

# I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

## Weekly Update For the week of December 21, 2009

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

**Crosstown weekly updates will not be sent out the weeks of December 28 and January 4, due to the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Updates will resume the week of January 11; however, updates will be provided bi-monthly until spring.**

For more information about the Crosstown project: [www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown](http://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 December 18 Weekend Closure - **Cancelled**

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#### Minnehaha Parkway and Creek Closed Through March 2010

Minnehaha Parkway at I-35W is closed through early March 2010 as crews reconstruct the northbound I-35W bridge above the parkway. Minnehaha Creek will also be closed to water traffic during the closure. At least one pedestrian or bike path along Minnehaha Creek at I-35W will remain open; however, the path may be intermittently closed to safely conduct work. Motorists should follow the posted detour route. During the closures, access across I-35W will be available at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street bridge, 46th Street bridge, 50<sup>th</sup> Street bridge, Diamond Lake Road bridge, and the 60th Street underpass.

#### I-35W and Hwy 62 Nighttime Lane Closures

Watch for periodic nighttime lane closures on I-35W from downtown Minneapolis to 66<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

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

Status: Closed

Re-opens: Summer 2010

Detour: 36th Street ramp or Diamond Lake Road ramp

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

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

Status: Closed

Re-opens: Summer 2010

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

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

##### **66th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: June 2010

Detour: 66th Street east, Portland Ave north

### **66<sup>th</sup> 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 76<sup>th</sup> 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 66<sup>th</sup> 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 66<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

The 46<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians. Daytime construction activities include noisewall paneling along southbound I-35W near 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

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

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

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##### **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.

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

Construction activities continue in the area with work on bridge abutments and on retaining walls along northbound I-35W. Additional daytime construction activities include pile driving continuing through December. Pedestrian access is available along 60<sup>th</sup> Street on the south side of the street.

## **I-35W/Hwy 62 Junctions**

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

Excavation of retaining walls and the commons pond continues at the western junction followed by work on retaining wall footings.

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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 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. Pedestrian access is available along Nicollet Ave on the east side of the avenue.

## **Neighborhood Updates**

### **Ferdinand Pond**

Work on Ferdinand Pond is scheduled to begin in January. Excavation of the pond will begin at that time. The depth of the pond will be increased to enhance the quality of the surrounding wetland. Additional work will also take place on the small basin on the west side of the pond to improve the water quality in the enhanced wetland.

### **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**

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between Chester Street and 58<sup>th</sup> Street**

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

### **Road Closures**

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#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Ave between Minnehaha Parkway and Luverne Ave**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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 60<sup>th</sup> Street**

Duration: through December

**Hwy 62/I-35W at Nicollet Ave**

Duration: through January

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**For More Information on the Crosstown and I-35W Projects**

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Crosstown project website: [www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown)

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

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