

# I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

## Weekly Update For the week of December 7, 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 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)

### General Updates

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

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

#### **Southbound I-35W at Western Junction of Highway 62 Closing December 11-14**

All lanes of southbound I-35W are scheduled to close at the western Junction of Hwy 62 starting at 10:00 pm Friday, December 11 through 5:00 am Monday, December 14. 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

#### **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. Area utility work continues as crews install a storm sewer along the right shoulder of northbound I-35W. Additional excavation activities continue along northbound I-35W between 50<sup>th</sup> Street and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Nighttime construction activities include excavation between 46<sup>th</sup> Street and 50<sup>th</sup> Street.

##### **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.

##### **Minnehaha Parkway and Creek Intermittent Closures Resume**

Intermittent closures of Minnehaha Parkway and Creek at I-35W 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. Daytime construction activities this week include work on bridge abutments on the north and south sides of the bridge and work on pier footings.

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

The Diamond Lake Road bridge and all freeway entrance and exit ramps are open. Daytime construction activities this week along northbound I-35W include roadway grading.

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

Daytime construction activities this week include retaining wall demolition and excavation and pile driving. Nighttime construction activities include excavation and hauling of materials.

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

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

Bridge work continues at the western junction of Hwy 62 and I-35W. Daytime construction activities include installation of bridge girders. Nighttime construction activities include placement of bridge beams during the weekend of December 11-14.

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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 this week include work on the bridge abutments.

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

Bridge reconstruction continues with work on the east and west abutments.

#### **Nicollet Ave Bridge Area**

Bridge demolition of the “old” Hwy 62/I-35W bridges over Nicollet Ave is complete. Work on bridge abutments is scheduled to begin this week. Additional daytime construction activities include pile driving. Nighttime construction activities include surcharge construction and structure excavation.

## **Neighborhood Updates**

### **Road Reconstruction**

#### **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.

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

Stevens Avenue has re-opened to traffic, and buses have resumed their regular routes along Stevens Ave between 44<sup>th</sup> Street and 48<sup>th</sup> Street. Signage will be completed in the near future; however, roadway striping will occur next spring. We thank area residents for their patience during the re-construction process.

#### **Richfield**

##### **Hwy 62 Service Roads**

Paving is completed on all Hwy 62 service roads. Placement of topsoil and other stabilization activities will occur this week. Service roads have re-opened, and we thank area residents for their patience during the re-construction process.

### **Road Closures**

##### **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.

##### **Knox Avenue and James Avenue (alley closure)**

The alley along westbound Hwy 62 from approximately Knox Ave to James Ave has re-opened, and we thank area residents for their patience during the re-construction process. Placement of topsoil and other stabilization activities will occur this week.

## 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: Placement of bridge beams  
Duration: weekend of December 11-14

### **Minneapolis**

#### **Hwy 62 between I-35W North and Portland Ave**

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of materials  
Duration: through December

#### **Northbound I-35W between 60<sup>th</sup> Street and 58<sup>th</sup> Street**

Activities: Excavation and hauling of materials  
Duration: through December

#### **Northbound I-35W between 50<sup>th</sup> Street and 46<sup>th</sup> Street**

Activities: Roadway excavation  
Duration: through December

### **Minneapolis/Richfield**

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

Activities: Surcharge construction and excavation  
Duration: through December

## 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**

#### **Northbound I-35W at 60<sup>th</sup> Street**

Duration: through December

#### **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@rranow.com](mailto:crosstown@rranow.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.*