

CROSSLTOWN

INTERSTATE 35W & HIGHWAY 62

Weekly Update

For the week of March 30, 2009

The following updates are tentative and subject to change.

General Updates

A map with ramp, bridge and road closures is available at:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown/>

Eastbound Hwy 62 from Penn Avenue to I-35W: Single Lane Traffic

Eastbound Hwy 62 from Penn Avenue to I-35W continues to be reduced to a single lane from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm daily through Tuesday, March 31. This lane reduction is needed to drive piling for retaining wall work during daytime hours rather than at night.

I-35W and Hwy 62 Nighttime Lane Closures

As nighttime construction activities resume in the project area, watch for nighttime lane closures on I-35W and Hwy 62 between 9:00 pm and 6:00 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. For a map of ramp closures:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown/>

Diamond Lake Rd

Diamond Lake Rd exit ramp from southbound I-35W

Status: Open; however, a one month closure is scheduled to occur this spring

46th Street

46th Street exit ramp from southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

46th Street entrance ramp to southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

46th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2010

46th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2010

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

Lyndale Ave

Lyndale Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62/northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

Lyndale Ave exit ramp from eastbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed

Re-opens: October 2009

Penn Ave

Penn Ave entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed

Re-opens: July 2009

66th Street

66th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: June 2010

Road Closures

Stevens Ave between 46th and 48th Streets

Stevens Ave between 46th and 48th Streets is closed for retaining wall work and is scheduled to re-open approximately in late-June.

2nd Ave and 43rd Street Intersection

The intersection of 2nd Ave and 43rd Street is closed for utility work and is scheduled to re-open approximately by the end of April.

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Project Areas

Penn Ave Bridge Area

Retaining wall work continues along eastbound and westbound Hwy 62. Daytime activities include sheet piling. Traffic along eastbound Hwy 62 from Penn Ave to I-35W continues to be reduced to a single lane from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm daily through Tuesday, March 31.

Western Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Bridge work at the western junction of I-35W and Hwy 62 continues. Nighttime activities include backfilling of retaining walls beginning the week of March 30.

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

Bridge work at Lyndale Avenue has resumed. Lyndale Avenue, between 63rd and 61st Street, is open to one-lane traffic in each direction. In early summer, work will resume to open up two-lanes of traffic in each direction. Sidewalks in the area remain unfinished; however, pedestrian access is available along the roadway.

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

Bridge work is on hold. Retaining wall work continues along westbound Hwy 62.

Nicollet Ave Bridge Area

Segmental bridge work in the area is on hold.

Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Bridge work at the eastern junction of I-35W and Hwy 62 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.

60th Street Bridge Area

Bridge work above 60th Street is currently on hold. 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.

Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area

The Diamond Lake Road bridge and all freeway ramps are available. The carpool ramp to northbound I-35W is now open.

Upcoming Closure of Southbound Exit Ramp to Diamond Lake Road

The exit ramp from southbound I-35W to Diamond Lake Road remains open; however, a one month closure is scheduled to occur this spring

Minnehaha Parkway Bridge Area

Bridge work at Minnehaha Parkway continues. The pedestrian and bike path north of the Parkway remains closed and will not be restored until the project is completed. Pedestrians and bicyclists are encouraged to use the path south of Minnehaha Parkway which remains open.

50th Street Bridge Area

The 50th Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians. The final layer of pavement at the intersections of Stevens Ave and 2nd Ave is still needed and will be done in spring 2009. Stevens Ave between 49th Street and 50th Street will be re-constructed in spring 2009. Daytime work in the area includes hauling and unloading of material.

46th Street Bridge Area

The 46th Street bridge is closed. The 46th Street Bridge is scheduled to re-open in summer 2009. Motorists can cross I-35W at 35th/36th Streets, 38th Street, 42nd Street, 50th Street, Minnehaha Parkway, Diamond Lake Road and 60th Street. Daytime work includes placement of bridge beams. Nighttime activities for bridge deck work begin the week of March 30.. Retaining wall work continues along southbound I-35W; pile driving for retaining walls resumes the week of March 30. Storm sewer installation also continues along southbound I-35W.

Neighborhood Updates

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

Southbound I-35W at 46th Street

Activities: Work on bridge deck
Duration: approximately one week

Richfield

Eastbound Hwy 62 between Penn Ave and TH 121

Activities: Backfilling of retaining walls
Duration: through April

Eastbound Hwy 62 between I-35W and Pleasant Ave

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of sand
Duration: through April

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

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of sand
Duration: through April

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 (sheet piling)

Duration: through early April

Minneapolis

Southbound I-35W near 43rd Street

Duration: through April

Southbound I-35W near 47th Street

Duration: through early April

Northbound I-35W near 43rd Street

Duration: through April

Richfield

Eastbound Hwy 62 near Penn Ave (sheet piling)

Duration: through early April

Road Reconstruction

Minneapolis

Road reconstruction of W. 62nd Street, between Aldrich Ave and Dupont Ave, is complete for now; however, one final layer of pavement is needed and will be done in spring 2009.

Richfield

Reconstruction of the service roads along eastbound Hwy 62 from Garfield Ave to 5th Ave has been delayed due to design issues. The road reconstruction will be completed in spring 2009.

Grass Lake

Work around Grass Lake is complete for now; however, work in this area for retaining walls will also occur in 2010. The trail around the southeast end of Grass Lake is closed. The trail will be restored and re-opened once retaining wall work is complete.

For More Information on the Crosstown Project

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