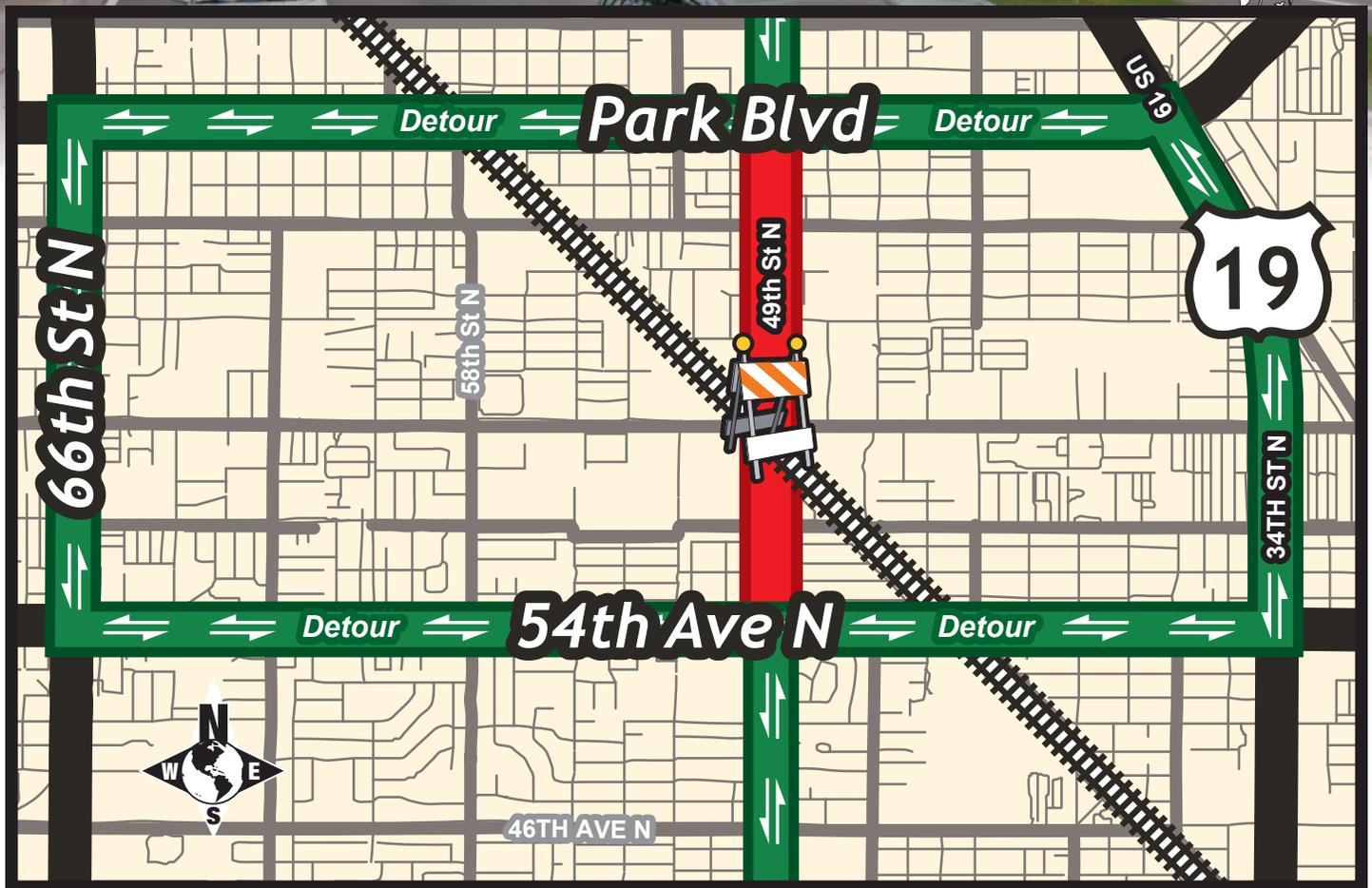


49th St. N. Road Closure at CSXT Railroad

Pinellas County, in coordination with CSXT Railroad, is upgrading the railroad crossing at 49th Street North in Pinellas Park.



The project is expected to begin Summer of 2015.

The entire roadway will be closed in both directions for approximately three weeks.

Detour route ► US Hwy 19 and 66th Street North will be used as the main detour route.

If you have any questions about this project, call (727) 453-3320 or visit www.pinellascounty.org/roadwork.htm



49th Street North Road Closure at CSXT Railroad Fact Sheet

Why is this railroad crossing being replaced?

The 49th Street North (CR 611) railroad reconstruction project is a part of a systematic maintenance and railway improvement program between Pinellas County and CSX Transportation Inc. (CSXT). Public railroad-highway grade crossings in the county are identified for replacement according to the age or condition of the crossing.

This high volume crossing was last reconstructed in 2000 using rubber crossing pads that typically have a lifespan of 10 to 12 years. The scope of work and improvements will include replacement of the rails and rail bed. The new railroad crossing will be constructed with reinforced concrete that has an extended lifespan compared to traditional grade crossing materials.

When will the road be closed?

The dates of the road closure are tentatively set for July 31 through Aug. 21. This project requires significant coordination efforts between CSXT and their suppliers and contractors. Many factors can influence the estimated construction timeline. Pinellas County Communications will keep all information current to the greatest extent possible, with regards to unanticipated delays. Please refer to the project website at www.pinellascounty.org/roadwork.htm for the most up to date information or call (727) 453-3320.

Why does it take three weeks?

Pinellas County can begin reconstruction of the roadway only after CSXT performs their work. The CSXT construction will take 10 to 14 days. The contractor must then go in and replace the roadway, curbing, sidewalks, median and drainage/utilities in order to match the new elevation of the tracks.

How can I get around the road closure?

For north/south through traffic, it is suggested that motorists use either 66th Street North or U.S. 19. Local traffic can use other local roads that may be familiar; however, all large trucks must use the designated detour route. Local traffic will be able to access businesses up to the railroad tracks from either direction but will not be able to cross the railroad tracks.

What is Pinellas County doing to keep traffic moving?

Fourteen days prior to the road closure, variable message boards will be installed at the railroad crossing to alert motorists of the planned closure. This will give plenty of time for planning alternate routes. In addition, an extensive notification and coordination effort has been made with all public safety agencies to ensure EMS, fire departments and law enforcement services remain unaffected.

The entire process will be closely monitored by the county's Project Management Team and the Traffic Control Department to ensure that things are moving quickly and smoothly.