

CROSTOWN

INTERSTATE 35W & HIGHWAY 62

Weekly Update

For the week of April 27, 2009

The following updates are tentative and subject to change.

Public Information Events

Crosstown staff will be available to answer questions about the project and the upcoming construction season at the following events:

**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)

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/>

Eastbound Hwy 62 Closure: May 1

All eastbound lanes of Hwy 62 between Penn Avenue and the western junction of I-35W will be closed from 10:00 pm Friday, May 1 through **approximately 5:00 am Monday, May 4**. The freeway closure is needed for storm sewer installation along eastbound Hwy 62. Motorists can use Hwy 100, I-494 and Hwy 77 to detour around the closure. Eastbound lanes of Hwy 62 may re-open sooner if work in the area is completed before 5:00 am Monday, May 4. Motorists can call 511 or visit www.511mn.org for updated information.

Upcoming 2nd Avenue Closure

2nd Avenue, between 45th and 48th Streets is scheduled to close beginning on May 4 for approximately two months. This closure is needed so crews can continue re-construction of the 46th bridge and the 46th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W. 2nd Avenue, between 45th and 48th Streets, will also be re-constructed during this closure.

Tentative Dates for Upcoming I-35W Closure

A nighttime closure of I-35W, from Hwy 62 to I-494 is tentatively being planned for early May. Construction activities during this closure include bridge work in the western junction of I-35W and Hwy 62. More details to follow in upcoming updates.

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.

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 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

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 Stevens 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

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

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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

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 63rd and 61st Street, is open to one-lane 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. Nighttime work in the area includes hauling and stockpiling of materials for retaining walls.

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. Daytime construction activities include pile driving. Nighttime construction activities include backfilling for the westbound Hwy 62 bridge abutment.

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 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.

Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area

The Diamond Lake Road bridge is 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 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 directly north of the Parkway remains closed. Pedestrians and bicyclists are encouraged to use the path south of Minnehaha Parkway which remains open.

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. Nighttime work in the area includes hauling and unloading of materials and saw cutting of the new pavement, which must be done within a specific time period upon pouring the concrete.

46th Street Bridge Area

The 46th Street bridge is closed and is scheduled to re-open in July 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, backfilling of retaining walls along southbound I-35W, 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.

Upcoming 2nd Avenue Closure

2nd Avenue, between 45th and 48th Streets is scheduled to close beginning on May 4 for approximately two months. This closure is needed so crews can continue re-construction of the 46th bridge and the 46th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W. 2nd Avenue, between 45th and 48th Streets, will also be re-constructed during this closure.

Neighborhood Updates

Stevens Ave and 43rd Street Intersection

The intersection of Stevens 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.

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.

Upcoming 2nd Avenue Closure

2nd Avenue, between 45th and 48th Streets is scheduled to close beginning on May 4 for approximately two months. This closure is needed so crews can continue re-construction of the 46th bridge and the 46th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W. 2nd Avenue, between 45th and 48th Streets, will also be re-constructed during this closure.

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 of I-35W and Hwy 62

Activities: Backfilling of bridge abutment

Duration: through May

Minneapolis

Westbound Hwy 62 between Lyndale Avenue and TH 121

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling materials

Duration: through mid-May

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

Activities: Pavement saw cutting

Duration: through April

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

Activities: Pavement saw cutting

Duration: through April

Northbound I-35W between 47th Street and 44th Street

Activities: Backfilling, stockpiling materials, and pavement saw cutting

Duration: through mid-May

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

Activities: Backfilling of retaining walls and stockpiling sand

Duration: through July

Richfield

Eastbound Hwy 62 between Lyndale Ave and the Soo Railroad

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of sand

Duration: through May

Eastbound Hwy 62 between Penn Ave and I-35W

Activities: Excavation, hauling, and stockpiling of sand

Roadway grading

Duration: through May

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 Hwy 62

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of sand

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 May

Minneapolis

Southbound I-35W at 43rd Street

Duration: through early May

Northbound I-35W at 43rd Street

Duration: through early May

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

Duration: through May

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

Duration: 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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