

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of July 27, 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:

**Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Picnic in the Park,
Thursday July 30**

Pearl Park, 414 E. Diamond Lake Road

Event hours: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Staff available: 6:00 pm to 8:00 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/>

Southbound I-35W Weekend Closure July 24-27

All lanes of southbound I-35W, from Hwy 62 to 106th Street will close from 10 pm Friday, July 24 through 5 am Monday, July 27. All ramps on southbound I-35W between Hwy 62 and 106th Street will also be closed during this time (the entrance ramp from 106th to southbound I-35W will remain open). Motorists should follow the posted detours:

For southbound I-35W or eastbound Hwy 62:

Take Hwy 62 east to Hwy 77 south to Hwy 13 south

For westbound Hwy 62:

Take Hwy 62 west to Hwy 100 south to I-494 east to Hwy 77 south to Hwy 13 south

For Hwy 121/Lyndale Ave S:

Take Hwy 62 west to Hwy 100 south to I-494 east to Hwy 77 south to Hwy 13 south

For westbound 66th Street:

Take 66th Street west to Penn Ave north to Hwy 62 east to Hwy 77 south to Hwy 13 south

For eastbound 66th Street:

Take 66th Street east to Portland Ave north to Hwy 62 east to Hwy 77 south to Hwy 13 south

Nighttime Lane Closures on Southbound I-35W in Minneapolis Begin July 27

Nighttime lane closures will be in place on southbound I-35W between downtown Minneapolis and 42nd Street starting at 8 pm, Monday, July 27, and continue through Friday, July 31. Crews will re-open lanes at 5 am daily.

Nighttime Closure of 36th Street Entrance Ramp to Southbound I-35W: July 29

The 36th Street entrance ramp to southbound I-35W will be closed overnight on Wednesday, July 29, starting at 10 pm and will reopen Thursday, July 30 at 5 am. During this time motorists should use the 31st Street entrance ramp to access southbound I-35W.

Northbound I-35W Weekend Closure July 31-August 3

All lanes of northbound I-35W, from Hwy 13 to I-494 will close from 10 pm Friday, July 31, through 5 am Monday, August 3. All ramps on northbound I-35W between Hwy 13 and I-494 will also be closed during this time, including:

- Highway 13 entrance to northbound I-35W
- Northbound I-35W entrance to westbound I-494
- Northbound I-35W entrance to eastbound I-494
- Eastbound I-494 entrance to northbound I-35W

The detour route will be as follows:

- I-35E north to Hwy 77 north to Hwy 62 west

46th Street Bridge Re-Opens July 31, 2009

The 46th Street bridge is scheduled to re-open on July 31 to traffic and pedestrians. During this same time period, the 46th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W is also scheduled to re-open.

46th Street Bridge Re-opening Celebration

Come celebrate the re-opening of the 46th Street bridge at the Kingfield Farmer's Market (43rd and Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis) on Sunday, August 2 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Stop by the Crosstown table and receive a coupon for a special discount on your market purchase (one coupon per person while supplies last). Staff will be available to answer questions about the Crosstown Project, and the 46th Street bus transit station.

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 Ramps between Hwy 62 and 106th Street

All ramps on southbound I-35W between Hwy 62 and 106th Street will be closed from 10 pm Friday, July 24, through 5 am Monday, July 27. (The entrance ramp from 106th Street to southbound I-35W will remain open).

35th Street

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

Status: Closed

Reopens: September 2009

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: Open

31st Street

*31st Street exit from northbound I-35W

Status: Open

46th Street

46th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: approximately July 31, 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

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

Downtown Minneapolis to 42nd Street

Work on surge chambers, shoulders, noisewalls and drainage structures continue in the area. Nightly lane closures between 7 pm and 6 am will continue through completion of the project this fall. Work on 2nd Avenue continues – see “Neighborhood Updates – Road Closures” for more information.

46th Street Bridge Area

Installation of bridge railings and lighting on the 46th Street bridge continue this week along with work on the bridge deck. The bridge is scheduled to re-open on July 31, 2009 along with the 46th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W.

50th Street Bridge Area

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

Minnehaha Parkway Bridge Area

Bridge work at Minnehaha Parkway continues. The pedestrian and bike path adjacent to 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 will be in place during the July 24 and July 31 weekend closures and continue between Burnsville Parkway and 90th Street. As construction activities continue, motorists are advised to watch for additional nightly lane closures between 8 pm and 6 am.

106th Street to Hwy 13

Southbound I-35W from 106th Street in Bloomington to Hwy 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.

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 have been removed and will be reconstructed later this year, or in spring 2010. Retaining wall work will begin in a few weeks.

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

Concrete paving activities continue on the eastbound Hwy 62 exit and entrance ramps to Lyndale Ave. Noise wall work along the Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62 continues. Retaining wall work also continues along westbound Hwy 62.

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

Bridge work continues in the area and retaining wall work continues along westbound Hwy 62.

Nicollet Ave Bridge Area

Retaining wall work continues in the area.

Neighborhood Updates

Road Reconstruction

Minneapolis

Stevens Avenue between 42nd Street and 50th Street

Reconstruction activities continue along Stevens Ave between 42nd Street and 50th Street in multiple locations. Paving along the residential side of Stevens Ave between 46th Street and 51st Street is scheduled to begin this week. 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 closed for approximately three weeks. Intermittent lane closures along 2nd Ave, between 45th and 48th Street, will also be needed to complete remaining sidewalk work in the area.

Richfield

Eastbound Hwy 62 Service Roads

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

Minneapolis

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 will be closed.

2nd Ave between 34th and 36th Street

Closed until mid-late August. Parking on this portion of 2nd Avenue is not allowed during this time. The road remains 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 closed for approximately three weeks 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:

Minneapolis

I-35W between downtown Minneapolis and 42nd Street

Activities: Milling, paving, hauling materials
Duration: Week of July 27

Burnsville and Bloomington

Southbound I-35W between Highway 62 and 106th Street

Activities: Milling and paving
Duration: Weekend Closure: July 24-27

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

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

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:

Southbound I-35W near 44th Street (pile removal)

Duration: intermittently through July 31

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.