

# I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

## Weekly Update For the week of November 9, 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/>

#### 46<sup>th</sup> Street Freeway Ramps

The 46<sup>th</sup> Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W will close at 10:00 pm, November 9 until summer 2010. The remaining northbound I-35W traffic will be also re-routed to the “new” southbound lanes of I-35W the evening of November 9. Once the traffic switch is completed, the 46<sup>th</sup> Street entrance and exit ramps along southbound I-35W will re-open the morning of November 10.

#### I-35W Major Traffic Changes

The following **major** traffic changes are in effect along southbound I-35W:

- Motorists wishing to access eastbound Hwy 62 will now need to be in the **left lane**.
- Motorists wishing to access westbound Hwy 62/southbound I-35W will need to use the two **right traffic lanes**.
- Traffic on **southbound I-35W will not be able to exit at 66<sup>th</sup> Street**. The 66<sup>th</sup> Street exit ramp from southbound I-35W will only be accessible to traffic from eastbound Hwy 62 connecting to southbound I-35W.

#### 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 southbound I-35W**

Status: Closed, but scheduled to open on November 10

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

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

Status: Closed, but scheduled to open on November 10

Detour: 36th Street ramp or Diamond Lake Road ramp

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

Status: Open, but scheduled to close 10:00 pm, November 9 until 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: 66<sup>th</sup> 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. The northbound I-35W exit and entrance ramps to 46<sup>th</sup> Street are open as well. The remaining northbound I-35W traffic will be re-routed onto the "new" southbound lanes of I-35W the evening of November 9.

#### **46<sup>th</sup> Street Freeway Ramp Update:**

- The 46<sup>th</sup> Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W will close November 9, at 10:00 pm, until summer 2010.
- The 46<sup>th</sup> Street entrance and exit ramps along southbound I-35W will re-open by the morning of November 10, after the traffic switch.

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

The 50<sup>th</sup> 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 resume this week 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.

#### **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 pavement demolition south of 55<sup>th</sup> Street and roadway grading activities from south of Diamond Lake Road to Minnehaha Parkway.

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

The 60<sup>th</sup> Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W is closed until summer 2010. The sidewalk on the south side of 60<sup>th</sup> Street remains closed. Noise wall demolition along the residential side of the 60<sup>th</sup> street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W is scheduled for this week.

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

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

Bridge abutment work continues at the western junction of Hwy 62 and I-35W. Additional construction activities for this area include daytime pile driving. 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. Area water main work also continues along with daytime sheet piling and sheet pile removals. Nighttime construction activities include hauling and stockpiling of materials along westbound Hwy 62.

#### **Hwy 121**

The Hwy 121/Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to southbound I-35W is closed through the summer of 2010. All southbound traffic along Hwy 121 will be directed to westbound Hwy 62. Pavement demolition will occur this week and continue into next week.

#### **Lyndale Ave Bridge Area**

All freeway ramps at Lyndale Ave are now open. However the Hwy 62 westbound exit ramp to Lyndale Ave is only accessible for traffic on southbound I-35W. The exit ramp will be accessible from both southbound I-35W and westbound Hwy 62 once the project is completed in 2010. The newly constructed Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to westbound Hwy 62 is scheduled to open in fall of 2010. Daytime construction activities this week include pile driving at the east side of the bridge.

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

Bridge reconstruction continues this week. Daytime construction activities include pile driving at the east side of the bridge continuing through January.

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

Gas line relocation work continues along Nicollet Ave, and pavement demolition along eastbound Hwy 62 also continues. Demolition of the I-35W bridge over Nicollet Ave is tentatively scheduled for early December.

## **Neighborhood Updates**

### **Road Reconstruction**

#### **Minneapolis**

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

Paving activities continue on Stevens Ave north of 46<sup>th</sup> Street along with the re-installation of speed tables (bumps), weather permitting. Area noise wall construction also continues. Stevens Ave is scheduled to re-open in late fall of 2009.

## **Richfield**

### **Hwy 62 Service Roads**

Paving of the remaining service roads is scheduled for early next week, weather permitting. Curb and gutters have been poured for all service roads. Crews are continuing to work toward finishing the roads before the end of the year.

## **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.

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

- Between 42<sup>nd</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Street — closed for road work in multiple locations.
- Between 48<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> 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*

### **Columbus Avenue at East 61<sup>st</sup> Street**

Columbus Avenue at East 61<sup>st</sup> Street is closed for utility work. Intersection reconstruction continues with blacktop paving scheduled for this week. Parking along East 61<sup>st</sup> Street near Columbus Ave is not allowed during the closure.

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

Oliver Avenue at West 62<sup>nd</sup> Street is closed through mid-November 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 until mid-November. The closure is needed for area utility work and for the construction of retaining walls along westbound Hwy 62. 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. 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:

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

Duration: through early November

### **Minneapolis**

#### **Minnehaha Parkway at I-35W**

Duration: through November

### **Westbound Hwy 62 between Penn Ave and Morgan Ave (sheet pile removal)**

Duration: through end of November

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

Duration: through December

**Minneapolis/Richfield**

**Hwy 62 at Lyndale Ave**

Duration: through November

**Hwy 62 at Pleasant Ave**

Duration: through December

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

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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\*

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