

I-35W & CROSSTOWN

21st century roadway

Weekly Update For the week of November 16, 2009

The information in this update is tentative and subject to change.

The following is an update on the status of the Crosstown reconstruction project.

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

General Updates

Maps with ramp, bridge and road closures are available:

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

Southbound I-35W Nighttime Closure at Western Junction Nov. 17-18

All lanes of southbound I-35W are scheduled to close at the western junction of Hwy 62 from 10:00 pm to 5:00 am on the evenings of Tuesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 18. The closure is needed for deck work on the Highway 62 eastbound bridge over southbound I-35W. Northbound I-35W and Highway 62 will remain open during the closures.

Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closures:

Highway 62 West to Hwy 100 South – Hwy 100 South to Hwy 62 East – Highway 62 East to I-35W South

I-35W and Hwy 62 Nighttime Lane Closures

Watch for periodic nighttime lane closures on I-35W from downtown Minneapolis to 66th Street and on Hwy 62 from Penn Ave to Portland Ave between 8 pm and 6 am. 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 exit ramp from southbound I-35W**

Status: Open

***46th Street entrance ramp to southbound I-35W**

Status: Open

***46th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W**

Status: Closed

Re-opens: Summer 2010

Detour: 36th Street ramp or Diamond Lake Road ramp

60th Street

60th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: Summer 2010

Detour: access northbound I-35W at Diamond Lake Road or 46th Street

66th Street

66th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: June 2010

Detour: 66th Street east, Portland Ave north

66th Street exit ramp from southbound I-35W

Status: Open, but only accessible to eastbound Hwy 62 traffic connecting to southbound I-35W

Closed to traffic from southbound I-35W

Detour: exit at 76th Street

Ramps along Hwy 62

Penn Ave

Penn Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62

Status: Closed

Re-opens: July 2010

Detour: Exit at Xerxes Ave

Hwy 121/Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to southbound I-35W

Status: Closed

Re-opens: Summer 2010

Detour: access southbound I-35W at 66th Street

Lyndale Ave

Lyndale Ave exit ramp from westbound Hwy 62

Status: Open for traffic on southbound I-35W

Closed to traffic from westbound Hwy 62

Detour: exit at Portland Ave, Portland to 66th Street

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

Project Areas

Areas along I-35W

46th Street Bridge Area

The 46th Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians. The southbound I-35W exit and entrance ramps to 46th Street are now open. The 46th Street exit ramp from northbound I-35W is closed until summer 2010. Pavement demolition of the "old" lanes of northbound I-35W continues this week.

50th Street Bridge Area

The 50th Street Bridge is open to traffic and pedestrians.

Minnehaha Parkway and Creek Intermittent Closures Resume

Intermittent closures of Minnehaha Parkway and Creek at I-35W resume this week through the end of the year. Water traffic will not be allowed on Minnehaha Creek during the parkway closures. At least one pedestrian or bike path along Minnehaha Creek at I-35W will remain open during the closures; however, the path may be intermittently closed to safely conduct work. Motorists should follow the posted detour route. The closures are needed for bridge reconstruction of the I-35W bridge above the parkway. Daytime construction activities this week include work on bridge abutments on the south side of the bridge, retaining wall work on the north side of the creek, and pile driving.

Diamond Lake Road Bridge Area

The Diamond Lake Road bridge and all freeway entrance and exit ramps are open. Daytime construction activities this week along northbound I-35W include roadway grading activities from south of Diamond Lake Road to Minnehaha Parkway.

60th Street Bridge Area

The 60th Street entrance ramp to northbound I-35W is closed until summer 2010. The sidewalk on the south side of 60th Street remains closed. Daytime construction activities this week include excavation for retaining walls and pile driving.

I-35W/Hwy 62 Junctions

Western Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Bridge work continues at the western junction of Hwy 62 and I-35W. Additional construction activities for this area include daytime pile driving. Nighttime construction activities include excavation and hauling of materials.

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Eastern Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Pavement removals and earthwork continue at the eastern junction of I-35W and Hwy 62.

Areas along Hwy 62

Penn Ave Bridge Area

Retaining wall construction continues along westbound Hwy 62, between Penn Ave and James Ave. Daytime construction activities include sheet piling. Nighttime construction activities include hauling and stockpiling of materials along westbound Hwy 62.

Hwy 121

The Hwy 121/Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to southbound I-35W is closed through the summer of 2010. All southbound traffic along Hwy 121 will be directed to westbound Hwy 62. Pavement demolition continues this week.

Lyndale Ave Bridge Area

All freeway ramps at Lyndale Ave are now open. However the Hwy 62 westbound exit ramp to Lyndale Ave is only accessible for traffic on southbound I-35W. The exit ramp will be accessible from both southbound I-35W and westbound Hwy 62 once the project is completed in 2010. The newly constructed Lyndale Ave entrance ramp to westbound Hwy 62 is scheduled to open in fall of 2010. Daytime construction activities this week include pile driving at the east side of the bridge.

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

Bridge reconstruction continues this week. Daytime construction activities include pile driving at the west side of the bridge continuing through January.

Nicollet Ave Bridge Area

Demolition of the I-35W bridge over Nicollet Ave is tentatively scheduled for the end of November or early December.

Neighborhood Updates

Road Reconstruction

Minneapolis

Stevens Avenue between 42nd Street and 50th Street

Area noise wall construction and roadway paving, north of 44th Street, continues. Stevens Ave is scheduled to re-open in late fall of 2009.

Richfield

Hwy 62 Service Roads

Paving of the remaining service roads is scheduled for early this week, weather permitting. Curb and gutters have been poured for all service roads. Crews are continuing to work toward finishing the roads before the end of the year.

Road Closures

2nd Ave between Minnehaha Parkway and Luverne Ave

2nd Ave between Minnehaha Parkway and Luverne Ave is closed through approximately June 2010 for the reconstruction of the northbound I-35W bridge over Minnehaha Parkway. Motorists should follow the posted detours during the closure.

Stevens Ave between 42nd Street and 50th Street

- Between 42nd and 48th Street — closed for road work in multiple locations.
- Between 48th and 50th Street – closed during daytime hours, but open to local traffic at night – *Driveway access will be maintained for residents along Stevens Ave and along East Rustic Lodge*

Columbus Avenue at East 61st Street

Columbus Avenue at East 61st Street is closed for utility work. Intersection reconstruction continues with blacktop paving scheduled for this week. Parking along East 61st Street near Columbus Ave is not allowed during the closure.

Oliver Avenue at West 62nd Street

Oliver Avenue at West 62nd Street is closed through mid-November for water main work in the area. Parking along Oliver Ave near W. 62nd Street is not permitted during the closure.

Knox Avenue and James Avenue (alley closure)

The alley along westbound Hwy 62 from approximately Knox Ave to James Ave is closed. The alley is scheduled to re-open on a gravel surface in approximately one week. The closure is needed for area utility work and for the construction of retaining walls along westbound Hwy 62. Daytime construction activities include pile driving.

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:

Western Junction

Activities: Stripping of bridge deck on eastbound Hwy 62 bridge over I-35W South
Duration: evenings of November 17 and 18

Activities: Excavation and hauling of materials
Duration: through December

Westbound Hwy 62 between Penn Ave and I-35W/Hwy 121

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of materials
Duration: through December

Hwy 62 between East and West Junctions of I-35W

Activities: Hauling and stockpiling of materials for bridge construction
Duration: through December

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:

Western Junction of I-35W and Hwy 62

Duration: through early November

Minneapolis

Minnehaha Parkway at I-35W

Duration: through November

Westbound Hwy 62 between Penn Ave and Morgan Ave (sheet pile removal)

Duration: through end of November

Northbound I-35W at 60th Street

Duration: through December

Minneapolis/Richfield

Hwy 62 at Lyndale Ave

Duration: through November

Hwy 62 at Pleasant Ave

Duration: through December

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

Crosstown/I-35W Project Office: 6242 Lyndale Ave S, Richfield*

**For office hours, call the Crosstown/I-35W Project Hotline.*