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MnDOT aligns Highway 212 project with Carver County's Highway 212 expansion

Highway 212 to remain open in Norwood Young America

ROSEVILLE, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation will align its 2020 Norwood Young America project with Carver County's future expansion of Highway 212 to four lanes.

With Carver County striving to expand Highway 212 to four lanes within six years, MnDOT is delaying reconstruction of a half-mile section of Highway 212 east of County Road 51 and resurfacing Highway 212 between Cologne and Norwood Young America, which is expected to last six to nine years. This change will allow Highway 212 to remain open during the 2020 Highway 212 project.

"We appreciate the partnership with Carver County and value their input on this important section of Highway 212," said Michael Barnes, MnDOT Metro District Engineer. "MnDOT appreciates Carver County's commitment and leadership on this important project as we expand Highway 212 to four lanes from Carver to Norwood Young America and address other safety and mobility issues."

MnDOT engineers redesigned the construction of the pedestrian underpass to allow Highway 212 to remain open through Norwood Young America by building the pedestrian underpass in two halves. Keeping Highway 212 open will be less disruptive to the community. Yet, there will still be traffic impacts during the 12 weeks of construction.

"We applaud MnDOT for listening to its local partners," said Carver County Commissioner Randy Maluchnik. "The county board raised concerns about reconstructing a portion of Highway 212 between Cologne and Norwood Young America without expanding it to four lanes and MnDOT agreed to revise their plans."

"MnDOT is a trusted partner on the Highway 212 expansion project, which is being led by Carver County," said Carver County Engineer Lyndon Robjent. "We're glad we were able to work together on a sensible solution to make the necessary improvements with an eye towards cost savings as the county nears its funding goal."

To allow crews to complete the project and keep Highway 212 open, Highway 212 will be reduced to two lanes through Norwood Young America. Engineers are finalizing plans to determine the road, lane and access closures needed.

For more information about the Highway 212 in Norwood Young America, visit mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy212nya. For additional updates, 'like' MnDOT at www.facebook.com/mndot, and follow [@mndot](https://twitter.com/mndot) on Twitter.

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