

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of June 22, 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, 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/>

Cliff Road Ramps on Southbound I-35W to Close June 23

The exit and entrance ramps at Cliff Road on southbound I-35W in Burnsville will close for approximately one month starting at 10:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 23. Motorists should follow posted detour routes during this closure. The exit and entrance ramps at Black Dog Road and southbound I-35W are scheduled to open prior to this closure.

Intermittent Nighttime Closures at Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Intermittent nightly closures of northbound and southbound I-35W and westbound Hwy 62 at the eastern junction of Hwy 62/I-35W will occur from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. starting on Sunday, June 21 and continue for approximately two weeks. Access to local streets along I-35W, north and south of Hwy 62, will remain open. Eastbound Hwy 62 will remain open during the closures, and southbound I-35W and westbound Hwy 62 will not be closed during the same time period.

Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closures:

For northbound I-35W: Hwy 62 East to Portland Ave North to Hwy 62 West to I-35W North

For southbound I-35W: Hwy 62 East to Hwy 77/Cedar Ave North to Hwy 62 West to I-35W South

For westbound Hwy 62: I-35W North to Diamond Lake Road to I-35W South to Hwy 62 West

Eastbound Hwy 62 Exit Ramp to Southbound I-35W Re-opens July 11

The eastbound Hwy 62 exit ramp to southbound I-35W is tentatively scheduled to re-open on July 11. During that same time period, a traffic switch will occur along Hwy 62. 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.

Penn Avenue Freeway Ramps – Entrance Ramp to Eastbound Hwy 62 to Open and Exit Ramp from Westbound Hwy 62 to Close

In conjunction with the upcoming Hwy 62 traffic switch, the Penn Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62 will re-open on approximately July 11. However, at that time, the Penn Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62 will close until approximately July 2010. Motorists should follow the posted detours.

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

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

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.

Cliff Road

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

Status: Closing June 23

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: Closing June 23

Re-opens: mid-late July

Detour: Go east on Cliff Road to Nicollet Avenue South to southbound Highway 13 to southbound I-35W

Black Dog Road

***Southbound I-35W exit to Black Dog Road**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: June 23 (tentative)

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: June 23 (tentative)

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

Highway 13

Southbound I-35W exit to southbound Highway 13

Status: Open (this ramp will not close due to a change in project plans)

Ramps along Hwy 62

Eastbound Hwy 62 exit ramp to southbound I-35W

Status: Closed; re-opens approximately July 11, 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: July 2009

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

Penn Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62

Status: Open; scheduled to close mid-July

Re-opens: July 2010

Detour: Motorists should follow the posted detour routes

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 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 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 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. Daytime activities include concrete paving for the new Hwy 62 eastbound lanes. Nighttime activities along eastbound Hwy 62 include saw cutting of the new pavement, which must be done within a specific time period upon pouring the concrete.

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

Curb and Gutter Work

Stevens Ave between 42nd Street and 49th Street

Starting approximately on Tuesday, June 23, crews will begin to remove and reconstruct the curb and gutters along the residential side of Stevens Ave between 42nd Street and 50th Street. The removal and reconstruction of curb and gutters will include removing some of the boulevard along Stevens Ave.

Residents are encouraged to remove personal property, including plantings, that may be in the boulevard along Stevens Ave by Tuesday, June 23. Any personal property remaining in the construction zone, including Stevens Ave and the boulevard, is subject to removal.

Driveway access on Stevens Ave will be maintained during the removals. However there may be brief periods of time when driveway access will be temporarily unavailable. Residents will be notified by a project representative prior to losing access to their driveways.

Boulevard restoration is scheduled to occur in Fall 2009.

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-opened by fall 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. Paving of 2nd Ave between 45th Street and 48th Street, and at 50th Street is scheduled to begin this week.

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 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

Roadway grading

Duration: through July

Richfield

Eastbound Hwy 62 between Penn Ave and I-35W

Activities: Pavement sawcutting

Duration: through June

Eastbound Hwy 62 between I-35W and Lyndale Ave

Activities: Roadway grading

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:

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@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.*