

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of July 13, 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:

Cub Foods

Sunday, July 12

5937 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis

Staff Available from: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Richfield Farmer's Market

Saturday, July 18

Veteran's Memorial Park/Portland Ave and 64th

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

Staff Available from: 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/>

I-35W weekend closure July 10-13

All southbound lanes of I-35W between I-494 and Hwy 13 will close from 10:00 p.m. Friday, July 10 through 5:00 a.m. Monday, July 13. In addition, the exit ramp from southbound I-35W to eastbound I-494 will be closed from 10 p.m., Friday, July 10 through 12 p.m., Saturday, July 11. During this time, the following detour routes will be in place:

Detour for southbound I-35W and eastbound I-494 (10:00 p.m. July 10 – 12:00 p.m. July 11)

- I-494 West to Hwy 100 South; to I-494 East to Hwy 77 South; to Hwy 13 South to I-35W

Detour for southbound I-35W (12:00 p.m. July 11 – 5:00 a.m. July 13)

- I-494 East to Hwy 77 South to Hwy 13 South to I-35W

Eastbound Hwy 62 Exit Ramp to Southbound I-35W to Open July 13

The eastbound Hwy 62 exit ramp to southbound I-35W is scheduled to re-open by 5:00 a.m. Monday, July 13.

Westbound Hwy 62 Exit Ramp to Penn Ave to Close July 13

The westbound Hwy 62 exit ramp to Penn Ave is scheduled to close at 10:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13. The closure is needed for freeway work along westbound Hwy 62. The ramp will re-open in summer 2010.

I-35W weekend closure: July 17-20

All lanes of northbound I-35W from Highway 62 to downtown Minneapolis will close at 10:00 p.m. Friday, July 17 through 5:00 a.m. Monday, July 20. All ramps on the above noted stretch of northbound I-35W will also be closed during this time. Motorists will be detoured on Hwy 62 west to Highway 100; north to I-394; east to I-94.

35th/36th Street exit ramp on northbound I-35W to close July 17

The exit ramp from northbound I-35W to 35th/36th Street will close on July 17 for the weekend closure and will remain closed through September. The exit ramp from northbound I-35W to 31st Street will reopen to traffic on Monday, July 20 at 5:00 a.m.

Intermittent Nighttime Closures at Eastern Junction of I-35W/Hwy 62 Continue

Intermittent nightly closures of eastbound Hwy 62 and northbound and southbound I-35W at the eastern junction of Hwy 62/I-35W will occur from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. through Friday, July 17. Westbound Hwy 62 will remain open during the closures. Motorists should follow the posted detours.

Intermittent nighttime lane restrictions on I-35W

Motorists will continue to experience intermittent nighttime lane restrictions on northbound and southbound I-35W between I-494 and Burnsville Parkway through Friday, July 17. Traffic will be periodically reduced to one lane in each direction from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. nightly. Intermittent, nighttime ramp closures will also be in place on northbound and southbound I-35W between I-494 and Burnsville Parkway during this time.

I-35W and Hwy 62 Nighttime Lane Closures

Watch for nighttime lane closures on I-35W from downtown Minneapolis to Burnsville and on Hwy 62 from Penn Ave to Portland Ave between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. each night. 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

Southbound I-35W Weekend Closure: July 10-13

All ramps on southbound I-35W between I-494 and Highway 13 will be closed from 10:00 p.m. Friday, July 10 through 5:00 a.m. Monday, July 13.

35th Street

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

Status: Closing July 17 (31st Street exit ramp will reopen following the weekend closure)

Reopens: September

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

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

Status: Closed

Reopens: mid-late July

Detour: East on 36th Street to Park Avenue; north to Franklin Avenue; west to I-35W

31st Street

***31st Street exit from northbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Reopens: mid-late July

Detour: Exit I-35W at 35th/36th Street; east on 36th Street to Park Avenue; north to 31st Street east

46th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: July 2009

Detour: Diamond Lake Road ramp

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

***I-35W and I-494**

***Southbound I-35W exit to eastbound I-494**

Status: Closed starting at 10:00 p.m. July 10 through 12:00 p.m. July 11
Detour: West on I-494 to Highway 100; south on Highway 100 to exit for eastbound I-494

94th Street

***94th Street entrance ramp to southbound I-35W**

Status: Closed
Re-opens: July 13
Detour: Penn Ave. south, 98th Street

98th Street

***98th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W**

Status: Open

Cliff Road

Southbound I-35W exit to Cliff Road

Status: Closed
Re-opens: mid-late July
Detour: Continue south on I-35W to northbound Highway 13 to northbound I-35W to Cliff Road

Cliff Road entrance to southbound I-35W

Status: Closed
Re-opens: mid-late July
Detour: Go east on Cliff Road to Nicollet Avenue South to southbound Highway 13 to southbound I-35W

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: Exit at 66th Street

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 west

Penn Ave

Penn Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62

Status: Open; scheduled to close July 13 at 10:00 p.m.

Re-opens: July 2010

Detour: Exit at Xerxes Ave

Project Areas

Areas along I-35W

I-35W: Downtown Minneapolis to 42nd Street

Work on 2nd Avenue continues. Work on surge chambers, shoulders, noisewalls and drainage structures continue in the area. Nightly lane closures between 8 pm and 6 am will continue through completion of the project this fall.

46th Street Bridge Area

Bridge overlay work continues this week. The 46th Street bridge is closed and is scheduled to re-open by July 31 along with the 46th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W. The 46th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W is open. Intermittent lane closures along 2nd Ave, between 45th and 48th Street, will be needed to complete remaining sidewalk work in the area. Nighttime construction activities include stockpiling materials and backfilling of retaining walls along southbound I-35W.

50th Street Bridge Area

The 50th Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians. Nighttime work in the area includes hauling and unloading of materials.

Minnehaha Parkway Bridge Area

Bridge work at Minnehaha Parkway continues. The pedestrian and bike path directly north of the Parkway remains closed, and pedestrians and bicyclists are encouraged to use the pathway north of the creek. Roadway grading work along northbound I-35W also continues.

Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area

The Diamond Lake Road Bridge and all freeway entrance and exit ramps are available. Roadway grading work along northbound I-35W continues.

60th Street Bridge Area

Retaining wall work continues in the area. The sidewalk on the south side of 60th Street remains closed.

I-494 to Burnsville Parkway

Nighttime construction activities continue between Burnsville Parkway and 90th Street.

106th Street to Highway 13

Southbound Interstate 35W from 66th Street in Richfield to Highway 13 in Burnsville continues to be reduced to two lanes of traffic through mid July.

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.

Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Bridge work at the eastern junction of I-35W and Hwy 62 continues. Nighttime construction activities include placement of bridge segments. Daytime construction activities include sheet piling.

Areas along Hwy 62

Penn Ave Bridge Area

The Penn Avenue entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62 is now open, and traffic along eastbound and westbound Hwy 62, between Penn and Logan, has been re-routed to travel along the "new" eastbound lanes of Hwy 62. Daytime activities include demolition of the "old" westbound lanes of Hwy 62.

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

Retaining wall work along the freeway ramps at Lyndale Avenue continue. Nighttime activities along eastbound Hwy 62 include roadway grading.

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

Retaining wall work continues along westbound Hwy 62. Nighttime work in the area includes hauling and stockpiling of materials for retaining walls and roadway grading.

Nicollet Ave Bridge Area

Segmental bridge and retaining wall work continue in the area. Nighttime construction activities include hauling and stockpiling of materials and roadway grading.

Portland Ave Bridge Area

The Portland Ave exit ramp from eastbound Hwy 62 is open; however, the ramp is only available to motorists coming from the west. The exit ramp still remains closed to motorists traveling on southbound I-35W to eastbound Hwy 62.

Neighborhood Updates

Road Reconstruction

2nd Ave between 42nd Street and 48th Street

Between 42nd and 43rd Street – open to traffic

43rd and 44th Street – open to local traffic, but is scheduled to close again in mid-July for approximately three weeks for retaining wall construction.

Between 44th Street to 48th Street – open to traffic

Eastbound Hwy 62 Service Roads – City of Richfield

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.

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 in late July. The reconstruction had been previously delayed due to design issues.

Road Closures

31st Street at 2nd Ave (Sidewalk Closure)

Storm sewer work continues this week. During this time, the sidewalk on 31st Street at 2nd Avenue may be periodically closed.

2nd Avenue between 34th Street and 42nd Street

2nd Avenue between 34th and 36th Street – Closing for approximately one month starting at 1:00 a.m. Saturday, July 18. Parking on this portion of 2nd Avenue will not be allowed during this time. The road will remain open to local traffic and emergency vehicles only. Traffic will be detoured east on 36th Street to 4th Avenue; north to 34th Street.

2nd Avenue between 36th and 42nd Street – Periodic, daytime single lane closures will occur on the week of July 13.

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 49th Street – closed during daytime hours, but open to local traffic on a gravel surface at night – *Driveway access will be maintained for residents along Stevens Ave and along East Rustic Lodge*

Stevens Ave is scheduled to be re-opened by fall 2009.

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:

Eastern Junction

Activities: Placement of bridge segments

Duration: Through July

Minneapolis

I-35W between downtown Minneapolis and 42nd Street

Activities: Hauling materials
Duration: Week of July 13

Southbound I-35W 43rd to 45th Street

Activities: Backfilling of retaining walls and stockpiling sand along residential roads
Duration: through the end of July

Southbound I-35W between 42nd Street and 50th Street

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling materials
Duration: through July

Southbound I-35W between 60th Street and eastern junction of I-35W

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling materials
Backfilling of bridge abutments
Duration: through July

Westbound Hwy 62 between Nicollet Ave and Pleasant Ave

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling materials
Roadway grading
Duration: through mid-August

Westbound Hwy 62 between Pleasant Ave and western junction of I-35W

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling materials
Roadway grading
Duration: through July

Richfield

Eastbound Hwy 62 between Penn Ave and I-35W

Activities: Placement of fill
Duration: through weekend of July 10-13

Burnsville and Bloomington

Northbound I-35W between Burnsville Parkway and 90th Street

Activities: Milling and paving, construction of overhead signage structures
Duration: through August

Southbound I-35W between I-494 and Highway 13

Activities: Milling and paving
Duration: July 10 - 13

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:

Eastern Junction of I-35W and Highway 62 (sheet piling)

Duration: through July

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.