

# I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

## Weekly Update

### For the weeks of January 11 & January 18, 2010

Note: For the winter construction season, Crosstown email updates will be released every other week. Weekly updates will resume in March.

For more information about the Crosstown project, please visit: [www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown)

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

### Public Information Events

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

#### **Richfield Remodeling Fair** **Saturday, January 23, 2010**

Richfield High School  
7001 Harriet Avenue S  
Event hours: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Staff available: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

### General Updates

**Maps with ramp, bridge and road closures are available:**

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

#### **Southbound I-35W January 8-11 Weekend Closure - *Cancelled***

Due to inclement weather, the January 8-11 weekend closure of southbound I-35W is ***cancelled***. I-35W and Hwy 62 will remain open this weekend.

#### **Upcoming Southbound I-35W Weekend Closure – January 15-18**

All lanes of southbound I-35W are tentatively scheduled to close at the western Junction of Hwy 62 starting at 10:00 pm Friday, January 15, through 5:00 am Monday, January 18. The closure is needed to set bridge beams on the eastbound Hwy 62 bridge over southbound I-35W. Northbound I-35W and Highway 62 will remain open during the closures.

Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closures:

Highway 62 west to Highway 100 South – Highway 100 South to Highway 62 East – Highway 62 East to I-35W South

#### **Minnehaha Parkway and Creek Closed Through March 2010**

Minnehaha Parkway and Creek at I-35W remain closed through early March 2010 as crews reconstruct the northbound I-35W bridge above the parkway. At least one pedestrian or bike path along Minnehaha Creek at I-35W will remain open; however, the path may be intermittently closed to safely conduct work. Motorists should follow the posted detour route. During the closures, access across I-35W will be available at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street bridge, 46th Street bridge, 50<sup>th</sup> Street bridge, Diamond Lake Road bridge, and the 60th Street underpass.

#### **I-35W and Hwy 62 Nighttime Lane Closures**

Watch for periodic nighttime lane closures on I-35W from downtown Minneapolis to 66<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

#### **46<sup>th</sup> Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: Summer 2010

Detour: 36th Street ramp or Diamond Lake Road ramp

#### **60<sup>th</sup> Street**

##### **60<sup>th</sup> Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: Summer 2010

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

#### **66<sup>th</sup> Street**

##### **66<sup>th</sup> Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: June 2010

Detour: 66th Street east, Portland Ave north

##### **66<sup>th</sup> Street exit ramp from southbound I-35W**

Status: Open, but only accessible to eastbound Hwy 62 traffic connecting to southbound I-35W

Closed to traffic from southbound I-35W

Detour: exit at 76<sup>th</sup> Street

### Ramps along Hwy 62

#### **Penn Ave**

##### **Penn Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: July 2010

Detour: Exit at Xerxes Ave

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

Status: Closed

Re-opens: Summer 2010

Detour: access southbound I-35W at 66<sup>th</sup> Street

#### **Lyndale Ave**

##### **Lyndale Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62**

Status: Open for traffic on southbound I-35W

Closed to traffic from westbound Hwy 62

Detour: exit at Portland Ave, Portland to 66<sup>th</sup> Street

#### **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

## Project Areas

### Areas along I-35W

#### **46<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Area**

The 46<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians. Daytime construction activities include noisewall paneling along southbound I-35W near 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Construction has started on the 46<sup>th</sup> Street Bus Rapid Transit Station. For more information on the station, please visit <http://www.metrotransit.org/35W-BRT/index.asp>

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Area**

The 50<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians. Reconstruction of northbound I-35W continues.

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### **Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area**

The Diamond Lake Road bridge and all freeway entrance and exit ramps are open. Reconstruction of northbound I-35W continues.

### **60<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Area**

Construction activities continue in the area with work on bridge abutments and on retaining walls along northbound I-35W. Pedestrian access is available along 60<sup>th</sup> Street on the south side of the street.

## **I-35W/Hwy 62 Junctions**

### **Western Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62**

Bridge work and work on the commons pond continues at the western junction.

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### **Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62**

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

## **Areas along Hwy 62**

### **Penn Ave Bridge Area**

Minor roadway grading activities continue in the area.

### **Lyndale Ave Bridge Area**

Bridge re-construction continues at Lyndale Ave. Sidewalk access is available under Hwy 62 on the east side of the street. Daytime construction activities include work on the bridge abutments.

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

Bridge reconstruction continues with work on the east bridge abutments.

### **Nicollet Ave Bridge Area**

Bridge abutment work continues on the north- and southbound I-35W bridges over Nicollet Ave. Additional daytime construction activities include pile driving. Pedestrian access is available along Nicollet Ave on the east side of the avenue.

## **Neighborhood Updates**

### **Ferdinand Pond**

Additional clearing of pond vegetation and excavation of the pond is scheduled to begin the week of January 11. The depth of the pond will be increased to enhance the quality of the surrounding wetland. Additional work will also take place on the small basin on the west side of the pond to improve the water quality in the enhanced wetland.

## Road Reconstruction

### Sidewalk and Carriage Walk Restoration

Sidewalk and carriage walk restoration is finished for the winter. Any unfinished sidewalks or carriage walks will be completed in 2010.

### Minneapolis

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between Chester Street and 58<sup>th</sup> Street**

2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between Chester Street and 58<sup>th</sup> Street is reduced to a single lane. Traffic will be directed northbound only.

## Road Closures

### **Minnehaha Parkway and Creek Closed Through March 2010**

Minnehaha Parkway and Creek are closed through early March 2010 as crews reconstruct the northbound I-35W bridge above the parkway.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Ave between Minnehaha Parkway and Luverne Ave**

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

## 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:

### Minneapolis

#### **Hwy 62/I-35W at Nicollet Ave**

Duration: through January

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

Crosstown/I-35W Project Hotline: 1.866.743.6590

Email: [crosstown@ranow.com](mailto:crosstown@ranow.com)

Crosstown project website: [www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown)

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

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