

# I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

## Weekly Update For the week of November 2, 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/>

#### **60<sup>th</sup> Street at I-35W Closed: November 2-5**

60<sup>th</sup> Street at I-35W is scheduled to close at 6:00 am Monday, November 2 for demolition of the northbound I-35W bridge over 60<sup>th</sup> Street. Bridge demolition activities will occur primarily during daytime hours to keep nighttime noise to a minimum, but it may be necessary to do some work at night. 60<sup>th</sup> Street is scheduled to re-open by 5:00 am Thursday, November 5. Motorists will still be able to exit southbound I-35W at 60<sup>th</sup> Street during the closure, but will **not** be able to cross under I-35W on 60<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### **46<sup>th</sup> Street Freeway Ramps Opening & Closing Re-Scheduled**

Inclement weather has caused the following changes for the opening and closing of the 46<sup>th</sup> Street freeway ramps:

- The 46<sup>th</sup> Street entrance and exit ramps along southbound I-35W are re-scheduled to open Monday, November 9.
- The 46<sup>th</sup> Street Exit ramp from Northbound I-35W is scheduled to close November 9.

The remaining northbound I-35W traffic will be also re-routed to the "new" southbound lanes of I-35W the evening of November 9.

#### **I-35W Major Traffic Changes**

The following **major** traffic changes are in affect 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 re-scheduled to open on November 9

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

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

Status: Closed, but re-scheduled to open on November 9  
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 on November 9  
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: I-35W south, exit at 66<sup>th</sup>, 66<sup>th</sup> Street east

**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 46th 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:**

Inclement weather has caused the following changes for the opening and closing of the 46<sup>th</sup> Street freeway ramps:

- The 46<sup>th</sup> Street entrance and exit ramps along southbound I-35W are re-scheduled to open Monday, November 9.
- The 46<sup>th</sup> Street Exit ramp from Northbound I-35W is scheduled to close November 9.

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

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

### **Minnehaha Parkway and Creek Open for Weekend Monster Dash Events**

Minnehaha Parkway and Creek will be open this weekend for the Team Ortho Monster Dash Events. Starting on Monday, November 2, intermittent closures of Minnehaha Parkway and Creek at I-35W will resume 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 pile driving on the south side of the bridge.

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

The Diamond Lake Road bridge and all freeway entrance and exit ramps are open. Utility work continues along the northbound I-35W freeway ramps.

### **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 re-scheduled for the week of November 9 due to inclement weather.

#### **60<sup>th</sup> Street at I-35W: Closed November 2-5**

60<sup>th</sup> Street at I-35W is scheduled to close at 6:00 am Monday, November 2 for demolition of the northbound I-35W bridge over 60<sup>th</sup> Street. Bridge demolition activities will occur primarily during daytime hours to keep nighttime noise to a minimum, but it may be necessary to do some work at night. 60<sup>th</sup> Street is scheduled to re-open by 5:00 am Thursday, November 5. Motorists will still be able to exit southbound I-35W at 60<sup>th</sup> Street during the closure, but will **not** be able to cross under I-35W on 60<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **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.

#### **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. Water main work begins in the area next week, weather permitting.

#### **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 resume in the area in a few weeks.

#### **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. Motorists on westbound Hwy 62 will need to continue to use the current detour routes to access Lyndale Ave. 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 west side of the bridge.

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

Demolition of the Hwy 62 bridge over the Soo Railroad is scheduled continue through Monday, November 2. Bridge demolition activities will occur during both daytime and nighttime hours to adhere to the railroad's schedule. Once the bridge is demolished and removed, daytime bridge reconstruction, including pile driving will begin.

## **Nicollet Ave Bridge Area**

Gas line relocation work continues along Nicollet Ave, and pavement demolition along eastbound Hwy 62 continues.

# **Neighborhood Updates**

## **Road Reconstruction**

### **Minneapolis**

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

Inclement weather has caused minor delays in the reconstruction of Stevens Ave. Paving of Stevens Ave north of 46<sup>th</sup> Street along with the re-installation of speed tables (bumps) will be completed early next week, weather permitting. Area noise wall construction continues. Stevens Ave is scheduled to re-open in late fall of 2009.

### **Richfield**

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

Due to inclement weather, the paving of the remaining service roads is re-scheduled for the end of this week. Design issues have also caused some recent delays in the re-construction process, but crews are working 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 demolition and 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 will begin 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 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:

### **Minneapolis**

#### **I-35W at 60<sup>th</sup> Street (tentative)**

Activities: Bridge demolition

Duration: November 2-5

*(Work will occur primarily during daytime hours, but it may be necessary to complete some work at night.)*

### **Minneapolis/Richfield**

#### **Hwy 62 at Pleasant Avenue/Soo Railroad**

Activities: Bridge demolition

Duration: October 29-31

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

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of materials for bridge construction

Duration: through December 2009

**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

**Hwy 62 at Lyndale Ave**

Duration: through November

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

Crosstown/I-35W Project Hotline: 1.866.743.6590

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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\*

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