

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of July 20, 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 Farmer's Market Saturday, July 18

Veteran's Memorial Park/Portland Ave and 64th Street
Event hours: 7:00 am to 12:00 pm
Staff Available from: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 4

Crosstown staff are available to stop by neighborhood block parties to provide project information and updates. To request a visit: 1-866-743-6590 crosstown@rranow.com

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 17-20

All lanes of northbound I-35W from Highway 62 to downtown Minneapolis will close at 10 pm Friday, July 17 through 5 am 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 Highway 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. Motorists should follow the posted detour during the closure: exit I-35W at 31st Street; east on 31st Street; south on Portland Avenue to 35th/36th Streets. The entrance ramp from 35th Street to northbound I-35W and the exit ramp from northbound I-35W to 31st Street will reopen to traffic on Monday, July 20 at 5 am.

I-35W weekend closure July 24-27

All lanes of southbound Interstate 35W, from I-494 to 106th Street will close from 10 pm Friday, July 24 through 5 am Monday, July 27. During this time motorists will be detoured east on I-494 to Highway 77; south to Highway 13; south to I-35W. All ramps on southbound I-35W between Highway 494 and 106th St. will also be closed 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

I-35W Weekend Closure: July 17-20

All ramps on northbound I-35W between Highway 62 and I-94 will be closed from 10 pm Friday, July 17 through 5 am Monday, July 20.

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: July 20

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: July 20

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

94th Street

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

Status: Open

Cliff Road

***Southbound I-35W exit to Cliff Road**

Status: Open

***Cliff Road entrance to southbound I-35W**

Status: Open

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: 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 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 42nd Street

Work on surge chambers, shoulders, noisewalls and drainage structures continue in the area. Storm sewer work at the intersection of 31st Street and 2nd Ave will continue through early August. During this time the sidewalk on 31st Street at 2nd Avenue may be periodically closed. 2nd Avenue between 34th and 36th Street will be closing for approximately one month starting at 1:00 am 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.

46th Street Bridge Area

Installation of bridge railings and lighting on the 46th Street bridge begin this week. The bridge 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. 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 106th Street in Bloomington to Highway 13 in Burnsville is now open to four lanes of traffic. Construction will be complete by the end of 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. Daytime construction activities include sheet piling removal along eastbound Hwy 62. Nighttime construction activities include segmental bridge construction.

Areas along Hwy 62

Penn Ave Bridge Area

Pavement demolition of the "old" westbound lanes of Hwy 62, between Penn Ave and Logan Ave, continues. Area noise walls are scheduled to be removed beginning this week. Once the noise walls are removed, a chain link fence will be installed. The noise walls will be reconstructed later this year, or in spring 2010.

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

Concrete paving of the eastbound Hwy 62 exit and entrance ramps to Lyndale Ave is scheduled to begin this week, and noise wall work continues along the Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62. Retaining wall work also continues along westbound Hwy 62. Nighttime activities along westbound Hwy 62 include roadway grading and hauling and stockpiling of materials.

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

Stevens Avenue between 42nd Street and 50th Street

Reconstruction activities continue along Stevens Ave between 42nd Street and 50th Street with construction of retaining walls, placement of noise wall posts, and roadway grading activities occurring in multiple locations. Curb and gutter reconstruction along the residential side of Stevens Ave is scheduled to begin this week. Nighttime construction activities in the area include hauling and stockpiling of materials and backfilling of retaining walls primarily occurring between 43rd and 45th Streets. Stevens Ave is scheduled to be re-opened by fall 2009.

2nd Avenue between 43rd Street and 48th Street

2nd Avenue is open to traffic from 44th Street to 48th Street; however, 2nd Avenue between 43rd and 44th Street is scheduled to close at 9:00 am on Tuesday, July 21 for approximately three weeks for retaining wall construction. Intermittent lane closures along 2nd Ave, between 45th and 48th Street, will also be needed to complete remaining sidewalk work in the area.

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 with roadway paving to follow.

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 will continue through early August. During this time the sidewalk on 31st Street at 2nd Avenue may be periodically closed.

2nd Avenue between 34th and 36th Street

Closing for approximately one month starting at 1:00 am 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 43rd and 44th Street

2nd Avenue, between 43rd and 44th Street is scheduled to close at 9:00 am on Tuesday, July 21 for approximately three weeks. The closure is needed for retaining wall construction.

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 on a gravel surface at night – *Driveway access will be maintained for residents along Stevens Ave and along East Rustic Lodge*

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: Segmental bridge construction

Duration: intermittently through July

Minneapolis

I-35W between downtown Minneapolis and 42nd Street

Activities: Concrete removal, excavation, hauling materials

Duration: Week of July 20

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: intermittently 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

Burnsville and Bloomington

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

Activities: Milling and paving, construction of overhead signage structures

Duration: through August

Weekend Closure: Southbound I-35W between I-494 and 106th Street

Activities: Milling and paving

Duration: July 24-27

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 pile removal)

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.*