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### **Construction begins Saturday on Highway 4 (Vermilion Trail)**

Work begins tomorrow on a multi-year project to improve an 11-mile stretch of Vermilion Trail (County State Aid Highway 4) northeast of Island Lake. Road crews will be out Saturday doing preparatory work for culvert repairs, which begin on Tuesday. This phase of the project is expected to last through mid-August. The road will remain open to traffic throughout the project; however, motorists should expect delays due to temporary lane closures, as well as rough surfaces at times.

In 2016, the road will be repaved using a reclaim and overlay process. The nearly \$4.5 million project is being funded using money raised by the Transportation Sales Tax (TST), which went into effect earlier this spring. If not for the sales tax funds, these repairs likely wouldn't have started for at least two more years.

Drivers are reminded to pay attention when traveling through this or any construction zone, to slow down and follow the direction of road crews, and to remain alert for vehicles that may brake suddenly. Setting down phones to minimize distractions is also recommended.

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](http://stlouiscountymn.gov/construction).

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