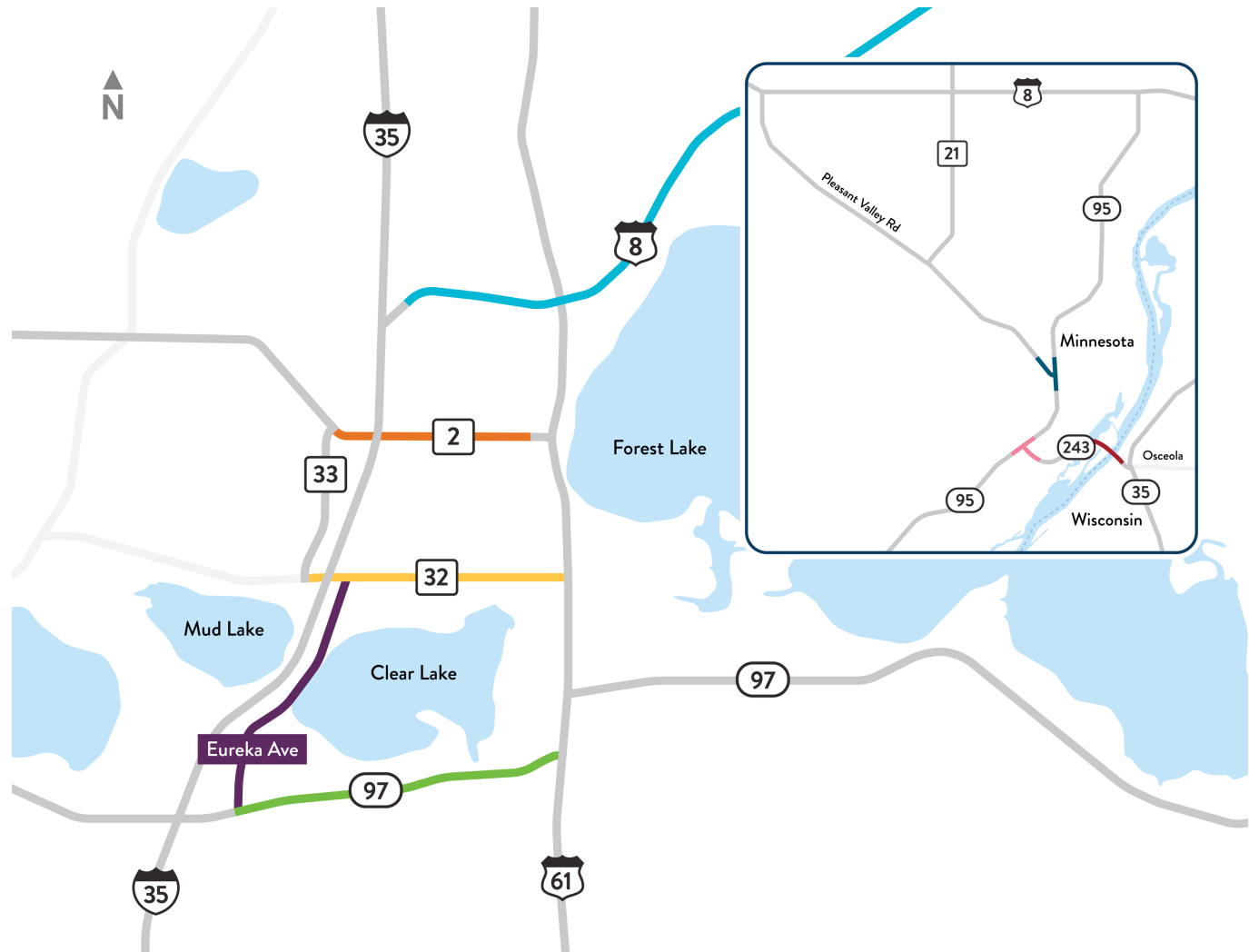


Local access – 2026 (Stage 2)



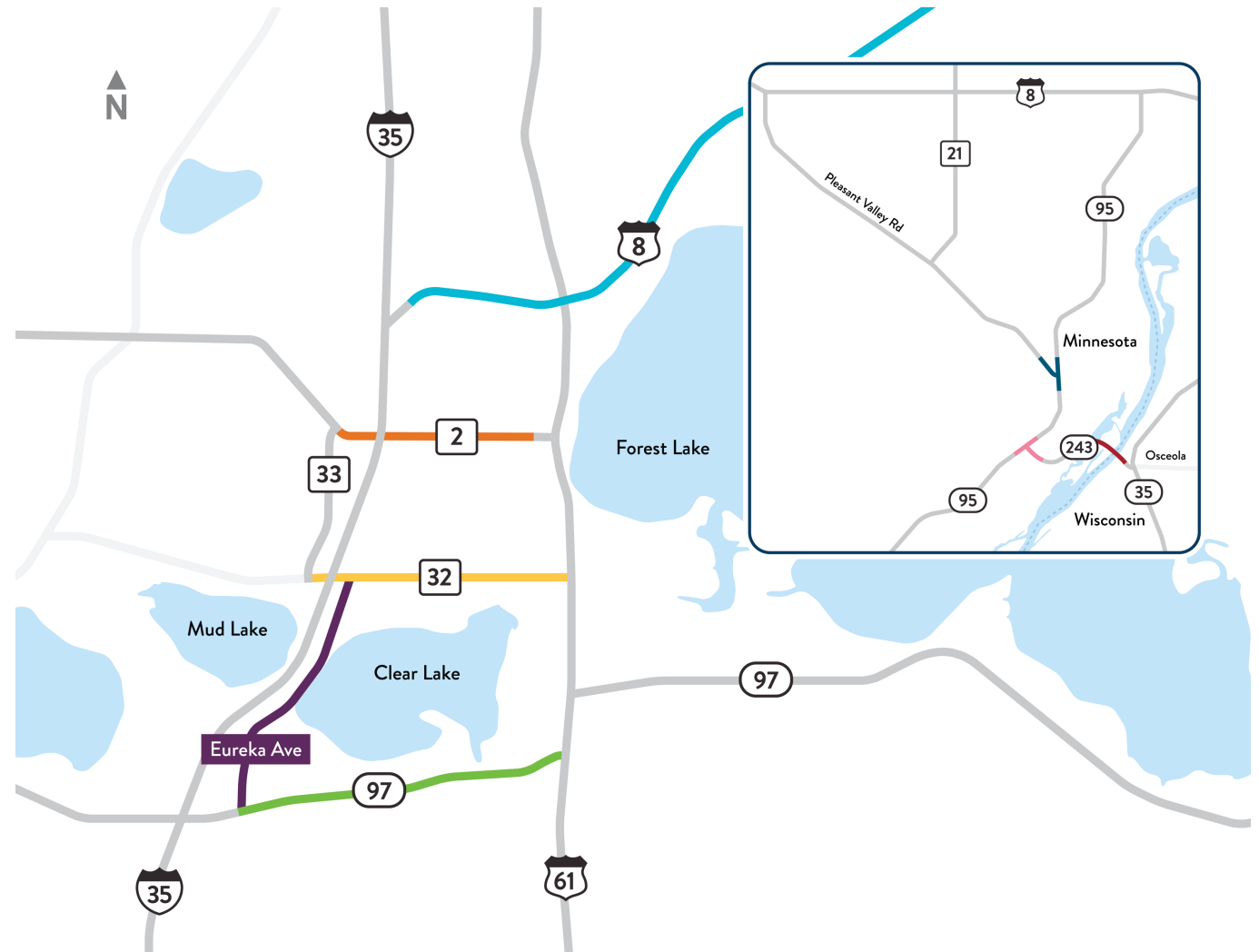
Upcoming area construction projects overview

- Several major road improvement projects planned through 2028
- Agencies working to limit impacts by staggering construction years and closures



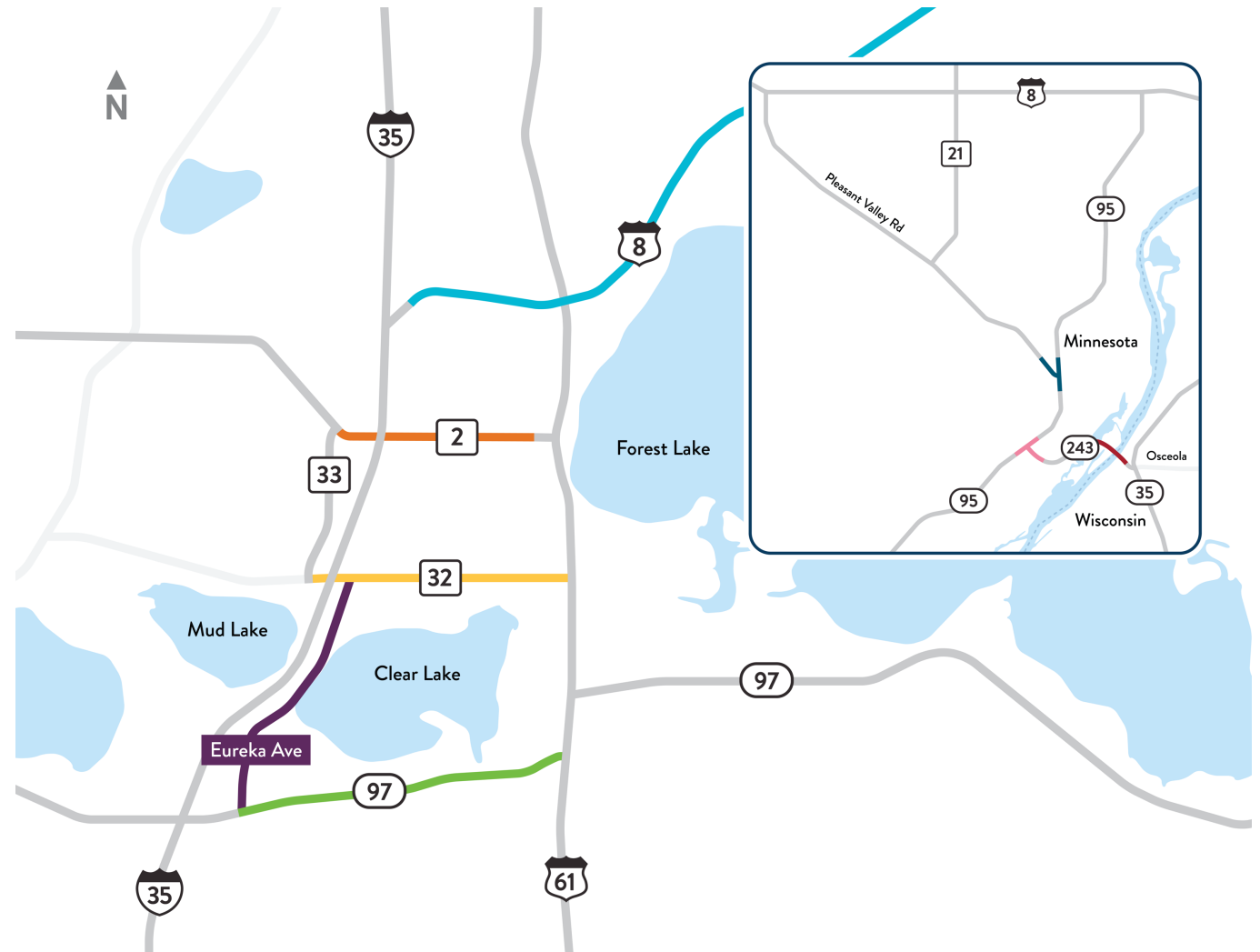
Upcoming area construction projects 2025-2026

- HWY 97**
Lead agency: MnDOT
Construction years: 2025-2026
Road closure and detour in 2025 and 2026
(open winter 2025-26)
- COUNTY HWY 2**
Lead agency: Washington County
Construction year: 2025 (April to mid-June)
- EUREKA AVE. N.**
Lead agency: City of Forest Lake
Construction year: 2026
- HWY 95/243 ROUNDABOUT**
Lead agency: MnDOT
Construction year: 2026



Upcoming area construction projects 2026-2028

- **HWY 95 AT COUNTY ROAD 26 (PLEASANT VALLEY RD.)**
Lead agency: MnDOT
Construction years: 2026
- **HWY 8**
Lead agency: Chisago County
Construction years: 2027-2029
- **COUNTY HWY 32 (11TH AVE. SW)**
Lead agency: Washington County
Construction year: 2027
- **HWY 243 OSCEOLA BRIDGE**
Lead agency: MnDOT
Construction years: 2027-2028



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