

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of September 21, 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, September 19, 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/>

Nightly Closures of southbound I-35W at western junction of I-35W/Hwy 62 begin September 22

Southbound I-35W at the western junction of I-35W / Hwy 62 will close nightly, from 10:00 pm to 5:00 am, beginning on Tuesday, September 22 through Thursday, September 24. Highway 62 will remain open during the closures. The nighttime closures are needed for the demolition of the temporary bridge to northbound Hwy 121.

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

Diamond Lake Road Bridge to close on September 28

The Diamond Lake Road bridge is tentatively scheduled to close at 9:00 am on Monday, September 28 through 5:00 am on Tuesday, September 29. The closure is needed for work on the bridge deck.

Motorists should follow the posted detour route:

- Motorists traveling east on Diamond Lake Road: Diamond Lake Road to Nicollet Avenue South - north on Nicollet Avenue South to 50th Street
- Motorists traveling west on Diamond Lake Road: Diamond Lake Road to Portland Avenue South - north on Portland Avenue South to 50th Street

During the closures, access across I-35W will be available at the 42nd Street bridge, 46th Street bridge, 50th Street bridge, and the 60th Street underpass.

New Traffic Configuration Along Eastbound Hwy 62 and northbound I-35W through 2010

Traffic along eastbound Hwy 62 at I-35W and northbound I-35W at 66th Street has been re-routed to travel in the newly constructed lanes. This new traffic configuration resulted in the following changes for motorists traveling along northbound I-35W and eastbound Highway 62:

Motorists traveling along northbound I-35W

- Motorists will need to be in the left or middle lane to continue on northbound I-35W
- The northbound I-35W exit to westbound Highway 62 will now change to a **left exit**.

Motorists traveling along eastbound Highway 62:

- Motorists will need to be in the far right lane to continue on eastbound Highway 62.

Eastbound Hwy 62 Exit Ramp to Lyndale Avenue Open – Traffic Signals Installed

The eastbound Hwy 62 exit ramp to Lyndale Ave is open. Traffic lights have been installed along Lyndale Ave at Hwy 62 and are in operation. Motorists are expected to follow the new traffic signals. The Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62 has been postponed until further notice.

Minnehaha Parkway and Creek Open for Minneapolis Bike Tour – September 19-20

Minnehaha Parkway and Minnehaha Creek will remain open this weekend for the Minneapolis Bike Tour. Beginning on Monday, September 21, the parkway and creek at I-35W will resume intermittent closures through 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.

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 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

Diamond Lake Road exit ramp from northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

Detour: exit at 46th 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 66th Street

66th 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 66th, 66th 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: Open

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 42nd Street

Work on shoulders, noisewalls, 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.

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, freeway ramps along southbound I-35W remain closed and are scheduled to reopen this fall. Noise wall, paving, and curb work continues. Lighting installation along the southbound freeway ramps begins this week.

50th Street Bridge Area

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

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Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area

The Diamond Lake Road exit ramp from northbound I-35W is closed for approximately three weeks for noisewall construction.

Diamond Lake Road Bridge to close on September 28

The Diamond Lake Road bridge is tentatively scheduled to close at 9 a.m. on Monday, September 28 through 5 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29. The closure is needed for work on the bridge deck.

60th Street Bridge Area

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

I-35W/Hwy 62 Junctions

Western Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Southbound I-35W at the western junction is scheduled to close nightly from 10:00 pm to 5:00 am Tuesday, September 22 through the evening of Thursday, September 24 for demolition of the temporary bridge to northbound Hwy 121.

Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Bridge work and paving at the eastern junction of I-35W and Hwy 62 continues.

Areas along Hwy 62

Penn Ave Bridge Area

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

Hwy 121

All northbound and southbound traffic traveling on Hwy 121 has been re-routed to the newly constructed northbound lanes of Hwy 121. Pavement demolition of the "old" northbound Hwy 121 is scheduled to begin this week. Noise and vibrations may be associated with pavement demolition. 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.

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

Deck planing continues on the east side of the Hwy 62 bridge over Lyndale Avenue. The eastbound Hwy 62 exit ramp to Lyndale Ave is now open. Traffic lights have been installed along Lyndale Ave at Hwy 62 and are in operation. Motorists are expected to follow the new traffic signals. The Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62 has been postponed until further notice.

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

Installation of retaining wall railings begins this week and paving activities continue along westbound Hwy 62.

Nicollet Ave Bridge Area

Gas line relocation work continues along Nicollet Ave.

Neighborhood Updates

Road Reconstruction

Minneapolis

Stevens Avenue between 42nd Street and 50th Street

Reconstruction activities continue along Stevens Ave. Curb and gutter installation along both the east and west sides of Stevens Ave between 45th and 42nd Street begins this week followed by roadway paving. Noise wall painting and paneling work continues both north and south of 46th Street. 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. Roadway paving is scheduled to begin this week.

Road Closures

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 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*

Columbus Avenue at East 61st Street Closing on September 21

Columbus Avenue at East 61st Street will close at 6:00 am on Monday, September 21 for approximately six weeks for utility work. Parking along East 61st Street near Columbus Ave is not allowed during the closure.

Oliver Avenue at West 62nd Street

Oliver Avenue at West 62nd Street is closed through September. 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.

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: Demolition of the temporary bridge to northbound Hwy 121
Duration: September 22-24

Minneapolis

I-35W between Lake Street and 42nd Street

Activities: Signage installation, traffic control.
Duration: Week of September 21

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.*