

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of October 19, 2009

The information in this update is tentative and subject to change.

The following is an update on the status of the Crosstown reconstruction project.

The Crosstown project area includes I-35W between 66th Street and 42nd Street; and Hwy 62 between Penn Avenue and Portland Avenue.

For more information about the Crosstown project: www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown

Public Information Events

Crosstown staff will be available to answer questions about the projects at the following events:

Richfield Farmers Market

Saturday, October 24, 2009

Veteran's Memorial Park

Portland Ave and 64th Street

Event hours: 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Staff available: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

General Updates

Maps with ramp, bridge and road closures are available:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown/>

I-35W and Westbound Hwy 62 Weekend Closure – October 16-19

All lanes of southbound I-35W, between I-94 and Hwy 62, and all northbound lanes of I-35W at the eastern junction of Hwy 62 are scheduled to close beginning at 10:00 pm on Friday, October 16 through 5:00 am on Monday, October 19. In addition, all lanes of westbound Hwy 62, between the eastern junction of I-35W and Hwy 121 are scheduled to close during the same time period. The closures are needed for bridge demolition in the eastern junction, bypass construction, and to re-route traffic onto the new segmental bridges in the eastern junction. Eastbound Hwy 62 will remain open during the closures and motorists will still be able to access northbound I-35W from westbound Hwy 62.

Motorists should follow the posted detour routes:

- Southbound I-35W: I-394 West to Hwy 100 South to Hwy 62 East to I-35W South
- Northbound I-35W: Hwy 62 West to Hwy 100 North to I-394/I-94 East
- Westbound Hwy 62: Hwy 62 West to Hwy 77/Cedar Ave South to I-494 West to I-35W North to Hwy 62 West

Upcoming I-35W Major Traffic Changes

After the October 16-19 weekend closure, the following **major** traffic changes will be in affect along southbound I-35W:

- Motorists wishing to access eastbound Hwy 62 will now need to be in the **left lane**.
- Motorists wishing to access westbound Hwy 62/southbound I-35W will need to use the two **right traffic lanes**.
- Traffic on **southbound I-35W will not be able to exit at 66th Street**. The 66th Street exit ramp from southbound I-35W will only be accessible to traffic from eastbound Hwy 62 connecting to southbound I-35W.

Hwy 121/Lyndale Ave ramp to southbound I-35W Closing on October 19

The Hwy 121/Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to southbound I-35W is scheduled to close at 6:00 am on Monday, October 19 through the summer of 2010. At that time, all southbound traffic along Hwy 121 will be directed to westbound Hwy 62. Pavement demolition along northbound Hwy 121 will resume after the entrance ramp closes.

Exit Ramp to Lyndale Ave Re-opening October 19

The exit ramp to Lyndale Ave is scheduled to re-open during the weekend of October 16-19. During the same time period, a traffic switch will occur along westbound Hwy 62 moving traffic onto the newly constructed lanes. The Lyndale exit ramp is expected to be open by 6:00 am Monday, October 19. At this time, the exit ramp will only be accessible for motorists traveling along southbound I-35W. Motorists along westbound Hwy 62 will need to continue to use the current detour routes to access Lyndale Ave. The exit ramp will be accessible from both southbound I-35W and westbound Hwy 62 once the project is completed in 2010. The newly constructed Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to westbound Hwy 62 is scheduled to open in fall of 2010.

Lyndale Ave Closing October 19-22

Lyndale Ave, between 61st Street and 63rd Street, is scheduled to close at 10:00 pm on Monday, October 19 for demolition of the Hwy 62 bridge over Lyndale Ave. Bridge demolition activities will occur during both daytime and nighttime hours. Lyndale Ave is scheduled to re-open by 6:00 am on Thursday, October 22.

60th Street Entrance Ramp to Northbound I-35W Closing October 22

The 60th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W is scheduled to close at 10:00 pm on Thursday, October 22 until summer 2010. The upcoming traffic switch re-routing northbound I-35W traffic and westbound Hwy 62 traffic connecting to northbound I-35W onto the new southbound I-35W lanes is now scheduled for October 28.

Northbound I-35W exit ramp to westbound Highway 62/58th Street Closures begin October 21

The northbound I-35W exit ramp to westbound Highway 62/58th Street is scheduled to close at 10:00 pm on Wednesday, October 21, and Thursday, October 22. The ramp will re-open by 5:00 am the following day. In addition, the ramp is scheduled to close at 10:00 pm on Friday, October 23 through 5:00 am Monday, October 26. The closures are needed for bridge demolition of the east- and westbound Hwy 62 bridges over Hwy 121. Hwy 62 and I-35W will remain open during the closures.

Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closures:

I-35W North to Hwy 62 East to Hwy 77/Cedar Ave North to Hwy 62 West

I-35W and Hwy 62 Nighttime Lane Closures

Watch for periodic nighttime lane closures on I-35W from downtown Minneapolis to 66th Street and on Hwy 62 from Penn Ave to Portland Ave between 8 pm and 6 am. For up-to-date information on highway construction traffic, detours and delays call 511 or go to www.511mn.org.

Freeway Ramp Update

Items with an asterisk () designate recent changes or additions.*

The following ramps are closed or are tentatively scheduled to close:

Ramps along I-35W

***46th Street exit ramp from southbound I-35W**

Status: Closed, but re-scheduled to open on October 30

Detour: 35th/36th Street ramp or Diamond Lake Road ramp

***46th Street entrance ramp to southbound I-35W**

Status: Closed, but re-scheduled to open on October 30

Detour: 36th Street ramp or Diamond Lake Road ramp

***Hwy 121/Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to southbound I-35W**

Status: Open, but scheduled to close October 19

Re-opens: Summer 2010

Detour: access southbound I-35W at 66th Street

***60th Street**

60th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Open, but scheduled to close October 22

Re-opens: Summer 2010

Detour: access northbound I-35W at Diamond Lake Road or 46th Street

66th Street

66th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: June 2010

Detour: 66th Street east, Portland Ave north

***66th Street exit ramp from southbound I-35W**

Status: Open, but only accessible to eastbound Hwy 62 traffic connecting to southbound I-35W (as of Oct. 19)

Closed to traffic from southbound I-35W

Detour: exit at 76th Street

Ramps along Hwy 62

Portland Ave

Portland Ave exit ramp from eastbound Hwy 62

Status: Open for traffic coming from the west;

Closed to traffic from southbound I-35W to eastbound Hwy 62

Detour: Hwy 62 east, Hwy 77 north, Hwy 62 west

Lyndale Ave

Lyndale Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed, but scheduled to re-open on October 19

Accessible only for traffic on southbound I-35W

Closed to traffic from westbound Hwy 62

Detour: I-35W south, exit at 66th, 66th Street east

Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62/northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: To Be Determined

Detour: 66th Street east, Portland Ave north

Penn Ave

Penn Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed

Re-opens: July 2010

Detour: Exit at Xerxes Ave

Project Areas

Areas along I-35W

46th Street Bridge Area

The 46th Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians. The northbound I-35W exit and entrance ramps to 46th Street are open as well. Noise wall painting, paving activities, and lighting installation along the southbound freeway ramps continues this week.

46th Street Freeway Ramps Along Southbound I-35W Opening Re-Scheduled for October 30

The 46th Street entrance and exit ramps are re-scheduled to open on Friday, October 30.

Southbound I-35W traffic, between 42nd Street and 50th Street, is scheduled to be re-routed onto the "new" southbound lanes of I-35W the evening of Saturday, October 17. The remaining northbound I-35W traffic will be re-routed to the "new" southbound lanes of I-35W in early November.

50th Street Bridge Area

The 50th Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians.

Closures Continue for Minnehaha Parkway and Creek

Intermittent closures of Minnehaha Parkway and Creek at I-35W have resumed and will continue through the end of the year. Water traffic will not be allowed on Minnehaha Creek during the parkway closures. At least one pedestrian or bike path along Minnehaha Creek at I-35W will remain open during the closures; however, the path may be intermittently closed to safely conduct work. Motorists should follow the posted detour route. The closures are needed for bridge demolition of the I-35W bridge above the parkway. Daytime construction activities this week include pile driving on the south side of the bridge.

Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area

The Diamond Lake Road bridge and all freeway entrance and exit ramps are open. Newly constructed noisewalls along northbound I-35W will be painted in spring 2010.

60th Street Bridge Area

The 60th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W is scheduled to close at 10:00 pm on Thursday, October 22 until summer 2010. The upcoming traffic switch re-routing northbound I-35W traffic and westbound Hwy 62 traffic connecting to northbound I-35W onto the new southbound I-35W lanes is now scheduled for October 28. The sidewalk on the south side of 60th Street remains closed. In late October, 60th Street is scheduled to close for approximately two to three days for bridge demolition.

I-35W/Hwy 62 Junctions

Western Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Bridge demolition continues at the western junction of Hwy 62 and I-35W. Daytime construction activities for this week include pile driving.

Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Bridge demolition continues at the eastern junction of I-35W and Hwy 62.

Areas along Hwy 62

Penn Ave Bridge Area

Retaining wall construction continues along westbound Hwy 62, between Penn Ave and James Ave including the westbound Hwy 62 exit ramp to Penn Ave. Watermain work in the area is scheduled to begin the week of October 26.

Hwy 121

The Hwy 121/Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to southbound I-35W is scheduled to close at 6:00 am on Monday, October 19 through the summer of 2010. At that time, all southbound traffic along Hwy 121 will be directed to westbound Hwy 62. Pavement demolition along northbound Hwy 121 will resume after the entrance ramp closes.

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

The eastbound Hwy 62 exit ramp to Lyndale Ave is now open. The Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62 has been postponed until further notice. The westbound Hwy 62 exit ramp to Lyndale Ave is tentatively scheduled to re-open on October 19. At this time, the exit ramp will only be accessible for motorists traveling along southbound I-35W. Motorists along westbound Hwy 62 will need to continue to use the current detour routes to access Lyndale Ave. The exit ramp will be accessible from both southbound I-35W and westbound Hwy 62 once the project is completed in 2010.

Upcoming Lyndale Ave Closure – October 19-22

Lyndale Ave, between 61st Street and 63rd Street, is tentatively scheduled to close at 10:00 pm on Monday, October 19 for demolition of the Hwy 62 bridge over Lyndale Ave. Bridge demolition activities will occur during both daytime and nighttime hours during the closure. Lyndale Ave is scheduled to re-open by 6:00 am on Thursday, October 22.

Soo Railroad (between Lyndale Ave S and Nicollet Ave S)

Noise wall work and lighting installation along westbound Hwy 62 continues. Pavement demolition along eastbound Hwy 62 also continues. Demolition of the Hwy 62 bridge over the Soo Railroad is tentatively scheduled to begin October 30.

Nicollet Ave Bridge Area

Gas line relocation work continues along Nicollet Ave, and pavement demolition along eastbound Hwy 62 continues.

Neighborhood Updates

Road Reconstruction

Minneapolis

Stevens Avenue between 42nd Street and 50th Street

Reconstruction activities continue along Stevens Ave. Paving of Stevens Ave north of 46th Street is scheduled for the week of October 26. Noise wall painting and paneling also continues in this area through October. Re-installation of speed tables (bumps) is scheduled for the week of October 26. Stevens Ave is scheduled to re-open in late fall of 2009.

Richfield

Eastbound Hwy 62 Service Roads

Reconstruction of the Richfield service roads along eastbound Hwy 62 continues. Design issues have caused some recent delays in the re-construction process, but crews are working toward finishing the roads before the end of the year. Pavement of the remaining service roads is tentatively scheduled for the week of October 26.

Road Closures

2nd Ave between Minnehaha Parkway and Luverne Ave

2nd Ave between Minnehaha Parkway and Luverne Ave is closed through approximately June 2010 for the demolition and reconstruction of the northbound I-35W bridge over Minnehaha Parkway. Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closure.

Stevens Ave between 42nd Street and 50th Street

- Between 42nd and 48th Street — closed for wall and road work in multiple locations.
- Between 48th and 50th Street — closed during daytime hours, but open to local traffic at night — *Driveway access will be maintained for residents along Stevens Ave and along East Rustic Lodge*

Columbus Avenue at East 61st Street

Columbus Avenue at East 61st Street is closed for utility work. Storm sewer work is completed and intersection reconstruction will begin in approximately two weeks. Parking along East 61st Street near Columbus Ave is not allowed during the closure.

Oliver Avenue at West 62nd Street

Oliver Avenue at West 62nd Street is closed through October for water main work in the area. Parking along Oliver Ave near W. 62nd Street is not permitted during the closure.

Knox Avenue and James Avenue (alley closure)

The alley along westbound Hwy 62 from approximately Knox Ave to James Ave is closed until November. The closure is needed for area utility work and for the construction of retaining walls along westbound Hwy 62. Daytime construction activities include pile driving.

Nighttime Construction Activities

Nighttime construction activities are needed in order to complete the project work within schedule and when lane closures on the freeways are allowed. The following areas are scheduled to have nighttime construction activities between 8 pm and 6 am:

Eastern Junction

Activities: Bridge demolition
Duration: October 16-18

Western Junction

Activities: Bypass construction and utility work
Duration: October 16-18

Hwy 62 at Lyndale Ave

Activities: Bridge demolition
Duration: October 19-22

Hwy 62 between East and West Junctions of I-35W

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of materials for bridge construction
Duration: through December 2009

Pile Driving

Daytime pile driving continues to occur throughout the project. Pile driving may occur between 7 am and 6 pm. In the upcoming week, pile driving will occur in the following areas:

Western Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Duration: through October

Minneapolis

Minnehaha Parkway at I-35W

Duration: through October

Richfield

Westbound Hwy 62 between James Ave and Knox Ave (H-pile extraction)

Duration: week of Oct. 19

For More Information on the Crosstown and I-35W Projects

Crosstown/I-35W Project Hotline: 1.866.743.6590

Email: crosstown@rranow.com

Crosstown project website: www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown

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**For office hours, call the Crosstown/I-35W Project Hotline.*