

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of June 15, 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

Saturday, June 13

5937 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis

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

Richfield Farmer's Market, Saturday, June 20

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

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: June 12-15

All northbound lanes of I-35W between Hwy 62 and I-94 are scheduled to close from 10:00 p.m. Friday, June 12 through 5:00 a.m. Monday, June 15.

In addition, during the same time period, southbound I-35W will be closed at the junction of Hwy 62. Southbound I-35W will remain open between I-94 and Hwy 62; however, motorists traveling on southbound I-35W will **not** be able to access westbound Hwy 62/southbound I-35W. All motorists traveling on southbound I-35W will be detoured to eastbound Hwy 62, which will remain open.

Hwy 62 will remain open during the closures. The closures are needed for bridge repair and pavement work along I-35W, and for placement of bridge segments at the eastern junction of I-35W and Highway 62.

Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closure:

For northbound I-35W: Hwy 62 West to Hwy 100 North to I-394 East

For southbound I-35W/westbound Hwy 62: Hwy 62 East to Hwy 77 South to I-494 West

Lake Street Bus Stop to Close June 12, Temporary Closure of Midtown Greenway Trail Under I-35W

The Lake Street bus stop will close at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12 and will remain closed for approximately two and a half months as work continues on northbound I-35W in Minneapolis. In addition, the Midtown Greenway trail under I-35W will temporarily close starting at 10 pm June 12 until 6 am June 13.

Lane reduction on southbound I-35W to start June 13

Southbound Interstate 35W from 66th Street in Richfield to 106th Street in Bloomington will be reduced to two lanes of traffic beginning at 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 13. Southbound I-35W from 106th Street in Bloomington to Highway 13 in Burnsville will continue to be reduced to two lanes of traffic through mid July due to a change in project schedule.

In addition, motorists will experience intermittent, nighttime lane restrictions between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. on northbound and southbound I-35W from 98th Street to Interstate 494 in Bloomington beginning Friday, June 12 until Monday, June 15. Motorists will be rerouted to the outside lanes of traffic when the lane restrictions are complete on June 15.

Intermittent Nighttime Closures of I-35W: June 15-19

Beginning Monday, June 15, intermittent nighttime closures of northbound and southbound I-35W will occur at the eastern junction of Hwy 62 from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. through June 19. Access to local streets along I-35W, north and south of Hwy 62, will remain open. Hwy 62 will also remain open during the closures.

Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closures:

For northbound I-35W: Hwy 62 West to Hwy 100 North to I-394 East

For southbound I-35W: I-394 West to Hwy 100 South to Hwy 62 East

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 Closures

The following ramps are closed or tentatively scheduled to close.

Items with an asterisk () designate recent changes or additions.*

Ramps along I-35W

I-35W Weekend Closure June 12-15

All ramps on northbound I-35W between Highway 62 and I-94 and will be closed from 10 pm Friday, June 12 through 5 am Monday, June 15. Additionally motorists traveling on southbound I-35W will not be able to access westbound Hwy 62/southbound I-35W during the closure.

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: Open

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

Status: Open

***82nd Street**

82nd Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Open

94th Street

94th Street entrance ramp to southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: late June

Detour: Penn Ave. south, 98th Street

98th Street

98th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: late 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

Construction of noisewalls and drainage structures continue in the area. Nighttime construction activities during the week of June 15 include excavation and hauling of materials. 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, 2009. Daytime work includes pile driving and work on the bridge railings and sidewalks. Nighttime activities include stockpiling materials and backfilling of retaining walls along southbound 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. 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

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. Roadway grading work along northbound I-35W has begun.

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 has begun.

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

Motorists will experience intermittent, nighttime lane restrictions between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. on northbound and southbound I-35W from 98th Street to Interstate 494 in Bloomington beginning Friday, June 12 until Monday, June 15. Nighttime construction activities continue between Burnsville Parkway and 90th Street.

106th Street to Highway 13

Southbound Interstate 35W from 66th Street in Richfield to 106th Street in Bloomington will be reduced to two lanes of traffic beginning at 10 p.m. on Saturday June 13. Southbound I-35W from 106th Street in Bloomington to Highway 13 in Burnsville will continue to be reduced to two lanes of traffic through mid July due to a change in project schedule.

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 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. Nighttime construction activities include hauling and stockpiling of materials and backfilling of bridge abutments.

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

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-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 July

Minneapolis

Northbound I-35W between downtown Minneapolis and 34th Street

Activities: Excavation and hauling of materials

Duration: Week of June 15

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

Activities: Milling and paving, bridge repair

Duration: June 12-15 (weekend closure)

Southbound I-35W near 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 49th and 58th Street

Activities: Roadway grading in I-35W median

Duration: through June

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 western junction of I-35W

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling materials

Duration: through July

Richfield

Eastbound Hwy 62 between Penn Ave and I-35W

Activities: Roadway grading

Duration: through June

Eastbound Hwy 62 between I-35W and Lyndale Ave

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of materials

Duration: 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

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:

Minneapolis

Northbound I-35W exit to 35th/36th Street (sheet piling)

Duration: June 13, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

Duration: through June

For More Information on the Crosstown and I-35W Projects

Crosstown/I-35W Project Hotline: 1.866.743.6590

Email: crosstown@ranow.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.*