

# I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

## Weekly Update For the week of September 14, 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 66<sup>th</sup> Street and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street; and Hwy 62 between Penn Avenue and Portland Avenue. For more information about the Crosstown project:

[www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown](http://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](http://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](mailto:crosstown@rranow.com)

### Public Information Events

Crosstown/I-35W staff will be available to answer questions about the projects at the following events:

**Cub Foods**

**Saturday, September 12, 2009**

5937 Nicollet Ave S

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

**Richfield Farmers Market**

**Saturday, September 19, 2009**

Veteran's Memorial Park

Portland Ave and 64<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**Major Traffic Switches along Eastbound Hwy 62 and northbound I-35W – September 17**

Starting on Thursday, September 17 at 8:00 pm, major traffic switches will occur along eastbound Hwy 62 at I-35W, and along northbound I-35W starting at 66th Street as motorists are rerouted onto the newly constructed traffic lanes through the eastbound Hwy 62/northbound I-35W commons area. Traffic will remain in this configuration throughout the fall and winter and into 2010. These traffic switches will cause the following significant impacts to motorists traveling along northbound I-35W and eastbound Highway 62:

Motorists traveling along northbound I-35W

- Motorists will now enter the east commons area in the middle and right traffic lanes.
- Motorists traveling in the far right lane of traffic will need to merge to either the middle or left traffic lane to continue on northbound I-35W.
- Motorists entering the commons area in the middle lane of traffic will be able to remain in this lane to continue on northbound I-35W.
- Motorists will need to be in the far right traffic lane to access eastbound Highway 62.
- The northbound I-35W exit to westbound Highway 62 will now change to a **left exit**.

Motorists traveling along eastbound Highway 62:

- Motorists will now enter the commons area in the far left traffic lane and will need to be in the far right lane to continue on eastbound Highway 62.
- Motorists will be able to remain in the far left lane of traffic to access northbound I-35W.

### **Eastbound Hwy 62 Entrance and Exit Ramps to Lyndale Avenue Opening Re-scheduled**

The opening of the Lyndale Ave exit ramp from eastbound Hwy 62 has been re-scheduled for September 17, so work crews can finish paving work in the area. The Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62 has been postponed until further notice.

### **Hwy 121/Lyndale Ave Entrance Ramp to Southbound I-35W – Closing Rescheduled**

The closing of the Hwy 121/Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to southbound I-35W has been tentatively re-scheduled for mid-October. At that time, all southbound traffic along Hwy 121 will be directed to westbound Hwy 62.

### **Columbus Avenue at East 61<sup>st</sup> Street Re-Scheduled to Close on September 21**

Columbus Avenue at East 61<sup>st</sup> Street has been re-scheduled to close at 6:00 am on Monday, September 21 for approximately six weeks for utility work. Parking along East 61<sup>st</sup> Street near Columbus Ave is not allowed during the closure.

### **Pavement Demolition along Northbound I-35W Begins this Week**

Pavement demolition of the “old” lanes of northbound I-35W, between 49<sup>th</sup> Street and 58<sup>th</sup> Street will begin this week and will continue for approximately three weeks. Noise and vibrations may be associated with the pavement demolition.

### **Closures of Minnehaha Parkway and Creek Continue**

Minnehaha Parkway and Minnehaha Creek at I-35W 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 and reconstruction will continue through the fall and winter.

### **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](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**

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

**\*35<sup>th</sup>/36<sup>th</sup> Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W**

Status: Open

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

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

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

##### **46<sup>th</sup> Street entrance ramp to southbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

Detour: 36th Street ramp or Diamond Lake Road ramp

##### **Diamond Lake Road exit ramp from northbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

Detour: exit at 46<sup>th</sup> Street

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

Status: Open, but tentatively scheduled to close mid-October 2009

Re-opens: Summer 2010

Detour: access southbound I-35W at 66<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

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

#### **Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62/northbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: tentatively September 2009

Detour: 66th Street east, Portland Ave north

#### **Lyndale Ave exit ramp from eastbound Hwy 62**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: September 17, 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**

#### **I-35W: Downtown Minneapolis to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street**

Work on shoulders, noise walls, inroad lighting, and drainage structures continue in the area. Intermittent nighttime lane closures on northbound and southbound I-35W between 8 pm and 6 am will continue through completion of the project in September.

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

The 46<sup>th</sup> 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. Noise wall, paving, and curb work continues.

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

The 50<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians.

#### **Closures of Minnehaha Parkway and Creek Continue**

Minnehaha Parkway and Minnehaha Creek at I-35W 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 and reconstruction will continue through the fall and winter.

#### **Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area**

The Diamond Lake Road exit ramp from northbound I-35W is closed for approximately three weeks for noise wall construction. The Diamond Lake Road Bridge and all other freeway ramps will remain open during the ramp closure.

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

The sidewalk on the south side of 60<sup>th</sup> Street remains closed.

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

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

Excavation for retaining walls begins this week at the western junction of I-35W and Hwy 62.

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

Bridge work and paving at the eastern junction of I-35W and Hwy 62 continues with installation of bridge lighting beginning this week.

### **Areas along Hwy 62**

#### **Penn Ave Bridge Area**

Retaining wall construction and storm sewer installation continues along westbound Hwy 62, between Penn Ave and James Ave.

#### **Lyndale Ave Bridge Area**

The opening of the eastbound Hwy 62 exit ramp to Lyndale Avenue has been re-scheduled for September 17 to allow crews to finish area paving work. The opening of the Lyndale Avenue entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62 has been postponed until further notice.

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

Bridge work continues this week and paving activities continue along westbound Hwy 62.

#### **Nicollet Ave Bridge Area**

Gas line relocation work continues this week along Nicollet Ave.

## **Neighborhood Updates**

### **Road Reconstruction**

#### **Minneapolis**

##### **Stevens Avenue between 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and 50<sup>th</sup> Street**

Reconstruction activities continue along Stevens Ave. Sanitary sewer work is complete and roadway grading activities are scheduled to begin this week between 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and 45<sup>th</sup> Street. Noise wall paneling continues along Stevens Ave south of 46<sup>th</sup> Street with painting to follow. Stevens Ave is scheduled to be re-opened in fall 2009.

#### **Richfield**

##### **Eastbound Hwy 62 Service Roads**

Reconstruction of the Richfield service roads along eastbound Hwy 62 continues with curb installation and roadway grading activities. Roadway paving is tentatively scheduled for the week of September 21.

### **Road Closures**

#### **Minneapolis**

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Stevens Avenue**

Intermittent daytime lane closures for noisewall work will be in place on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Stevens Ave from 42<sup>nd</sup> Street to downtown Minneapolis the week of September 14. These lane closures may involve associated cross streets.

##### **31<sup>st</sup> Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave (Sidewalk Closure)**

Storm sewer work will continue through early September. During this time the sidewalk on 31<sup>st</sup> Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave will be closed.

##### **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. 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 42nd Street and 50th Street**

- Between 42<sup>nd</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Street — closed for wall and road work in multiple locations.
- Between 48<sup>th</sup> 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*

**Columbus Avenue at East 61<sup>st</sup> Street – Closure Re-Scheduled for September 21**

Columbus Avenue at East 61<sup>st</sup> Street has been re-scheduled to close at 6:00 am on Monday, September 21 for approximately two months for utility work. Parking along East 61<sup>st</sup> Street near Columbus Ave is not allowed during the closure.

**Oliver Avenue at West 62<sup>nd</sup> Street**

Oliver Avenue at West 62<sup>nd</sup> Street is closed through September. The closure is needed for water main work in the area. Parking along Oliver Ave near W. 62<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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**

**I-35W between Lake Street and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street**

Activities: Signage installation, traffic control.

Duration: Week of September 14

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

Crosstown/I-35W Project Hotline: 1.866.743.6590

Email: [crosstown@ranow.com](mailto:crosstown@ranow.com)

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

I-35W project website: [www.dot.state.mn.us/upa](http://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.*