



## Long Term Lane Closures

As part of the Zoo Interchange North Leg Project, long-term, single-lane closures are set to take place on I-41 North and South for bridge construction and storm sewer work. The I-41 Rehabilitation Project, to the north of the Zoo Interchange North Leg Project, also requires lane closures to complete their work at Capitol Drive. The projects have coordinated with each other on the timing of these lane closures to minimize the duration of the following impacts:

- I-41 North will be reduced to two lanes between Swan Boulevard and Capitol Drive from mid June to early August. The Watertown Plank Road entrance ramps to I-41 North will also be closed during this time
- I-41 South will be reduced to two lanes between Capitol Drive and Burleigh Street from mid June to mid August and Burleigh Street to Swan Boulevard from late June to mid August.

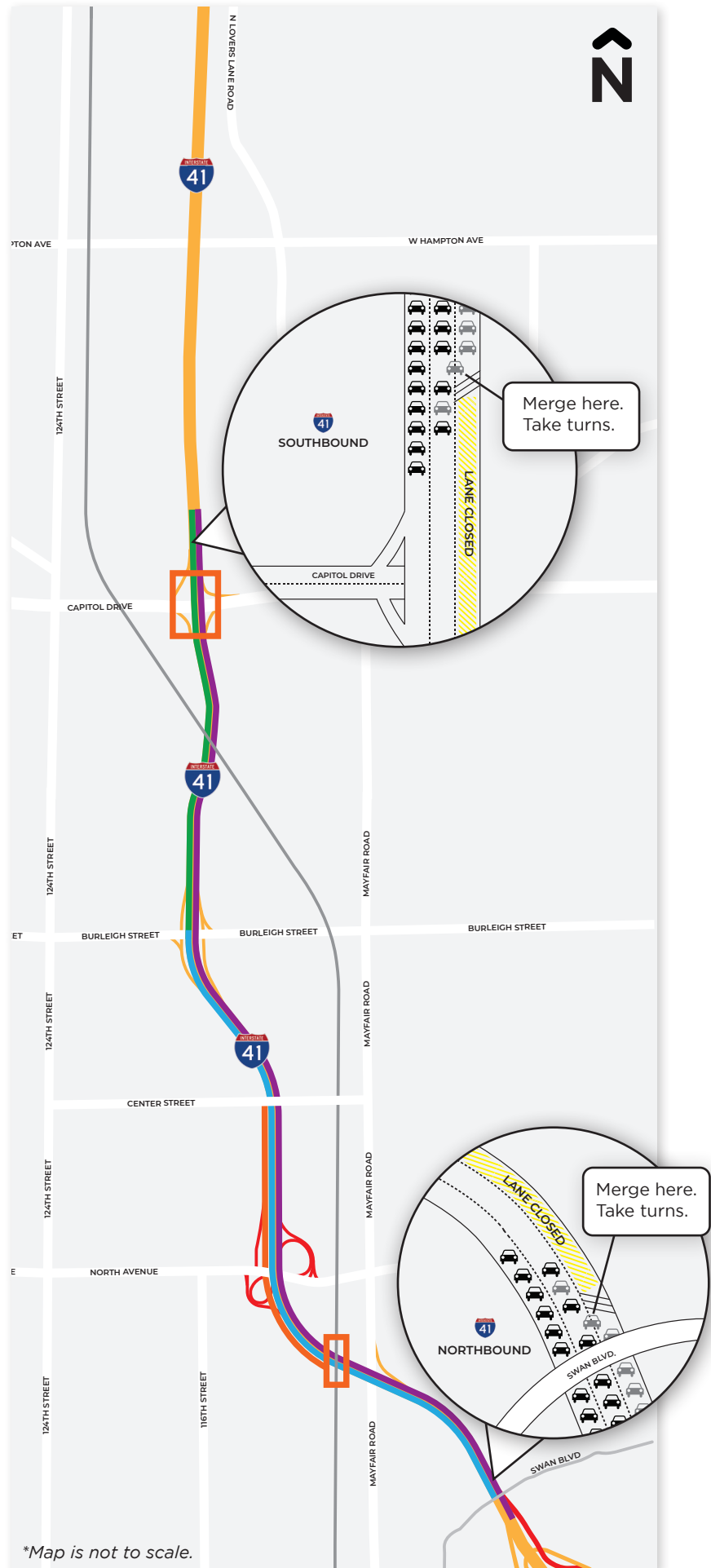
The project team will implement the use of a zipper merge for both the I-41 North and I-41 South lane closures. In order to maximize the benefits of a zipper merge, motorists are encouraged to keep the following tips in mind:

- Utilize all lanes until you reach the merge point
- Take turns alternating as you merge
- Slow down and plan for extra time in your commute

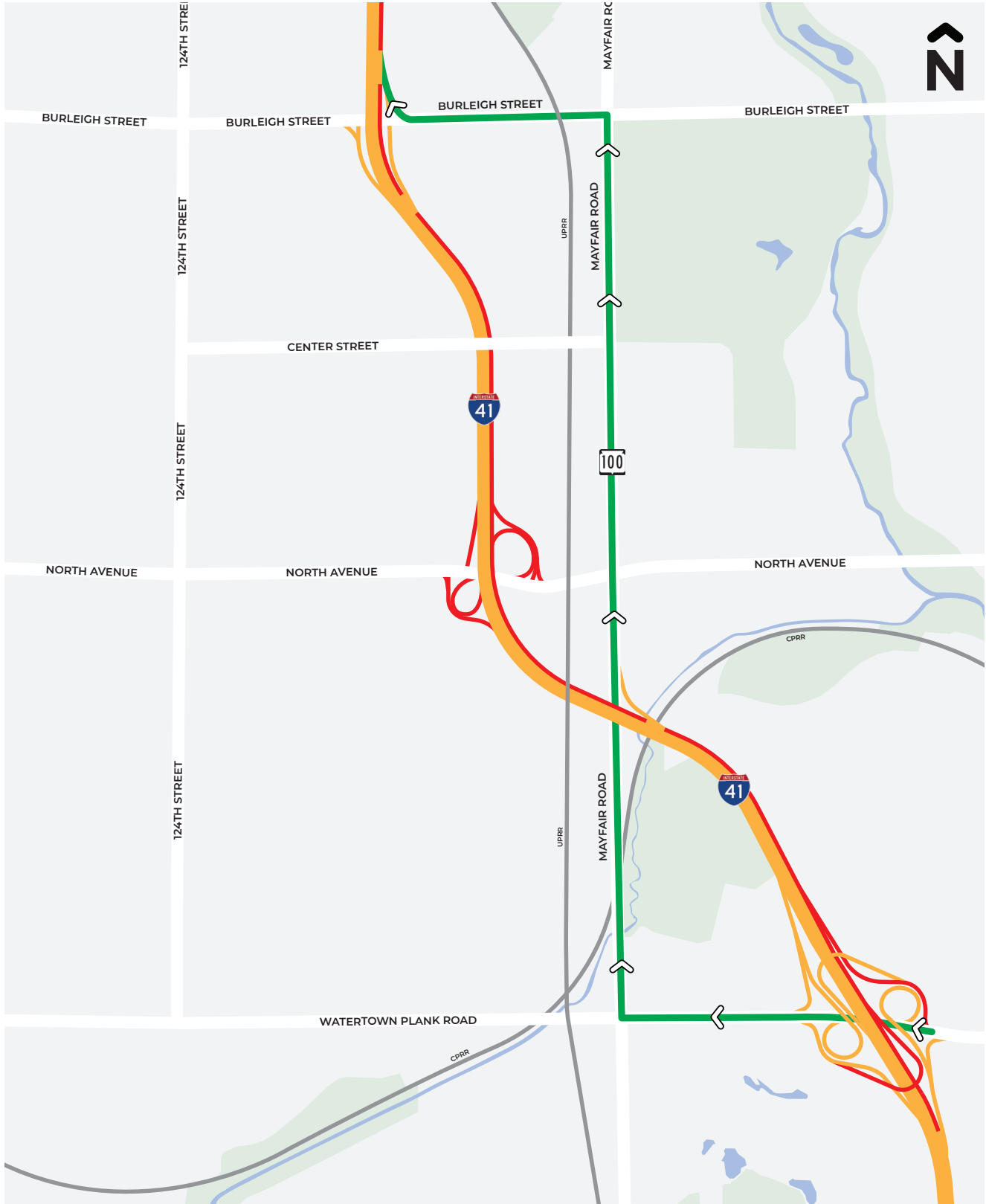
All closures are weather-dependent and subject to change.

### LEGEND

- I-41 North reduced to 2 lanes mid June - early August
- I-41 South reduced to 2 lanes mid June - mid August
- I-41 South reduced to 2 lanes late June - mid August
- Work Zone
- Ramp Closed



# I-41 NB LANE CLOSURE INFO



## LEGEND

- █ I-41 LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES
- █ I-41 NORTHBOUND DETOUR ROUTE

## LEFT LANE ZIPPER MERGE

# ZIPPER MERGE

### What is it and why is it effective?

A dynamic late merge (zipper merge) allows drivers to utilize all lanes of traffic until the merge area is reached. At this point, motorists should merge in an alternating fashion, like a zipper.

### What are the benefits of a zipper merge?

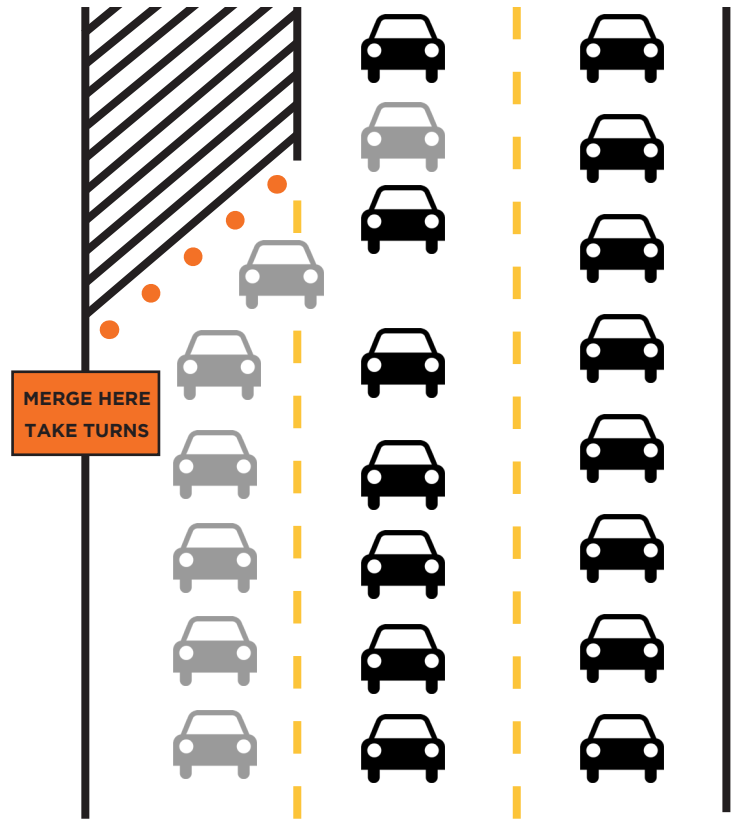
When a vehicle slows down to merge early in heavy traffic situations, it puts all drivers in danger, slowing traffic down too quickly, leading to unexpected crashes or angry motorists. These dangers are decreased using the zipper merge. Traffic backups can be reduced as much as 40 percent.

### How does it all work?

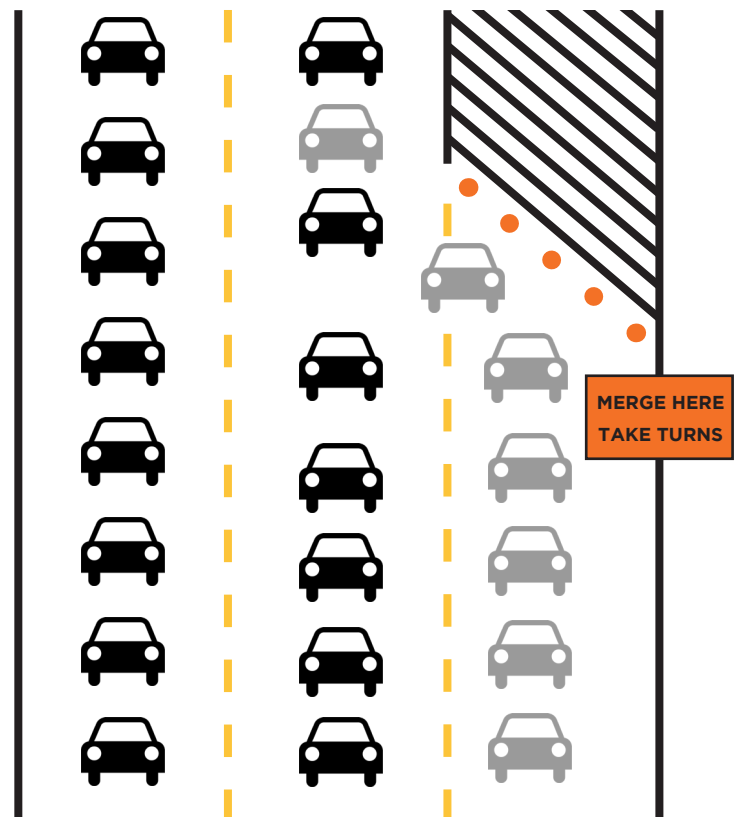
When you see a Lane Closed Ahead sign, continue to drive in your lane until you are prompted to merge. When you reach this point, take alternating turns with other drivers to merge into the single lane of traffic.

### Can we make it happen?

The only way this can be effective is if we are all aware of the zipper merge and follow its rules. When driving in this situation, allow extra time, slow down, and alternate while merging. The zipper merge allows for everyone to move at the same rate, minimizing delays for all.



## RIGHT LANE ZIPPER MERGE



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