

CROSTOWN

INTERSTATE 35W & HIGHWAY 62

Weekly Update

For the week of April 13, 2009

The following updates are tentative and subject to change.

Public Information Events

Construction activities on the Crosstown Project will soon be in full swing. Crosstown staff will be available to answer questions about the project and the upcoming construction season at the following events:

Kenny Neighborhood Open House

Tuesday, April 21

6:00 - 7:00 pm

**Anthony Middle School
5757 Irving Ave S, Minneapolis**

Crosstown Project Public Information Open House

Tuesday, April 28

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Richfield Lutheran Church
8 W 60th Street, Minneapolis
(intersection of Nicollet Ave and 60th Street)**

General Updates

A map with ramp, bridge and road closures is available at:

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

Ramp from Southbound I-35W to Diamond Lake Road Closed

The exit ramp from southbound I-35W to Diamond Lake Road is closed and will be closed through mid-May. The ramp closure is needed to continue reconstruction activities, including paving, of the new southbound lanes around Diamond Lake Road. To minimize the length of the ramp closure, a temporary crossover will be reconstructed to provide access from southbound I-35W to Diamond Lake Road in mid-May. Motorists should follow the posted detour route, which includes the 60th Street exit ramp. All other freeway ramps at Diamond Lake Road will remain open.

I-35W and Hwy 62 Nighttime Lane Closures

As nighttime construction activities resume in the project area, watch for nighttime lane closures on I-35W and Hwy 62 between 8:00 pm and 6:00 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. **Recent updates are in red text.**

Diamond Lake Rd

Diamond Lake Rd exit ramp from southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: Approximately mid-May

46th Street

46th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: July 2009

46th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2010

46th Street exit ramp from southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

46th Street entrance ramp to southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

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**

Lyndale Ave

Lyndale Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

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

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

Lyndale Ave exit ramp from eastbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

Penn Ave

Penn Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

66th Street

66th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: June 2010

Road Closures

Stevens Ave between 46th and 48th Streets

Stevens Ave between 46th and 48th Streets is closed for retaining wall work and is scheduled to re-open approximately in late-June.

2nd Ave and 43rd Street Intersection

The intersection of 2nd Ave and 43rd Street is closed for water main work and is scheduled to re-open in June.

Stevens Ave and 43rd Street Intersection

The intersection of 2nd Ave and 43rd Street is closed for water main work and is scheduled to be open to traffic and available for parking by October 1, 2009.

Project Areas

Penn Ave Bridge Area

Retaining wall work continues along eastbound and westbound Hwy 62. Nighttime activities along eastbound Hwy 62 include backfilling of retaining walls and hauling and stockpiling of materials.

Western Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

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

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

Work at Lyndale Avenue continues with bridge rail work occurring on the Hwy 62 eastbound bridge over Lyndale Avenue. Lyndale Avenue, between 63rd and 61st Street, is open to one-lane traffic in each direction. In early summer, work will resume to open up two-lanes of traffic in each direction. Sidewalks in the area remain unfinished; however, pedestrian access is available along the roadway. Nighttime activities along eastbound Hwy 62 include hauling and stockpiling of materials.

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

Bridge work has resumed with bridge rail work beginning this week. Retaining wall work continues along westbound Hwy 62.

Nicollet Ave Bridge Area

Segmental bridge work in the area is on hold. Sheet piling in the northwest corner of Nicollet Ave and I-35W/Hwy 62 will begin in mid-April and continue through mid-May.

Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Bridge work at the eastern junction of I-35W and Hwy 62 continues.

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.

60th Street Bridge Area

Bridge work above 60th Street is currently on hold. 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.

Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area

The Diamond Lake Road bridge is open. The carpool ramp to northbound I-35W is also open. Nighttime construction in this area includes roadway grading activities.

Ramp from Southbound I-35W to Diamond Lake Road Closed

The exit ramp from southbound I-35W to Diamond Lake Road is closed and will be closed through mid-May. To minimize the length of the ramp closure, a temporary crossover will be reconstructed to provide access from southbound I-35W to Diamond Lake Road in mid-May. Motorists should follow the posted detour route, which includes the 60th Street exit ramp. All other freeway ramps at Diamond Lake Road will remain open.

Minnehaha Parkway Bridge Area

Bridge work at Minnehaha Parkway continues. The pedestrian and bike path north of the Parkway remains closed. Pedestrians and bicyclists are encouraged to use the path south of Minnehaha Parkway which remains open. Nighttime work in the area includes roadway grading activities.

50th Street Bridge Area

The 50th Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians. The final layer of pavement at the intersections of Stevens Ave and 2nd Ave is still needed and will be done in summer 2009. Stevens Ave between 49th Street and 50th Street will be re-constructed in summer 2009. Day- and nighttime work in the area includes hauling and unloading of material.

46th Street Bridge Area

The 46th Street bridge is closed. The 46th Street Bridge is scheduled to re-open in summer 2009. Motorists can cross I-35W at 35th/36th Streets, 38th Street, 42nd Street, 50th Street, Minnehaha Parkway, Diamond Lake Road and 60th Street. Daytime work includes bridge deck construction and pile driving. Nighttime activities include stockpiling materials and backfilling of retaining walls. Storm sewer installation also continues along southbound I-35W.

Neighborhood Updates

2nd Ave and 43rd Street Intersection

The intersection of 2nd Ave and 43rd Street is closed for water main work and is scheduled to re-open in June. The delay in re-opening the intersection is due to the extended water main work on the west side of I-35W at 43rd Street and Stevens Ave.

Stevens Ave and 43rd Street Intersection

The intersection of 2nd Ave and 43rd Street remains closed. Water main work, including daytime pile driving, continues through mid-May. Upon completion of the water main work, retaining wall work will begin and continue through July 31, 2009; retaining wall excavation requires Stevens to remain closed. Stevens Avenue at 43rd Street is scheduled to be open to traffic and available for parking by October 1, 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:

Minneapolis

Southbound I-35W between 44th Street and 48th Street

Activities: Backfilling of retaining walls and stockpiling sand
Duration: through April

Southbound I-35W between Minnehaha Creek and Diamond Lake Road

Activities: Roadway grading
Duration: through April

Southbound I-35W between 49th Street and 60th Street

Activities: Concrete paving work
Duration: through April

Richfield

Eastbound Hwy 62 between Penn Ave and I-35W

Activities: Backfilling of retaining walls
Hauling and stockpiling of sand
Duration: through April

Eastbound Hwy 62 between I-35W and Lyndale Ave

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of sand
Duration: through May

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

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of sand
Duration: through April

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

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

Duration: through May

Southbound I-35W between 45th Street and 48th Street

Duration: through April

Northbound I-35W near 43rd Street (sheet piling)

Duration: through mid-April

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

Duration: Mid-April through May

Road Reconstruction

Minneapolis

Road reconstruction of W. 62nd Street, between Aldrich Ave and Dupont Ave, is complete for now; however, one final layer of pavement is needed and will be done in summer 2009.

Richfield

Reconstruction of the service roads along eastbound Hwy 62 from Garfield Ave to 5th Ave has been delayed due to design issues. The road reconstruction will be completed in 2009.

Grass Lake

Work around Grass Lake is complete for now; however, work in this area for retaining walls will also occur in 2010. The trail around the southeast end of Grass Lake is closed. The trail will be restored and re-opened once retaining wall work is complete.

For More Information on the Crosstown Project

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**For office hours, call the Crosstown Project Hotline.*