

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of June 1, 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:

**Field, Regina, Northrop Neighborhood Group
Celebration, Saturday, June 6,**
McRae Park/906 E. 47th Street
Event hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Staff Available from: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Cub Foods
Saturday, June 13**
5937 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis
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/>

Overnight lane restrictions on northbound I-35W from 42nd Street to downtown Minneapolis June 1-5

Northbound I-35W between downtown Minneapolis and 42nd Street will be reduced to one lane from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly June 1-5. Additional nighttime lane closures will continue to occur periodically in the area through the completion of the project this fall.

Two ramps at I-35W/I-494 Closed

The ramp from northbound I-35W to westbound I-494 and the ramp from eastbound I-494 to northbound I-35W closed on Thursday, May 28 at 10 p.m. These ramps will remain closed for approximately two weeks as crews continue the construction of an additional northbound lane on I-35W.

Intermittent nighttime ramp closures on northbound I-35W in Burnsville to start June 1

Intermittent, nighttime ramp closures will occur on several ramps to and from northbound I-35W in Burnsville between Monday, June 1, and Friday, June 5. The following ramps are affected:

- Northbound I-35W to northbound Highway 13
- Northbound Highway 13 to northbound I-35W
- Northbound I-35W to southbound Highway 13
- Southbound Highway 13 to northbound I-35W
- Northbound I-35W exit to Cliff Road
- Cliff Road entrance to northbound I-35W

Ramps will be closed between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. for approximately 2 hours. Only one ramp will be closed at a time at the Highway 13 and I-35W interchange.

Lane Restrictions on 2nd Avenue South in Minneapolis

2nd Avenue South will be reduced to 1 lane of traffic between E. 39th Street and E. 37th Street and reduced to 2 lanes of traffic between E. 37th Street and E. 35th Street June 1-6. 2nd Avenue South and Stevens Avenue from downtown Minneapolis to 42nd Street will continue to be periodically reduced to one-lane of traffic, one way through July to allow for the construction of noisewalls.

Lane Reduction on Southbound I-35W

Traffic has been reduced to two lanes on southbound I-35W from 106th Street in Bloomington to Highway 13 in Burnsville until approximately mid-June. Motorists will encounter significantly longer commutes and increased congestion in the area, as well as on Highway 77 and Highway 169 as some traffic from I-35W diverts to these river crossings. Mn/DOT encourages commuters to plan ahead, use transit and telecommute or use flex time when possible.

Northbound I-35W Intermittent Weeknight Closures Extended to June 19

All northbound lanes of I-35W, from 60th Street to Highway 62, will close intermittently Monday through Friday evenings from 10 pm to 5 am through Friday, June 19. Motorists will be able to access northbound I-35W from 60th Street during the closures. Southbound lanes of I-35W will remain open during the nightly closures, but will be reduced to a single lane of traffic. All lanes of Highway 62 will remain open during the nightly closures.

Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closures:

For northbound I-35W – Highway 62 east, to Hwy 77/Cedar Ave, to Hwy 62 west, to I-35W North

Upcoming I-35W Weekend Closure Rescheduled: June 12-15

All northbound lanes of I-35W between Hwy 62 and I-94 and all southbound lanes of I-35W between Hwy 62 and 66th Street are tentatively scheduled to close the weekend of June 12-15 as crews continue to set bridge segments in the eastern junction of I-35W and Hwy 62. Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closure. Hwy 62 will remain open during the closures. More details to follow in upcoming updates.

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 pm and 6 am each night. For up-to-date information on highway construction traffic, detours and delays call 511 or go to www.511mn.org.

Freeway Ramp Closures

The following ramps are closed or tentatively scheduled to close. *Items with an asterisk (*) designate recent changes or additions.*

Ramps along I-35W

46th Street

46th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: July 2009

Detour: 35th Street ramp or Diamond Lake Road ramp

46th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2010

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

I-494

***Northbound I-35W exit ramp to westbound I-494**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: mid June

Detour: I-35W northbound to Highway 62 westbound to Highway 100 southbound

***Eastbound I-494 entrance ramp to northbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: mid June

Detour: I-494 eastbound to Highway 77 northbound to Highway 62 westbound

***82nd Street**

82nd Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W

Status: Open (7:00 pm May 29, 2009)

94th Street

94th Street entrance ramp to southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: mid June

Detour: Penn Ave. south, 98th Street

98th Street

98th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: early June

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

Black Dog Road

Southbound I-35W exit to Black Dog Road

Status: Closed

Re-opens: mid-June

Detour: South on I-35W to Cliff Road, I-35W north, I-35W to Black Dog Road

Black Dog Road entrance to southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: mid-June

Detour: North on I-35W to 106th Street, 106th to I-35W south

Ramps along Hwy 62

Eastbound Hwy 62 exit ramp to southbound I-35W

Status: Closed until approximately mid-July

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; re-opens fall 2010

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: October 2009

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

Project Areas

Areas along I-35W

Downtown Minneapolis to 42nd Street

Northbound I-35W between downtown Minneapolis and 42nd Street will be reduced to one lane from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly June 1-5. Additional nighttime lane closures will continue to occur periodically in the area through the completion of the project this fall. Construction of noisewalls and drainage structures continue in the area. 2nd Avenue South will be reduced to 1 lane of traffic between E. 39th Street and E. 37th Street and reduced to 2 lanes of traffic between E. 37th Street and E. 35th Street June 1-6. 2nd Avenue South and Stevens Avenue from downtown Minneapolis to 42nd Street will continue to be periodically reduced to one-lane of traffic, one way through July to allow for the construction of noisewalls. As construction activities continue, motorists are advised to continue to watch for nightly lane closures between 8 pm and 6am.

46th Street Bridge Area

The 46th Street bridge is closed and is scheduled to re-open by August 1, 2009. Daytime work includes pile driving. Nighttime activities include stockpiling materials, backfilling of retaining walls along southbound I-35W, and work on the 46th entrance and exit ramps along northbound I-35W. The 46th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W is scheduled to open in early July. Storm sewer installation also continues along southbound I-35W.

50th Street Bridge Area

The 50th Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians. Stevens Ave between 49th Street and 50th Street will be re-constructed in summer 2009. 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. Pedestrians and bicyclists are encouraged to use the path south of Minnehaha Parkway which remains open. Daytime activities in this area include pavement demolition of the "old" northbound lanes of I-35W.

Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area

The exit ramp to Diamond Lake Road from southbound I-35W is now open. Traffic along southbound I-35W has been rerouted to travel along the "new" southbound lanes of I-35W between 49th Street and the junction of Hwy 62. Daytime activities in this area include pavement demolition of the "old" northbound lanes of I-35W.

60th Street Bridge Area

Bridge rail 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

The ramp from northbound I-35W to westbound I-494 and the ramp from eastbound I-494 to northbound I-35W is closed through mid June. Intermittent nighttime ramp closures will also be occurring this week at Highway 13 and Cliff Road exit and entrance ramps on northbound I-35W in Burnsville. Nighttime construction activities continue between Burnsville Parkway and

90th Street. As construction activities continue, motorists are advised to watch for nightly lane closures between 8 pm and 6 am.

106th Street to Highway 13

Traffic continues to be reduced to two lanes on southbound I-35W from 106th Street in Bloomington to Highway 13 in Burnsville through approximately mid-June.

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. Nighttime activities along northbound I-35W, between 66th Street and Hwy 62, include hauling and stockpiling of materials and roadway grading.

Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Bridge work at the eastern junction of I-35W and Hwy 62 continues. Daytime activities include pile driving and nighttime construction activities include placement of bridge segments.

Areas along Hwy 62

Penn Ave Bridge Area

Noise wall construction along eastbound Hwy 62. Nighttime activities along eastbound Hwy 62 include roadway grading.

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

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

Nicollet Ave Bridge Area

Segmental bridge work in the area continues. Daytime activities include sheet piling.

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 Closures

Minneapolis

2nd Ave between 35th Street and 39th Street

2nd Avenue South will be reduced to 1 lane of traffic between E. 39th Street and E. 37th Street and reduced to 2 lanes of traffic between E. 37th Street and E. 35th Street June 1-6 to complete work needed for noisewall construction. Parking on 2nd Avenue between East 36th and East 35th Street is not allowed during the closure. In addition, one turn lane from eastbound 36th Street to 2nd Avenue South will be closed daily from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. June 1-6.

Stevens Ave between 43rd Street and 48th Street

Utility, wall, and road work continues in multiple locations. As work progresses, some sections will be opened to local traffic on gravel surfaces.

Stevens Ave Additional Road Closures

Pavement removals along Stevens Ave, between 42nd and 49th Street continue. Pavement demolition will cause the following additional daytime closures along Stevens Ave:

- Between 42nd and 43rd Street – closed during day, but open to local traffic on a gravel surface at night
- Between 48th and 49th Street – closed during day, 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-paved by September 2009.

2nd Ave between 43rd Street and 48th Street

Utility, wall, and road work continues in multiple locations. As work progresses, some sections will be opened to local traffic on gravel surfaces. 2nd Ave is scheduled to be paved by August 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 mid-June

Minneapolis

Northbound I-35W between Lake Street and 42nd Street

Activities: Setting box culverts, hauling materials, and roadway grading

Duration: through June

Southbound I-35W near 46th Street

Activities: Backfilling of retaining walls and stockpiling sand along residential roads

Duration: through the end of July

Southbound I-35W near 47th Street

Activities: Backfilling of retaining walls and stockpiling sand along residential roads

Duration: through the beginning of June

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

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling materials

Duration: through July

Northbound I-35W between 48th Street and 43rd Street

Activities: roadway grading

Duration: through June

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

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling materials

Backfilling of bridge abutments

Duration: through June

Richfield

Eastbound Hwy 62 between Penn Ave and I-35W

Activities: Roadway grading

Duration: through early June

Eastbound Hwy 62 between I-35W and Lyndale Ave

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of sand

Duration: through mid-July

Northbound I-35W between 66th Street and Hwy 62

Activities: Pavement sawcutting

Duration: through June

Burnsville and Bloomington

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

Activities: Milling and paving, construction of overhead signage structures

Duration: through August

Northbound I-35W exit ramp to westbound I-494 and Eastbound I-494 entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Activities: Milling and paving

Duration: through mid June

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 Hwy 62

Duration: through early June

Minneapolis

Southbound I-35W between 42nd Street and 45th Street

Duration: through June

Nicollet Ave and I-35W/Hwy 62 – northwest corner (sheet piling)

Duration: through early June

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.*