

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of December 14, 2009

The information in this update is tentative and subject to change.

The following is an update on the status of the Crosstown reconstruction project.

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

General Updates

Maps with ramp, bridge and road closures are available:

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

Southbound I-35W Weekend Closure Re-scheduled for December 18-21

Due to recent inclement weather, all lanes of southbound I-35W are re-scheduled to close at the western Junction of Hwy 62 starting at 10:00 pm Friday, December 18 through 5:00 am Monday, December 21. The closure is needed to set bridge beams on the eastbound Hwy 62 bridge over southbound I-35W. Northbound I-35W and Highway 62 will remain open during the closure. Motorists will also be able to access Lyndale Ave from southbound I-35W during the closure.

Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closures:

Highway 62 west to Highway 100 South – Highway 100 South to Highway 62 East – Highway 62 East to I-35W South

I-35W and Hwy 62 Nighttime Lane Closures

Watch for periodic nighttime lane closures on I-35W from downtown Minneapolis to 66th Street and on Hwy 62 from Penn Ave to Portland Ave 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

46th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: Summer 2010

Detour: 36th Street ramp or Diamond Lake Road ramp

60th Street

60th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: Summer 2010

Detour: access northbound I-35W at Diamond Lake Road or 46th Street

66th Street

66th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: June 2010

Detour: 66th Street east, Portland Ave north

66th Street exit ramp from southbound I-35W

Status: Open, but only accessible to eastbound Hwy 62 traffic

connecting to southbound I-35W
Closed to traffic from southbound I-35W
Detour: exit at 76th Street

Ramps along Hwy 62

Penn Ave

Penn Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed

Re-opens: July 2010

Detour: Exit at Xerxes Ave

Hwy 121/Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: Summer 2010

Detour: access southbound I-35W at 66th Street

Lyndale Ave

Lyndale Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62

Status: Open for traffic on southbound I-35W

Closed to traffic from westbound Hwy 62

Detour: exit at Portland Ave, Portland to 66th Street

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

Project Areas

Areas along I-35W

46th Street Bridge Area

The 46th Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians. Area utility work continues as crews install a storm sewer along northbound I-35W.

50th Street Bridge Area

The 50th Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians. Reconstruction of northbound I-35W continues.

Minnehaha Parkway and Creek Intermittent Closures Continue

Intermittent closures of Minnehaha Parkway and Creek at I-35W continue through the end of the year. 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. Daytime construction activities this week include work on bridge abutments on the north and south sides of the bridge and work on pier footings.

Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area

The Diamond Lake Road bridge and all freeway entrance and exit ramps are open. Reconstruction of northbound I-35W continues.

60th Street Bridge Area

Daytime construction activities this week include retaining wall demolition, excavation, and pile driving. Additional daytime activities include work on bridge footings and abutments.

I-35W/Hwy 62 Junctions

Western Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Bridge work continues at the western junction of Hwy 62 and I-35W. Daytime construction activities include installation of bridge girders. Nighttime construction activities include placement of bridge beams during the weekend of December 18-21.

Southbound I-35W at Western Junction of Highway 62 Closing Re-scheduled for December 18-21

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Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

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

Areas along Hwy 62

Penn Ave Bridge Area

Minor roadway grading activities continue in the area.

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

Bridge re-construction continues at Lyndale Ave. Sidewalk access is available under Hwy 62 on the east side of the street. Daytime construction activities this week include work on the bridge abutments.

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

Bridge reconstruction continues with work on the east bridge abutments.

Nicollet Ave Bridge Area

Work on the west bridge abutments continues. Additional daytime construction activities include pile driving.

Neighborhood Updates

Road Reconstruction

Sidewalk and Carriage Walk Restoration

Sidewalk and carriage walk restoration is finished for the year. Any unfinished sidewalks or carriage walks will be completed in 2010.

Minneapolis

2nd Avenue between Chester Street and 58th Street

2nd Avenue between Chester Street and 58th Street is reduced to a single lane. Traffic will be directed northbound only.

Road Closures

2nd Ave between Minnehaha Parkway and Luverne Ave

2nd Ave between Minnehaha Parkway and Luverne Ave is closed through approximately June 2010 for the reconstruction of the northbound I-35W bridge over Minnehaha Parkway. Motorists should follow the posted detours during the 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 area is scheduled to have nighttime construction activities between 8 pm and 6 am:

Western Junction

Activities: Placement of bridge beams

Duration: weekend of December 18-21

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

Northbound I-35W at 60th Street

Duration: through December

Hwy 62/I-35W at Nicollet Ave

Duration: through January

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

Crosstown/I-35W Project Office: 6242 Lyndale Ave S, Richfield*

**For office hours, call the Crosstown/I-35W Project Hotline.*