

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of November 23, 2009

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

Note: Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will not be a weekly update for the week of November 30.

The following is an update on the status of the Crosstown reconstruction project.

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

General Updates

Maps with ramp, bridge and road closures are available:

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

Single Lane Traffic on Westbound Highway 62: November 23-25

Traffic will be reduced to a single lane along westbound Highway 62 between the western junction of I-35W and Penn Avenue beginning at 9:00 am on Monday, November 23. Traffic will remain in this single lane configuration from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm daily through Wednesday, November 25. The lane reduction is needed for sheet piling activities along westbound Highway 62.

Nicollet Avenue at I-35W to close Nov. 30 – Dec. 4

Nicollet Avenue, beneath I-35W/Highway 62, is scheduled to close at 6:00 am Monday, November 30 for bridge demolition of the "old" I-35W/Highway 62 bridges above Nicollet Avenue and for area storm sewer installation. Nicollet Avenue will re-open by 6:00 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4. I-35W and Highway 62 will remain open during the closure.

Motorists should follow the posted detours routes:

Nicollet Avenue South: West 61st Street to Lyndale Avenue to West 66th Street

Nicollet Avenue North: West 66th Street to Lyndale Avenue to West 61st Street

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. The southbound I-35W exit and entrance ramps to 46th Street are now open. The 46th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W is closed until summer 2010. Storm sewer installation along northbound I-35W begins this week.

50th Street Bridge Area

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

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. The closures are needed for bridge reconstruction of the I-35W bridge above the parkway. Daytime construction activities this week include work on bridge abutments on the south side of the bridge, retaining wall work on the north side of the creek, and pile driving on the north side of the bridge.

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.

60th Street Bridge Area

The 60th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W is closed until summer 2010. The sidewalk on the south side of 60th Street remains closed. Daytime construction activities this week include excavation for retaining walls, noise wall demolition, and pile driving.

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. Nighttime construction activities include excavation and hauling of materials.

Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Pavement removals and earthwork continue at the eastern junction of I-35W and Hwy 62.

Areas along Hwy 62

Penn Ave Bridge Area

Retaining wall construction continues along westbound Hwy 62, between Penn Ave and James Ave. Daytime construction activities include sheet piling. Nighttime construction activities include hauling and stockpiling of materials along westbound Hwy 62.

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

All freeway ramps at Lyndale Ave are now open. The newly constructed Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to westbound Hwy 62 is scheduled to open in fall of 2010. Sidewalk access is available under Hwy 62 on the east side of Lyndale Ave. Daytime construction activities this week include work on the bridge abutments.

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

Bridge reconstruction continues this week. Daytime construction activities include pile driving at the west side of the bridge.

Nicollet Ave Bridge Area

Nicollet Avenue, under Interstate 35W/Highway 62, is scheduled to close at 6:00 am November 30 for bridge demolition of the "old" I-35W/Highway 62 bridges above Nicollet Avenue and for area storm sewer installation. Nicollet Avenue will re-open by 6:00 a.m. Dec. 4. I-35W and Highway 62 will remain open during the closure.

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Nicollet Avenue North: West 66th Street to Lyndale Avenue to West 61st Street

Neighborhood Updates

Road Reconstruction

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.

Stevens Avenue between 42nd Street and 50th Street

42nd Street to 44th Street

Installation of noise wall posts continues this week followed by noise wall paneling. Boulevard restoration is scheduled to begin this week.

44th Street to 50th Street

Speed bump installation is re-scheduled for this week. Roadway striping and road signage will occur once the speed bumps have been installed. Buses have also resumed their routes along Stevens Ave between 44th Street and 46th Street.

Crews continue to work towards re-opening Stevens Avenue, between 42nd Street and 50th Street, by end of the year.

Richfield

Hwy 62 Service Roads

Crews are continuing to work toward finishing the roads before the end of the year. Paving of the pedestrian paths is scheduled for this week. Weather permitting, all service roads are scheduled to re-open by mid-December.

Road Closures

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.

Stevens Ave between 42nd Street and 50th Street

- Between 42nd and 44th Street — closed for road work in multiple locations.
- Between 44th and 50th Street – open, but will have short-term closures this week for installation and paving of speed tables

Oliver Avenue at West 62nd Street

Oliver Avenue at West 62nd Street is closed through November for water main work in the area. Parking along Oliver Ave near W. 62nd 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. The closure is needed for area utility work and for the construction of retaining walls along westbound Hwy 62. Placement of gravel and blacktop along the alley are scheduled for this week. Additional daytime construction activities include pile driving.

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. This week, nighttime construction activities are scheduled for the evenings of November 22-25. There are no nighttime construction activities scheduled for the evenings of Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.

The following areas are scheduled to have nighttime construction activities between 8 pm and 6 am:

Western Junction

Activities: Excavation and hauling of materials
Duration: through December

Westbound Hwy 62 between Penn Ave and I-35W/Hwy 121

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of materials
Duration: through December

Hwy 62 between East and West Junctions of I-35W

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of materials for bridge construction
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

Westbound Hwy 62 between Girard Ave and Irving Ave (sheet piling)

Duration: week of November 23

Minnehaha Parkway at I-35W

Duration: through November

Northbound I-35W at 60th Street

Duration: through December

Minneapolis/Richfield

Hwy 62 at Lyndale Ave

Duration: through November

Hwy 62 at Pleasant Ave
Duration: through December

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

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

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