

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of May 18, 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 event:

Richfield Farmer's Market, Saturday, May 23, Veteran's Memorial Park/Portland Ave and 64th Street
Event hours: 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Crosstown/I-35W 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/>

Lane reduction on southbound I-35W to begin May 17

Traffic will be reduced to two lanes on southbound Interstate 35W from 106th Street in Bloomington to Highway 13 in Burnsville for one month beginning at 8 p.m. on May 17. 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.

Intermittent nighttime ramp closures on northbound I-35W in Burnsville to start May 18

Intermittent nighttime ramp closures are scheduled for the following exit and entrance ramps on northbound Interstate 35W in Burnsville between Monday, May 18 and Friday, May 22.

- 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
- Northbound I-35W exit to Black Dog Road
- Black Dog 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.

Overnight lane restrictions on I-35W from 42nd Street to downtown Minneapolis May 18-22

Nighttime lane restrictions will be in place May 18-22 on northbound and southbound Interstate 35W between downtown Minneapolis and 42nd Street. During this time northbound I-35W will be reduced to one lane and southbound I-35W will be reduced to two lanes from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. each night. Additional nighttime lane closures will continue to occur periodically in the area through the completion of the project this fall.

Upcoming Traffic Switch: Southbound I-35W at 49th Street

Traffic along southbound I-35W will be rerouted to travel along the “new” southbound lanes of I-35W between 49th Street and the junction of Hwy 62 during the week of May 18. Along with this traffic switch, the Diamond Lake Road exit ramp from southbound I-35W is scheduled to re-open.

Entrance Ramp from 98th Street to Northbound I-35W Closed

The entrance ramp from 98th Street to northbound I-35W in Bloomington is closed until Friday, May 22. Motorists will be detoured north on Lyndale Avenue to 94th Street.

Exit Ramp from Eastbound Hwy 62 to Southbound I-35W Closed

The exit ramp from eastbound Hwy 62 to southbound I-35W is closed for approximately two months.

Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closure:

For motorists west of Hwy 100 – Hwy 100 south to I-494 east to I-35W south
For motorists east of Hwy 100 – Hwy 77 south to I-494 west to I-35W south

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

Northbound I-35W exit ramp to eastbound I-494

Status: Closed

Re-opens: mid-May

Detour: Hwy 62 east to Hwy 77 south.

Diamond Lake Rd

Diamond Lake Rd exit ramp from southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: week of May 18

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

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

82nd Street

82nd Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: mid-May

Detour: I-494 west, Penn Avenue south

98th Street

98th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: approximately May 28

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

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

Nighttime lane restrictions will be in place May 18-22 on northbound and southbound Interstate 35W from downtown Minneapolis to 42nd Street. During this time northbound I-35W will be reduced to one lane and southbound I-35W will be reduced to two lanes from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. each night. Construction of noisewalls and drainage structures continue in the area. Nighttime work includes setting box culverts, hauling materials and roadway grading. 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 in July 2009. Daytime work includes pile driving. Nighttime activities include stockpiling materials and backfilling of retaining walls along southbound I-35W. 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.

Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area

The Diamond Lake Road bridge is open. The southbound I-35W exit ramp to Diamond Lake Road is scheduled to re-open the week of May 18. All other freeway ramps are open.

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

Activities include milling and paving and construction of overhead signage structures. Nighttime work is occurring from Burnsville Parkway to 90th Street. Intermittent nighttime ramp closures will also be occurring this week at Highway 13, Cliff Road, and Black Dog Road exit and entrance ramps on northbound I-35W in Burnsville. As construction activities continue, motorists are advised to watch for nightly lane closures between 8 pm and 6am.

106th Street to Highway 13

Traffic will be reduced to two lanes on southbound I-35W from 106th Street in Bloomington to Highway 13 in Burnsville for one month beginning at 8 p.m. on May 17. The purpose of the lane reduction is to construct an additional southbound lane.

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

Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

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

Areas along Hwy 62

Penn Ave Bridge Area

Noise wall construction and roadway grading continues along eastbound Hwy 62. Nighttime activities along eastbound Hwy 62 include excavation, hauling, and stockpiling of materials.

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

Retaining wall work along the freeway ramps at Lyndale Avenue continue; including, excavation and backfilling on the exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62 and entrance ramp to eastbound Hwy 62. 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.

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

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. Pavement removals are scheduled to begin along Stevens Ave this week and continue for approximately one week.

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

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:

Minneapolis

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

Activities: Setting box culverts, hauling materials and roadway grading

Duration: through May

Southbound I-35W near 47th Street

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

Duration: through the end of May

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

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling materials

Duration: July

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: Road way grading

Duration: through May

Eastbound Hwy 62 between I-35W and Lyndale Ave

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of sand

Duration: through May

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

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of sand, road way grading

Duration: through May

Burnsville and Bloomington

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

Activities: Milling and paving, construction of overhead signage structures

Duration: through mid-May

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 May

Minneapolis

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

Duration: through June

Southbound I-35W between 45th Street and 48th Street

Duration: through May.

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

Duration: through end of May

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.*