

# CROSTOWN

## INTERSTATE 35W & HIGHWAY 62

### Weekly Update

**For the week of April 6, 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 60<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis**

(intersection of Nicollet Ave and 60<sup>th</sup> 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 to Close April 7**

The exit ramp from southbound I-35W to Diamond Lake Road is scheduled to close at 9:00 am on Tuesday, April 7 and will remain closed for approximately one month. 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 after one month. 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.

#### **Eastbound Hwy 62 from Penn Avenue to I-35W: Single Lane Traffic Continues**

Due to inclement weather delaying construction activities, eastbound Hwy 62 from Penn Avenue to I-35W will continue to be reduced to a single lane from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm daily through Tuesday, April 7. This lane reduction is needed to drive piling for retaining wall work during daytime hours rather than at night.

#### **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 9:00 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: Open; Closing at 9:00 am on April 7, for approximately one month**

### **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

### **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**

### **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 approximately by the end of May. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 43<sup>rd</sup> Street remains closed. Water main work 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.

## **Project Areas**

### **Penn Ave Bridge Area**

Retaining wall work continues along eastbound and westbound Hwy 62. Daytime activities include sheet piling. Traffic along eastbound Hwy 62 from Penn Ave to I-35W continues to be reduced to a single lane from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm daily through Tuesday, April 7. 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**

Bridge work at Lyndale Avenue has resumed. 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)**

Bridge work has resumed. 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. Daytime activities include piling driving through next week.

### **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 work above 60<sup>th</sup> Street is currently on hold. 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.

#### **Ramp from Southbound I-35W to Diamond Lake Road to Close April 7**

The exit ramp from southbound I-35W to Diamond Lake Road is scheduled to close at 9:00 am on Tuesday, April 7 and will remain closed for approximately one month. 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 after one month. 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 spring 2009. Stevens Ave between 49<sup>th</sup> Street and 50<sup>th</sup> Street will be re-constructed in spring 2009. Daytime work in the area includes hauling and unloading of material.

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

The 46<sup>th</sup> Street bridge is closed. The 46<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge is scheduled to re-open in summer 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 placement of bridge beams. Nighttime activities for bridge deck work continue. Retaining wall work and pile driving activities continue along southbound I-35W. Storm sewer installation also continues along southbound I-35W.

## Neighborhood Updates

### 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 at 46th Street**

Activities: Work on bridge deck

Duration: through Monday, April 6

#### 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:

#### **Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62**

Duration: through mid-April

#### Minneapolis

##### **Southbound I-35W between 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and 45<sup>th</sup> Street**

Duration: through May

##### **Southbound I-35W near 47<sup>th</sup> Street**

Duration: through April

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

Duration: Mid-April through mid-May

#### Richfield

##### **Eastbound Hwy 62 near Penn Ave (sheet piling)**

Duration: through mid-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 spring 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 spring 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**

Crosstown Project Hotline: 1.866.743.6590

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.*