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Intersection of Rice Lake Road and Airport Road re-opens

The T-shaped intersection of Rice Lake Road and Airport Road re-opened to traffic today. The busy intersection now features a "continuous green T signal", along with a median and better street lighting, all aimed at easing traffic congestion and improving safety.

With the new traffic signal, vehicles traveling north on Rice Lake Road always have a green light. Vehicles traveling south on Rice Lake Road, or turning in either direction to or from Airport Road are controlled by a standard traffic light signal. Vehicles turning left onto Rice Lake Road from Airport Road turn onto a new lane and have 1,000 feet to accelerate before merging with northbound traffic.

The project, which totaled \$790,000, was funded in part by Transportation Sales Tax revenue. Ulland Brothers served as project contractor.

Minor finishing details will continue at the intersection over the next several weeks, and motorists are asked to slow down and use caution whenever workers are present. To learn more about this or any other St. Louis County road construction project, or to sign up for email updates, visit stlouiscountymn.gov/construction.

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The photo that follows shows what travelers heading north on Rice Lake Road see: a continuous green light for those in the right lane, and a more traditional traffic signal for anyone turning left onto Airport Road.

