

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of May 25, 2009

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

The following is an update on the status of the Crosstown and I-35W reconstruction projects.

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

The I-35W project runs along I-35W from Burnsville to downtown Minneapolis and is funded by the Urban Partnership Agreement. For more information about the I-35W project: www.dot.state.mn.us/upa.

For questions about the Crosstown and I-35W projects:
Crosstown/I-35W Project Hotline 1-866-743-6590 or crosstown@rranow.com

Public Information Events

Crosstown/I-35W staff will be available to answer questions about the projects at the following event:

Richfield Farmer's Market, Saturday, May 23, Veteran's Memorial Park/Portland Ave and 64th Street

Event hours: 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Crosstown/I-35W Staff Available from: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Field, Regina, Northrop Neighborhood Group Celebration, Saturday, June 6,

McRae Park/906 E. 47th Street

Event hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Crosstown/I-35W Staff Available from: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

General Updates

Maps with ramp, bridge and road closures are available:

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

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/upa/>

94th Street Entrance Ramp to Southbound I-35W in Bloomington to Close May 26

The entrance ramp from 94th Street to southbound I-35W in Bloomington will be closed starting May 26 through approximately mid June. Motorists will be detoured south on Penn Avenue to 98th Street.

Black Dog Road ramps on southbound I-35W to Close May 26

The southbound I-35W exit and entrance ramps at Black Dog Road will close Tuesday May 26, through mid-June. Motorists should follow posted detour routes.

Upcoming Traffic Switch: Southbound I-35W between 106th Street and Highway 13

Traffic along southbound I-35W between 106th Street and Highway 13 will be rerouted from the outside lanes to the inside lanes on May 27. Traffic continues to be reduced to two lanes on southbound I-35W from 106th Street in Bloomington to Highway 13 in Burnsville through approximately mid-June.

Lane Restrictions on Stevens Avenue and 2nd Avenue South in Minneapolis

Stevens Avenue and 2nd Avenue South from downtown Minneapolis to 42nd Street continue to be periodically reduced to one-lane of traffic, one way through July to allow for the construction of noisewalls. Additionally, 2nd Avenue South between E. 37th Street and E. 39th Street will be closed

from 7 am to 5:30 pm daily the week of May 25. One lane on Stevens Avenue will also be closed between 38th street and 41st street from May 26 to May 28.

Closure of Entrance Ramp from 98th Street to Southbound I-35W Extended

The closure of the entrance ramp from 98th Street to northbound I-35W in Bloomington will be **extended through mid-June**. Motorists will be detoured north on Lyndale Avenue to 94th Street.

Lane Reduction on Southbound I-35W

Traffic has been reduced to two lanes on southbound I-35W from 106th Street in Bloomington to Highway 13 in Burnsville until approximately mid-June. Motorists will encounter significantly longer commutes and increased congestion in the area, as well as on Highway 77 and Highway 169 as some traffic from I-35W diverts to these river crossings. Mn/DOT encourages commuters to plan ahead, use transit and telecommute or use flex time when possible.

Southbound I-35W Exit Ramp to Diamond Lake Road Open

The exit ramp to Diamond Lake Road from southbound I-35W is now open. Additionally, traffic along southbound I-35W has been rerouted to travel along the “new” southbound lanes of I-35W between 49th Street and the junction of Hwy 62. Pavement demolition of the “old” northbound lanes of I-35W in this area has begun.

Intermittent Weeknight Closures of Northbound I-35W begin May 26

All northbound lanes of I-35W, from 60th Street to Highway 62, will close intermittently Monday through Friday evenings from 10 pm to 5 am beginning Tuesday, May 26 and continuing through Friday, June 12. Motorists will be able to access northbound I-35W from 60th Street during the closures. The nighttime closures are needed to place bridge segments at the eastern junction of I-35W and Highway 62. Southbound lanes of I-35W will remain open during the nightly closures, but will be reduced to a single lane of traffic. All lanes of Highway 62 will remain open during the nightly closures.

Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closures:

For northbound I-35W – Highway 62 east, to Hwy 77/Cedar Ave, to Hwy 62 west, to I-35W North

Tentative Dates for Upcoming I-35W Weekend Closure: June 5-8

A weekend closure of I-35W is tentatively scheduled to occur the weekend of June 5, 2009. Construction activities during the closure include placement of bridge segments in the eastern junction of I-35W and Hwy 62. More details to follow in upcoming updates.

I-35W and Hwy 62 Nighttime Lane Closures

Watch for nighttime lane closures on I-35W from downtown Minneapolis to Burnsville and on Hwy 62 from Penn Ave to Portland Ave between 8 pm and 6 am each night. For up-to-date information on highway construction traffic, detours and delays call 511 or go to www.511mn.org.

Freeway Ramp Closures

The following ramps are closed or tentatively scheduled to close. *Items with an asterisk (*) designate recent changes or additions.*

Ramps along I-35W

***Northbound I-35W exit ramp to eastbound I-494**

Status: Open

46th Street

46th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: July 2009

Detour: 35th Street ramp or Diamond Lake Road ramp

46th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2010

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

46th Street exit ramp from southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009
Detour: 35th/36th Street ramp or 60th Street

46th Street entrance ramp to southbound I-35W

Status: Closed
Re-opens: October 2009
Detour: 36th Street ramp or Diamond Lake Road ramp

66th Street

66th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed
Re-opens: June 2010
Detour: 66th Street east, Portland Ave north

82nd Street

82nd Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W

Status: Closed
Re-opens: late May
Detour: I-494 west, Penn Ave. south

***94th Street**

94th Street entrance ramp to southbound I-35W

Status: Closing May 26
Re-opens: mid June
Detour: Penn Ave. south, 98th Street

98th Street

***98th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W**

Status: Closed
Re-opens: early June
Detour: Lyndale or Penn Ave. north, 94th St.

Black Dog Road

***Southbound I-35W exit to Black Dog Road**

Status: Closing May 26
Re-opens: mid-June
Detour: South on I-35W to Cliff Road, Cliff Road to I-35W northbound, I-35W to Black Dog Road

***Black Dog Road entrance to southbound I-35W (TENTATIVE)**

Status: Closing May 26
Re-opens: mid-June
Detour: North on I-35W to 106th Street, 106th to I-35W south

Ramps along Hwy 62

Eastbound Hwy 62 exit ramp to southbound I-35W

Status: Closed until approximately mid-July
Detour: West of Hwy 100: Hwy 100 south, I-494 east, I-35W south
East of Hwy 100: Hwy 77 south, I-494 west, I-35W south

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; re-opens fall 2010
Detour: Hwy 62 east, Hwy 77 north, Hwy 62 west

Lyndale Ave

Lyndale Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed
Re-opens: October 2009
Detour: Exit Penn Ave, 66th St east

Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62/northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

Detour: 66th Street east, Portland Ave north

Lyndale Ave exit ramp from eastbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

Detour: I-35W south, exit 66th St, 66th St west

Penn Ave

Penn Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

Detour: Penn Ave south, 66th St west, Xerxes Ave north

Project Areas

Areas along I-35W

Downtown Minneapolis to 42nd Street

Construction of noisewalls and drainage structures continue in the area. 2nd Avenue between E. 37th and E. 39th Streets will be closed to traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. daily the week of May 25. One lane on Stevens Avenue will also be closed between 38th street and 41st street for noisewall construction from May 26 to May 28. 2nd Ave and Stevens Avenue continue to be periodically reduced to one lane of traffic, one way, through July to allow for the construction of noisewalls. No nighttime work will be occurring this week. As construction activities continue, motorists are advised to continue to watch for nightly lane closures between 8 pm and 6am.

46th Street Bridge Area

The 46th Street bridge is closed and is scheduled to re-open by August 1, 2009. Daytime work includes pile driving. Nighttime activities include stockpiling materials and backfilling of retaining walls along southbound I-35W. Storm sewer installation also continues along southbound I-35W.

50th Street Bridge Area

The 50th Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians. Stevens Ave between 49th Street and 50th Street will be re-constructed in summer 2009. Nighttime work in the area includes hauling and unloading of materials.

Minnehaha Parkway Bridge Area

Bridge work at Minnehaha Parkway continues. The pedestrian and bike path directly north of the Parkway remains closed. Pedestrians and bicyclists are encouraged to use the path south of Minnehaha Parkway which remains open.

Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area

The Diamond Lake Road bridge and the southbound I-35W exit ramp to Diamond Lake Road are open. All other freeway ramps are open.

60th Street Bridge Area

Bridge rail work continues on the southbound I-35W bridge over 60th Street. Road reconstruction on 60th Street is complete. The sidewalk on the north side of 60th Street is open; however, the sidewalk on the south side is closed and will be reconstructed in 2009.

I-494 to Burnsville Parkway

The 94th Street entrance ramp to southbound I-35W will be closing starting May 26 through mid June. During this time motorists will be detoured south on Penn Avenue to 98th Street. In addition, the closure of the 98th street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W will be extended through early June. Nighttime work continues to occur from Burnsville Parkway to 90th Street. As construction activities continue, motorists are advised to watch for nightly lane closures between 8 pm and 6 am.

106th Street to Highway 13

Traffic continues to be reduced to two lanes on southbound I-35W from 106th Street in Bloomington to Highway 13 in Burnsville through approximately mid-June. The southbound I-

35W exit and entrance ramps at Black Dog Road will close May 26, through mid-June. Motorists should follow posted detour routes.

I-35W/Hwy 62 Junctions

Western Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Bridge work at the western junction of I-35W and Hwy 62. Nighttime activities along northbound I-35W, between 66th Street and Hwy 62, include hauling and stockpiling of materials and roadway grading.

Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Bridge work at the eastern junction of I-35W and Hwy 62 continues. Daytime activities include pile driving and nighttime construction activities include placement of bridge segments.

Areas along Hwy 62

Penn Ave Bridge Area

Noise wall construction and roadway grading continues along eastbound Hwy 62. Nighttime activities along eastbound Hwy 62 include excavation, hauling, and stockpiling of materials.

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

Retaining wall work along the freeway ramps at Lyndale Avenue continue. Nighttime activities along eastbound Hwy 62 include hauling and stockpiling of materials.

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

Retaining wall work continues along westbound Hwy 62. Nighttime work in the area includes hauling and stockpiling of materials for retaining walls.

Nicollet Ave Bridge Area

Segmental bridge work in the area continues. Daytime activities include sheet piling.

Portland Ave Bridge Area

The Portland Ave exit ramp from eastbound Hwy 62 is open; however, the ramp is only available to motorists coming from the west. The exit ramp still remains closed to motorists traveling on southbound I-35W to eastbound Hwy 62.

Neighborhood Updates

Road Closures

Minneapolis

2nd Ave between 37th Street and 39th Street

2nd Avenue South between E. 37th Street and E. 39th Street will be closed from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily the week of May 25 to complete work needed for noisewall construction. Parking on 2nd Avenue between East 37th and East 39th Street is not allowed during the closure.

Stevens Ave between 43rd Street and 48th Street

Utility, wall, and road work continues in multiple locations. As work progresses, some sections will be opened to local traffic on gravel surfaces.

Stevens Ave Additional Road Closures

Pavement removals along Stevens Ave, between 42nd and 49th Street continue. Pavement demolition will cause the following additional daytime closures along Stevens Ave:

- Between 42nd and 43rd Street – closed during day, but open to local traffic on a gravel surface at night
- Between 48th and 49th Street – closed during day, but open to local traffic on a gravel surface at night

Stevens Ave is scheduled to be re-paved by September 2009.

2nd Ave between 43rd Street and 48th Street

Utility, wall, and road work continues in multiple locations. As work progresses, some sections will be opened to local traffic on gravel surfaces. 2nd Ave is scheduled to be paved by August 2009.

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:

Eastern Junction

Activities: Placement of bridge segments

Duration: Through mid-June

Minneapolis

Southbound I-35W near 47th Street

Activities: Backfilling of retaining walls and stockpiling sand along residential roads

Duration: through the end of May

Southbound I-35W between 42nd Street and 50th Street

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling materials

Duration: through July

Northbound I-35W between 48th Street and 43rd Street

Activities: roadway grading

Duration: through June

Westbound Hwy 62 between Pleasant Ave and western junction of I-35W

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling materials

Backfilling of bridge abutments

Duration: through June

Richfield

Eastbound Hwy 62 between Penn Ave and I-35W

Activities: Roadway grading

Duration: through early June

Eastbound Hwy 62 between I-35W and Lyndale Ave

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of sand

Duration: through early June

Northbound I-35W between 66th Street and Hwy 62

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of sand, road way grading, and concrete paving

Duration: through May

Burnsville and Bloomington

Northbound I-35W between Burnsville Parkway and 90th Street

Activities: Milling and paving, construction of overhead signage structures

Duration: through May

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:

Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Duration: through early June

Minneapolis

Southbound I-35W between 42nd Street and 45th Street

Duration: through June

Nicollet Ave and I-35W/Hwy 62 – northwest corner (sheet piling)

Duration: through end of May

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

I-35W project website: www.dot.state.mn.us/upa.

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

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