

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of August 24, 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 events:

Richfield Farmers Market

Saturday, August 22, 2009

Veteran's Memorial Park

Portland Ave and 64th Street

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

Staff available: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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/>

Nighttime Closure of I-35W: Monday, August 24

All northbound and southbound lanes of I-35W at the western junction of Hwy 62 will close at 10:00 pm on Monday, August 24 through 5:00 am Tuesday, August 25 in order for crews to finish bridge painting activities at the western junction of I-35W and Hwy 62. Access to local streets along I-35W north and south of Highway 62 will remain open during the closures.

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For northbound I-35W: 58th Street/Lyndale Ave exit to west Highway 62 to south Highway 100 to east Highway 62 to north I-35W

For southbound I-35W: west Highway 62 to south Highway 100 to east Highway 62 East to south I-35W

Traffic Switch: Northbound I-35W between 60th Street and 49th Street

Northbound traffic currently traveling along the "old" lanes of northbound I-35W will be re-routed to travel along the "new" southbound lanes of I-35W between 60th Street and 49th Street on the evening of Friday, August 21. Pavement demolition of the "old" northbound lanes of I-35W will begin the week of August 24 and continue for approximately three weeks.

Intermittent Closures of Minnehaha Parkway and Creek at I-35W Continue

Minnehaha Parkway and Minnehaha Creek at I-35W will continue to close intermittently through mid-September for bridge demolition of the northbound I-35W bridge above the Parkway. Water traffic will not be allowed on Minnehaha Creek during the parkway closures. At least one pedestrian or bike path along Minnehaha Creek at I-35W will remain open during the closures; however, the path may be intermittently closed to safely conduct work. Motorists should follow the posted detour route. Bridge

demolition is scheduled to begin the week of August 24 and will not impact traffic on northbound I-35W, as traffic from 60th Street to 49th Street will be re-routed to the southbound lanes of I-35W prior to the bridge demolition.

Nighttime Lane and Ramp Closures on I-35W in Bloomington and Burnsville Continue

Intermittent nighttime lane and ramp closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. will occur on northbound and southbound I-35W between 106th Street and I-494 through August.

I-35W and Hwy 62 Nighttime Lane Closures

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

Freeway Ramp Update

Items with an asterisk () designate recent changes or additions.*

The following ramps are closed or are tentatively scheduled to close:

Ramps along I-35W

35th Street

***35th/36th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Reopens: September 2009

Detour: Exit I-35W at 31st Street; east on 31st Street; south on Portland Avenue to 35th/36th Streets

46th Street exit ramp from southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

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

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

Between I-494 and 106th Street

Intermittent nighttime ramp closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. will occur on northbound and southbound I-35W between 106th Street and I-494 through August.

Ramps along Hwy 62

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

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: I-35W south, exit at 66th, 66th Street 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 east

Penn Ave

Penn Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed

Re-opens: July 2010

Detour: Exit at Xerxes Ave

Project Areas

Areas along I-35W

Downtown Minneapolis to 42nd Street

Work on shoulders, noisewalls, retaining walls, and drainage structures continue in the area. Intermittent lane closures on 2nd Avenue and Stevens Avenue, as well as nighttime lane closures on northbound and southbound I-35W between 8 pm and 6 am, will continue through completion of the project in September.

46th Street Bridge Area

The 46th Street Bridge has re-opened to traffic and pedestrians. The northbound I-35W exit and entrance ramps to 46th Street are open; however, the exit and entrance ramps along southbound I-35W remain closed and are scheduled to reopen this fall.

50th Street Bridge Area

The 50th Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians.

Minnehaha Parkway Bridge Area

Minnehaha Parkway and Minnehaha Creek at I-35W will continue to close intermittently through mid-September for bridge demolition of the northbound I-35W bridge above the Parkway. Water traffic will not be allowed on Minnehaha Creek during the parkway closures. At least one pedestrian or bike path along Minnehaha Creek at I-35W will remain open during the closures; however, the path may be intermittently closed to safely conduct work. Motorists should follow the posted detour route. Bridge demolition is scheduled to begin the week of August 24; bridge reconstruction will continue through the fall and winter.

Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area

The Diamond Lake Road Bridge and all freeway entrance and exit ramps are available.

60th Street Bridge Area

The sidewalk on the south side of 60th Street remains closed.

I-494 to 106th Street

Intermittent nighttime construction activities continue between I-494 and 106th Street. As construction activities continue, motorists are advised to watch for nightly lane closures between 8 pm and 6 am.

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 continues. Nighttime construction activities for this area include bridge painting on Monday, August 24.

Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

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

Areas along Hwy 62

Penn Ave Bridge Area

Roadway grading activities continue along westbound Hwy 62, between Penn Ave and James Ave. Daytime construction activities include pile driving followed by storm sewer installation.

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

Bridge deck work continues this week on the eastbound Hwy 62 Bridge over Lyndale Avenue and concrete paving activities continue along westbound Hwy 62. Curb work continues on the eastbound Hwy 62 exit and entrance ramps to Lyndale Ave.

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

Bridge overlay work continues this week and roadway grading activities continue along westbound Hwy 62.

Nicollet Ave Bridge Area

Roadway grading activities conclude this week along westbound Hwy 62 followed by concrete paving.

Neighborhood Updates

Road Reconstruction

Minneapolis

Stevens Avenue between 42nd Street and 50th Street

Reconstruction activities continue along Stevens Ave. Water main work continues this week between 43rd Street and 45th Street with sanitary sewer work to follow. Noise wall paneling continues along Stevens Ave south of 46th Street. Stevens Ave is scheduled to be re-opened by fall 2009.

Richfield

Eastbound Hwy 62 Service Roads

Newton Ave to Girard Ave

Reconstruction of the service roads along eastbound Hwy 62 from Newton Ave to Girard Ave has begun. Curb and gutter restoration is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks with roadway paving to follow.

Garfield Ave to 5th Ave

Reconstruction of the service roads along eastbound Hwy 62 from Garfield Ave to 5th Ave is tentatively scheduled to begin at the end of August with curb and gutter installation.

Road Closures

Minneapolis

2nd Ave and Stevens Ave between 28th Street and 42nd Street

Intermittent daytime lane closures for noise wall work will be in place on 2nd Ave and Stevens Ave from 28th Street to 42nd Street the week of August 24th.

31st Street at 2nd Ave (Sidewalk Closure)

Storm sewer work will continue through the end of August. During this time the sidewalk on 31st Street at 2nd Avenue will be closed.

2nd Ave between 34th and 36th Street

Closed until mid-late August. Parking on this portion of 2nd Ave is not allowed during this time. The road remains open to local traffic and emergency vehicles only. Traffic will be detoured east on 36th Street to 4th Avenue; north to 34th Street.

38th Street at 2nd Ave

Intermittent lane closures on 38th Street at 2nd Avenue continue this week for noise wall work.

2nd Ave between Minnehaha Parkway and Luverne Ave

2nd Ave between Minnehaha Parkway and Luverne Ave is closed through approximately June 2010. The closure is needed for the demolition and reconstruction of the northbound I-35W bridge over Minnehaha Parkway. Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closure.

Stevens Ave between 40th Street and 42nd Street

Intermittent daytime lane closures will be in place on 40th Street and 42nd Street at Stevens Ave the week of August 24th for sidewalk removal and curb repair.

Stevens Ave between 42nd Street and 50th Street

- Between 42nd and 48th Street — closed for wall and road work in multiple locations.
- Between 48th and 50th Street – closed during daytime hours, but open to local traffic at night – *Driveway access will be maintained for residents along Stevens Ave and along East Rustic Lodge*

Oliver Avenue at West 62nd Street

Oliver Avenue at West 62nd Street is closed for approximately six weeks. The closure is needed for water main work in the area. Parking along Oliver Ave near W. 62nd Street is not permitted during the closure.

Knox Avenue and James Avenue (alley closure)

The alley along westbound Hwy 62 from approximately Knox Ave to James Ave is closed for approximately two months. The closure is needed for area utility work and for the construction of retaining walls along westbound Hwy 62.

Richfield

Legion Lake Pedestrian Bridge Closed

The Legion Lake pedestrian bridge, located on the northern side of the lake at Veteran’s Memorial Park in Richfield, is closed for approximately one month. Trail users will be unable to make a continuous loop around the northern side of Legion Lake. The pedestrian bridge reconstruction is needed for construction activities related to the freeway drainage system.

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:

Western Junction

Activities: Bridge painting
Duration: Monday, August 24

Minneapolis

I-35W between Lake Street and 42nd Street

Activities: Barrier removal, paving, overhead signage construction
Duration: Week of August 24

Bloomington and Burnsville

Northbound and Southbound I-35W between 106th Street and I-494

Activities: Milling, paving and striping
Duration: through August

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:

Richfield

Westbound Hwy 62 between Knox Ave to James Ave

Duration: week of August 24

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.*