

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of August 3, 2009

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

The following is an update on the status of the Crosstown and I-35W reconstruction projects.

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

The I-35W project runs along I-35W from Burnsville to downtown Minneapolis and is funded by the Urban Partnership Agreement. For more information about the I-35W project: www.dot.state.mn.us/upa

For questions about the Crosstown and I-35W projects:
Crosstown/I-35W Project Hotline 1-866-743-6590 or crosstown@rranow.com

Public Information Events

Crosstown/I-35W staff will be available to answer questions about the projects at the following events:

Kingfield Farmers Market – Sunday, August 2 – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Help us celebrate the re-opening of the 46th Street Bridge at the Kingfield Farmers Market (43rd Street and Nicollet) on Sunday, August 2. Stop by the Crosstown table, between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm and receive a coupon for a special discount on your market purchase. Staff will be available to answer questions about the Crosstown Project and the 46th Street Bus Transit Station. *(One coupon per person, while supplies last.)*

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 4

Crosstown staff are available to stop by neighborhood block parties to provide project information and updates. To request a visit: 1-866-743-6590 crosstown@rranow.com

Kenny Neighborhood Summerfest

Saturday, August 8

Kenny Park, 1328 W. 58th St, Minneapolis

Event hours: 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm;

Crosstown Staff available: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Cub Foods

Sunday, Aug 9

5937 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis

Staff Available from: 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/>

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/upa/>

Northbound I-35W weekend closure July 31-August 3

All lanes of northbound I-35W, from Hwy 13 to I-494 will close from 10 pm Friday, July 31, through 5 am Monday, August 3. All ramps on northbound I-35W between Hwy 13 and I-494 will also be closed during this time, including:

- Hwy 13 entrance to northbound I-35W
- Northbound I-35W entrance to westbound I-494
- Northbound I-35W entrance to eastbound I-494
- Eastbound I-494 entrance to northbound I-35W

The detour route will be as follows:

- I-35E north to Hwy 77; north to Hwy 62; west to I-35W

46th Street Bridge Open

The 46th Street Bridge has re-opened to traffic and pedestrians. The bridge had been closed since April 2008, as it underwent reconstruction in order to accommodate the expansion of I-35W. In addition to the bridge, the northbound I-35W exit ramp to 46th Street has also re-opened. The 46th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W is open; however, the exit and entrance ramps along southbound I-35W remain closed and are scheduled to reopen this fall.

Legion Lake Pedestrian Bridge Closing August 3

The Legion Lake pedestrian bridge, located on the northern side of the lake at Veteran's Memorial Park in Richfield, is scheduled to close beginning on August 3 for approximately one month. Trail users will be unable to make a continuous loop around the northern side of Legion Lake. The pedestrian bridge reconstruction is needed for construction activities related to the freeway drainage system.

I-35W and Hwy 62 Nighttime Lane Closures

Watch for nighttime lane closures on I-35W from downtown Minneapolis to Burnsville and on Hwy 62 from Penn Ave to Portland Ave between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. each night. 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

Northbound I-35W Closure: July 31-August 3

All ramps on northbound I-35W between Highway 13 and I-494 will be closed from 10 pm Friday, July 31, through 5 am Monday, August 3.

35th Street

***35th/36th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Reopens: September 2009

Detour: Exit I-35W at 31st Street; east on 31st Street; south on Portland Avenue to 35th/36th Streets

46th Street

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

Status: Open

46th Street exit ramp from southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

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

46th Street entrance ramp to southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

Detour: 36th Street ramp or Diamond Lake Road ramp

66th Street

66th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: June 2010

Detour: 66th Street east, Portland Ave north

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

Re-opens: October 2009

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: October 2009

Detour: 66th Street east, Portland Ave north

Lyndale Ave exit ramp from eastbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

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

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

Downtown Minneapolis to 42nd Street

Work on shoulders, noisewalls, retaining walls and drainage structures continue in the area. Nightly lane closures between 8 pm and 6 am will continue through completion of the project this fall.

46th Street Bridge Area

The 46th Street Bridge has re-opened to traffic and pedestrians along with the northbound I-35W exit ramp to 46th Street. The 46th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W is open; however, the exit and entrance ramps along southbound I-35W remain closed and are scheduled to reopen this fall.

50th Street Bridge Area

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

Minnehaha Parkway Bridge Area

Work on the east side of the I-35W bridge over Minnehaha Parkway is scheduled to begin later this month and continue through the fall and winter. The pedestrian and bike path adjacent to the Parkway remains closed, and pedestrians and bicyclists are encouraged to use the pathway north of the creek.

Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area

The Diamond Lake Road Bridge and all freeway entrance and exit ramps are available. Traffic along northbound I-35W between Diamond Lake Road and 50th Street is scheduled to be rerouted to the "new" lanes of southbound I-35W later this month.

60th Street Bridge Area

Retaining wall work continues in the area. The sidewalk on the south side of 60th Street remains closed.

I-494 to Burnsville Parkway

Nighttime construction activities will be in place during the weekend closure and continue between Burnsville Parkway and I-494.

I-35W/Hwy 62 Junctions

Western Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Bridge work at the western junction of I-35W and Hwy 62 continues.

Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

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

Areas along Hwy 62

Penn Ave Bridge Area

Roadway grading activities continue along westbound Hwy 62, between Penn Ave and Logan Ave. Storm sewer work and retaining wall construction is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks. Area noise walls have been removed and will be reconstructed later this year, or in spring 2010.

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

Bridge rail work begins this week on the westbound Hwy 62 bridge over Lyndale Avenue along with concrete paving along westbound Hwy 62. Retaining wall work also continues along westbound Hwy 62.

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

Bridge work continues in the area and retaining wall work continues along westbound Hwy 62.

Nicollet Ave Bridge Area

Retaining wall work continues in the area.

Neighborhood Updates

Road Reconstruction

Minneapolis

Stevens Avenue between 42nd Street and 50th Street

Reconstruction activities continue along Stevens Ave between 42nd Street and 50th Street in multiple locations. Stevens Ave is scheduled to be re-opened by fall 2009.

2nd Avenue between 43rd Street and 48th Street

2nd Avenue is open to traffic from 44th Street to 48th Street; however, 2nd Avenue between 43rd and 44th Street is closed until approximately August 7. Intermittent lane closures along 2nd Ave, between 45th and 48th Street, continue to complete remaining sidewalk work in the area.

Richfield

Eastbound Hwy 62 Service Roads

Newton Ave to Girard Ave

Reconstruction of the service roads along eastbound Hwy 62 from Newton Ave to Girard Ave has begun. Curb and gutter restoration is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks with roadway paving to follow.

Garfield Ave to 5th Ave

Reconstruction of the service roads along eastbound Hwy 62 from Garfield Ave to 5th Ave is tentatively scheduled to begin in a few weeks. The reconstruction had been previously delayed due to design issues.

Road Closures

Minneapolis

31st Street at 2nd Ave (Sidewalk Closure)

Storm sewer work will continue through early August. During this time the sidewalk on 31st Street at 2nd Avenue will be closed.

2nd Avenue between 34th and 36th Street

2nd Avenue between 34th and 36th Street is closed until mid-late August. Parking on this portion of 2nd Avenue is not allowed during this time. The road remains open to local traffic and emergency vehicles only. Traffic will be detoured east on 36th Street to 4th Avenue; north to 34th Street.

2nd Avenue between 43rd and 44th Street

2nd Avenue between 43rd and 44th Street is closed until approximately August 7 for retaining wall construction.

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*

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:

Bloomington and Burnsville

Weekend Closure: Northbound I-35W between Highway 13 and I-494

Activities: Milling and paving

Duration: July 31-August 3

Northbound I-35W between Burnsville Parkway and I-494

Activities: Milling and paving, construction of overhead signage structures

Duration: through August

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

Crosstown/I-35W Project Hotline: 1.866.743.6590

Email: crosstown@ranow.com

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

I-35W project website: www.dot.state.mn.us/upa.

Crosstown/I-35W Project Office: 6242 Lyndale Ave S, Richfield*

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