

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the weeks of January 25 & February 1, 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

For more information about the new MNPass Lanes along I-35W, please visit: at <http://www.mnpass.org>

For more information on the station, please visit <http://www.metrotransit.org/35W-BRT/index.asp>

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/>

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 42nd Street bridge, 46th Street bridge, 50th 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 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 northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: Summer 2010

Detour: 36th Street ramp or Diamond Lake Road ramp

60th Street

60th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

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

Closed to traffic from southbound I-35W

Detour: exit at 76th 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 66th 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 66th 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

46th Street Bridge Area

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

50th Street Bridge Area

The 50th 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.

60th Street Bridge Area

Construction activities continue in the area with work on both the north and south bridge abutment stems and on retaining wall footings along northbound I-35W. Pedestrian access is available along 60th Street on the south side of the street.

I-35W/Hwy 62 Junctions

Western Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Retaining wall work continues around the commons pond at the western junction. Additional daytime construction activities include work on bridge abutments and grading work.

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 bridge work on the east abutment walls and backfilling of the west abutments.

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

Bridge reconstruction continues. Work on the west abutment is scheduled to begin in early February.

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 25, weather permitting. 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

2nd Avenue between Chester Street and 58th Street

2nd Avenue between Chester Street and 58th Street is reduced to a single lane. Traffic will be directed northbound only. Retaining wall work continues in the area.

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.

2nd Ave between Minnehaha Parkway and Luverne Ave

2nd 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

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

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

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