

# I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

## Weekly Update For the week of August 17, 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 66<sup>th</sup> Street and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street; and Hwy 62 between Penn Avenue and Portland Avenue. For more information about the Crosstown project:

[www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown](http://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](http://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](mailto:crosstown@rranow.com)

### Public Information Events

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

**Richfield Farmers Market**

**Saturday, August 22, 2009**

Veteran's Memorial Park

Portland Ave and 64<sup>th</sup> 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/>

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

**Nighttime lane restrictions and ramp closures on I-35W continue through August 16**

Intermittent nighttime lane closures will be in place on northbound and southbound I-35W between Burnsville Parkway and I-494 through Sunday, Aug. 16. Intermittent closures will be in place nightly from 8 pm to 6 am.

In addition, motorists will encounter intermittent nighttime ramp closures on southbound I-35W between 8 pm and 6 am:

**Ramps on southbound I-35W from I-494 to Burnsville Parkway**

Dates: Thursday, Aug. 13; Friday, Aug. 14; Saturday, Aug. 15

Includes the following ramps at I-35W and I-494:

- Southbound I-35W exit to westbound I-494
- Westbound I-494 exit to southbound I-35W
- Southbound I-35W exit to eastbound I-494
- Eastbound I-494 exit to southbound I-35W

Detour routes will be posted for motorists while ramp closures are in place.

**Nightly Closures of I-35W: August 17-19**

All lanes of northbound and southbound I-35W, at the western junction of Hwy 62, will close nightly from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. beginning on Monday, August 17 and continuing through Wednesday, August 19. The nighttime closures are needed for bridge painting at the western junction of I-35W and Highway 62.

Access to local streets along I-35W north and south of Highway 62 will remain open during the closures.

Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closures:

For northbound I-35W: 58<sup>th</sup> Street/Lyndale Ave exit to Hwy 121 to Hwy 62 West to Hwy 100 South to Hwy 62 East/I-35W North

For southbound I-35W: Highway 62 West to Highway 100 South to Hwy 62 East to I-35W South

### **Intermittent Minnehaha Parkway Closures at I-35W Begin August 17**

Minnehaha Parkway at I-35W is scheduled to close intermittently beginning on Monday, August 17 and continuing through mid-September. The closures are needed to demolish the northbound I-35W bridge above Minnehaha Parkway. 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. Bridge demolition is scheduled to begin the week of August 24 and will not impact traffic on northbound I-35W, as traffic from 49th Street to Hwy 62 will be re-routed to the southbound lanes of I-35W prior to August 24.

### **Upcoming Traffic Switch: Northbound I-35W at Hwy 62 Junction**

Traffic along northbound I-35W will be re-routed to travel along the “new” southbound lanes of I-35W between 60<sup>th</sup> Street and 49<sup>th</sup> Street on the evenings of Wednesday, August 19 and Thursday, August 20. Pavement demolition of the “old” northbound lanes of I-35W will begin the week of August 24 and continue for approximately three weeks.

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

Watch for periodic nighttime lane closures on I-35W from downtown Minneapolis to Burnsville and on Hwy 62 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**

##### **Nighttime ramp closures on I-35W August 10-15**

Nighttime ramp closures will be in place on northbound and southbound I-35W through the evening of August 15.

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

##### **\*35<sup>th</sup>/36<sup>th</sup> Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Reopens: September 2009

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

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

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

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

##### **46<sup>th</sup> Street entrance ramp to southbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

Detour: 36th Street ramp or Diamond Lake Road ramp

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

**I-35W: Downtown Minneapolis to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street**

Work on shoulders, noise walls, retaining walls, and drainage structures continue in the area. Intermittent lane closures on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and nighttime lane closures on northbound and southbound I-35W between 8 pm and 6 am will continue this week.

**46<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Open**

The 46<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge has re-opened to traffic and pedestrians. Noise wall work continues in the area. The I-35W exit and entrance ramps to 46th Street are open; however, the exit and entrance ramps along southbound I-35W remain closed and are scheduled to reopen this fall.

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

The 50<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians.

**Minnehaha Parkway Bridge Area**

Minnehaha Parkway will close intermittently at I-35W beginning this week and continue through mid-September. During the closures, at least one pedestrian or bike path along Minnehaha Creek at I-35W will remain open; however, the path may also be intermittently closed to safely conduct work. Bridge demolition of the northbound I-35W bridge over Minnehaha Parkway is scheduled to begin the week of August 24 and continue through the fall and winter.

**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 60<sup>th</sup> Street and 49<sup>th</sup> Street is scheduled to be re-routed to the "new" lanes of southbound I-35W on the evenings of Wednesday, August 19 and Thursday, August 20.

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

The sidewalk on the south side of 60<sup>th</sup> Street remains closed.

**I-494 to Burnsville Parkway**

Nighttime construction activities continue between Burnsville Parkway and I-494 through August 16.

**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. Nighttime construction activities for this area include bridge painting beginning on Monday, August 17 through Wednesday, August 19.

**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 James Ave. Storm sewer work begins this week. Additional daytime construction activities include pile driving as crews prepare for retaining wall construction.

### **Lyndale Ave Bridge Area**

Bridge deck work continues this week on the eastbound Hwy 62 Bridge over Lyndale Avenue and concrete paving activities continue along westbound Hwy 62. Curb work continues on the eastbound Hwy 62 exit and entrance ramps to Lyndale Ave.

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

Bridge overlay work begins this week and roadway grading activities continue along westbound Hwy 62.

### **Nicollet Ave Bridge Area**

Roadway grading activities continue this week along westbound Hwy 62 with concrete paving to begin in the next few weeks.

## **Neighborhood Updates**

### **Road Reconstruction**

#### **Minneapolis**

##### **Stevens Avenue between 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and 50<sup>th</sup> Street**

Reconstruction activities continue along Stevens Ave. Water main work continues this week between 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and 45<sup>th</sup> Street with sanitary sewer work to follow. Noise wall paneling continues along Stevens Ave south of 46<sup>th</sup> Street. Stevens Ave is scheduled to be re-opened by fall 2009.

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between 44<sup>th</sup> Street and 51<sup>st</sup> Street**

Intermittent lane closures along 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, between 45<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Ave**

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

### **Road Closures**

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##### **38<sup>th</sup> Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave**

There will be intermittent lane closures on 38<sup>th</sup> Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue this week for noise wall work happening in the area.

##### **31<sup>st</sup> Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave (Sidewalk Closure)**

Storm sewer work will continue through the end of August. During this time the sidewalk on 31<sup>st</sup> Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue will be closed.

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between 34<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> Street**

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between Minnehaha Parkway and Luverne Ave is scheduled to close beginning on Monday, August 17 and remain closed through approximately June 2010. The closure is needed for crews to prepare for and demolish 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 42<sup>nd</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Street — closed for wall and road work in multiple locations.
- Between 48<sup>th</sup> 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*

**Richfield**

**Oliver Avenue at West 62<sup>nd</sup> Street**

Oliver Avenue at West 62<sup>nd</sup> Street is closed for approximately six weeks. The closure is needed for water main work in the area. Parking along Oliver Ave near W. 62<sup>nd</sup> 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 for approximately two months. The closure is needed for area utility work and for the construction of retaining walls along Westbound Hwy 62.

**Legion Lake Pedestrian Bridge Closed**

The Legion Lake pedestrian bridge, located on the northern side of the lake at Veteran’s Memorial Park in Richfield, is closed 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.

**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:

**Western Junction**

Activities: Bridge painting  
Duration: August 17-19

**Bloomington and Burnsville**

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

Activities: Milling and paving, construction of overhead signage structures  
Duration: through August 16

**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:

**Richfield**

**Westbound Hwy 62 between Knox Ave to James Ave**

Duration: week of August 17

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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@rranow.com](mailto:crosstown@rranow.com)

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I-35W project website: [www.dot.state.mn.us/upa](http://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.