

# CROSTOWN

## INTERSTATE 35W & HIGHWAY 62

### Weekly Update

**For the week of April 20, 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:

#### Kingfield Annual Meeting

Monday, April 20

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Martin Luther King Recreation Center  
4055 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis

#### 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 60<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis  
(intersection of Nicollet Ave and 60<sup>th</sup> Street)

#### Cub Foods

Saturday, May 2

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

5937 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis

### 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

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

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

Status: Closed

Re-opens: July 2009

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

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2010

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

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

**46<sup>th</sup> 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 exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62**

Status: Open; scheduled to close in October 2009

Re-opens: July 2010

**Penn Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

**66<sup>th</sup> Street**

**66<sup>th</sup> Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: June 2010

**Road Closures**

**Stevens Ave between 46<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Streets**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and 43<sup>rd</sup> Street Intersection**

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

**Stevens Ave and 43<sup>rd</sup> Street Intersection**

The intersection of Stevens Ave and 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 66<sup>th</sup> Street and Hwy 62, include hauling and stockpiling of materials.

### **Lyndale Ave Bridge Area**

Retaining wall work along the freeway ramps at Lyndale Avenue continue; including, excavation and backfilling on the exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62 and entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62. Lyndale Avenue, between 63<sup>rd</sup> and 61<sup>st</sup> 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)**

Retaining wall work continues along westbound Hwy 62 along with bridge rail work above the railroad.

### **Nicollet Ave Bridge Area**

Segmental bridge work in the area resumes. Sheet piling in the northwest corner of Nicollet Ave and I-35W/Hwy 62 has been re-scheduled to begin in early May and will continue through the end of the month.

### **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.

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

Bridge rail work begins this week on the southbound I-35W bridge over 60<sup>th</sup> Street. Road reconstruction on 60<sup>th</sup> Street is complete. The sidewalk on the north side of 60<sup>th</sup> 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 work in the area includes concrete paving for the new southbound I-35W lanes and saw cutting of the new pavement, which must be done within a specific time period upon pouring the concrete.

#### **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 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

The 50<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians. The final layer of pavement at the intersections of Stevens Ave and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave is still needed and will be done in summer 2009. Stevens Ave between 49<sup>th</sup> Street and 50<sup>th</sup> Street will be re-constructed in summer 2009. Nighttime work in the area includes hauling and unloading of materials, concrete paving for the new southbound I-35W lanes, and saw cutting of the new pavement, which must be done within a specific time period upon pouring the concrete.

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

The 46<sup>th</sup> Street bridge is closed and is scheduled to re-open in July 2009. Motorists can cross I-35W at 35<sup>th</sup>/36<sup>th</sup> Streets, 38<sup>th</sup> Street, 42nd Street, 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Minnehaha Parkway, Diamond Lake Road and 60<sup>th</sup> Street. Daytime work includes bridge deck construction and pile driving. Nighttime activities include stockpiling materials and backfilling of retaining walls along southbound I-35W; and concrete paving and saw cutting of the new pavement, along northbound I-35W, which must be done within a specific time period upon pouring the concrete. Storm sewer installation also continues along southbound I-35W.

## Neighborhood Updates

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and 43<sup>rd</sup> Street Intersection**

The intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and Stevens Ave.

### **Stevens Ave and 43<sup>rd</sup> Street Intersection**

The intersection of Stevens Ave and 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 44<sup>th</sup> Street and 48<sup>th</sup> Street**

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

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

Activities: Pavement saw cutting  
Duration: through April

##### **Southbound I-35W between 49<sup>th</sup> Street and 60<sup>th</sup> Street**

Activities: Concrete paving work and saw cutting  
Duration: through April

##### **Northbound I-35W between 47<sup>th</sup> Street and 44<sup>th</sup> Street**

Activities: Roadway grading and pavement saw cutting  
Duration: through mid-May

#### 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 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and 45<sup>th</sup> Street**

Duration: through May

##### **Southbound I-35W between 45<sup>th</sup> Street and 48<sup>th</sup> Street**

Duration: through April

## Road Reconstruction

### Minneapolis

Road reconstruction of W. 62<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **For More Information on the Crosstown Project**

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Email: [crosstown@rranow.com](mailto:crosstown@rranow.com)

Website: [www.mndot.gov](http://www.mndot.gov)

Crosstown Project Office: 6242 Lyndale Ave S, Richfield\*

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