

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of July 6, 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/>

Two ramps on northbound I-35W in Minneapolis to close July 6

The entrance ramp from 35th Street and the exit ramp to 31st Street on northbound I-35W in Minneapolis will close starting at 5 a.m. Monday, July 6. The ramps will be closed for approximately three weeks as crews continue the construction of an additional northbound lane on I-35W. Motorists should follow posted detour routes during this time.

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

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. starting Monday, July 6 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 to start July 6

Motorists will experience intermittent nighttime lane restrictions on northbound and southbound Interstate 35W between I-494 and Burnsville Parkway beginning on Monday, July 6 and continuing through Friday, July 17. Traffic will be periodically reduced to one lane in each direction from 10 p.m. to 6 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.

Lyndale Ave Overnight Closure: July 9

Lyndale Ave, between 61st Street and 63rd Street, will close starting at 10 p.m. Thursday, July 9 until 5 a.m. Friday, July 10. The closure is needed for bridge work above Lyndale Avenue. I-35W and Highway 62 will remain open during the closure. Motorists should follow the posted detours.

I-35W weekend closure July 10-13

All southbound lanes of I-35W between I-494 and Highway 13 are scheduled to close from 10:00 p.m. Friday, July 10 through 5:00 a.m. Monday, July 13. The closure is needed for bridge repair and pavement work along I-35W. During this time motorists will be detoured east on I-494 to Highway 77 south to Highway 13 south to I-35W.

Tentative I-35W Weekend Closure: July 17-20

All lanes of northbound I-35W from 42nd Street to downtown Minneapolis are tentatively scheduled to close from 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. In addition, the 35th/36th Street exit from northbound I-35W will remain closed following the weekend closure through September (the 31st Street exit ramp will reopen prior to this closure).

46th Street Entrance Ramp to Northbound I-35W Open

The 46th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W is open. Intermittent lane closures along 2nd Ave, between 48th and 45th Street, will be needed to complete sidewalk work in the area.

Upcoming Hwy 62 Freeway Ramps Openings

The following freeway ramps along eastbound Hwy 62 are tentatively scheduled to re-open on or around July 10:

- The eastbound Hwy 62 exit ramp to southbound I-35W
- The Penn Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62; however, shortly after, the Penn Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62 **will close** until approximately July 2010. Motorists should follow the posted detours.

Upcoming Hwy 62 Traffic Switch

Beginning on the evening of July 9, traffic on eastbound and westbound Hwy 62 will be rerouted to travel along the “new” lanes of eastbound Hwy 62 between Penn Ave and Logan Ave. Traffic along Hwy 62 between Logan Ave and I-35W will be rerouted to the “new” lanes of eastbound Hwy 62 this fall.

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

31st Street

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

Status: Scheduled to close July 6

Reopens: mid-late July

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

35th Street

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

Status: Scheduled to close July 17 (31st Street exit ramp will reopen prior to this 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: Scheduled to close July 6

Reopens: mid-late July

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

46th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: August 2009

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

46th Street exit ramp from southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

Detour: 35th/36th Street ramp or 60th Street

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: Closed

Re-opens: early-mid July

Detour: Penn Ave. south, 98th Street

98th Street

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

Status: Closed

Re-opens: early-mid July

Detour: Lyndale or Penn Ave. north, 94th St.

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

Eastbound Hwy 62 exit ramp to southbound I-35W

Status: Closed; re-opens approximately July 10, 2009

Detour: West of Hwy 100: Hwy 100 south, I-494 east, I-35W south
East of Hwy 100: Hwy 77 south, I-494 west, I-35W south

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 Penn Ave, 66th St 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 west

Penn Ave

Penn Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed

Re-opens: approximately July 10, 2009

Detour: Penn Ave south, 66th St west, Xerxes Ave north

Penn Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62

Status: Open; scheduled to close approximately July 10, 2009

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. Nightly lane closures between 8 pm and 6 am will continue through completion of the project this fall.

46th Street Bridge Area

The 46th Street bridge is closed and is scheduled to re-open by August 1 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 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. Reconstruction of Stevens Ave between 49th and 50th Street continues. Nighttime work in the area includes hauling and unloading of materials.

Minnehaha Parkway Bridge Area

Repair work on the Stevens Ave bridge over Minnehaha Creek is complete; however, 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 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

Bridge work continues on the southbound I-35W bridge over 60th Street. Road reconstruction on 60th Street is complete. The sidewalk on the north side of 60th Street is open; however, the sidewalk on the south side is closed and will be reconstructed in 2009.

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.

Areas along Hwy 62

Penn Ave Bridge Area

Noise wall construction along eastbound Hwy 62 continues. Nighttime activities along eastbound Hwy 62 include topsoil placement.

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.

Nicollet Ave Bridge Area

Segmental bridge work in the area continues. 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 43rd Street and 48th Street

Between 42nd and 43rd Street - open to local traffic, but is scheduled to close again in mid-July for approximately three weeks for retaining wall construction.

Between 43rd Street to 48th Street – open to local traffic, but intermittent lane closures will be needed between 45th Street to 48th Street to complete remaining sidewalk work in the area.

Stevens Ave between 42nd Street and 50th Street

Curb and gutter removal and reconstruction continue along the residential side of Stevens Ave between 42nd Street and 50th Street and may include removing some of the boulevard. Driveway access on Stevens Ave will be maintained during the removals. Boulevard restoration is scheduled to occur in Fall 2009.

Eastbound Hwy 62 Service Roads – City of Richfield

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 and 2nd Ave

Storm sewer work will be occurring the week of July 6. During this time the sidewalk on 31st Street at 2nd Avenue may be periodically closed. In addition, periodic lane restrictions may also be needed on 2nd Avenue between 32nd Street and Lake Street.

Stevens Ave between 42nd Street and 49th Street

- Between 42nd and 43rd Street – closed during daytime hours for pavement removals, but open to local traffic on a gravel surface at night
- Between 43rd and 48th Street-closed for utility, wall, and road work in multiple locations. As work progresses, some sections will be opened to local traffic on gravel surfaces.
- Between 48th and 49th Street – closed during daytime hours for pavement removals, 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

Southbound I-35W near 44th 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: intermittently through mid-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

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*

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