



Interstate-694 North Central Projects
Construction Update
For the week of May 7, 2012

Lexington Avenue at I-694

Motorists will encounter lane closures and traffic delays beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, May 7 as work begins on the Lexington Avenue Bridge over Interstate-694 in Arden Hills. During the project, southbound Lexington Avenue will be reduced to a single lane for approximately two weeks and northbound Lexington Avenue will remain a single lane through June 2012.

Two weeknight, overnight closures from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following day will be scheduled mid-May for I-694 and Lexington Avenue to remove a portion of the bridge deck. A dedicated bicycle/pedestrian route will be maintained on the east side of the Lexington Bridge. Further information will be available once they are scheduled

Interchange of eastbound I-694 and southbound Snelling Avenue

Eastbound Hwy 10, from east of County Road 96 to eastbound I-694, will be closed from May 15. At the same time, eastbound I-694 to southbound Snelling Avenue will close. Reconstruction of eastbound I-694 to southbound Snelling Avenue will begin at this time. Closures will be in affect through November 2012. Motorists should detour south on I-35W to eastbound I-694.

Hwy10 bridges spanning I-35W

Beginning June 8 the bridges carrying Hwy10 and Ramsey County Road 10 over I-35W will be closed for reconstruction. Both directions of I-35W will close between I-694 and the north junction of Hwy10 from Friday evening, June 8 through early Monday, June 11 for demolition of the bridges. During the closure, traffic will detour on Hwy 10, Hwy 610, Hwy 252 and I-694. Watch these email updates for more information as the date approaches.

During reconstruction of the bridges, access from westbound Hwy 10 to northbound I-35W will be maintained. I-35W motorists may encounter occasional lane closures and some short-term, non-rush hour full closures for bridge work.

ONGOING TRAFFIC CLOSURES

Northbound Snelling Avenue: Closed between County Road E and I-694 until November 2012. Detour east on County Road E to Lexington Avenue to reach I-694. Access to Grey Fox Road from northbound Snelling Avenue remains open for local traffic.

Southbound Hamline Avenue: Closed at Ramsey County Road F until this winter. Follow the detour signs on westbound County Road 96 to eastbound Hwy 10.

Westbound I-694 to Hamline Avenue ramp: permanently closed. Travel north on Lexington Avenue and west on Ramsey County Road F or continue north on Lexington Avenue to Ramsey County Road 96 to reach Hamline Avenue.

MnDOT, Ramsey County, affected cities and law enforcement will continue to monitor traffic conditions throughout the project. Please contact the project hotline at 1-877-206-0600 or email info@694NorthCentral.com with your concerns.

CONSTRUCTION WORK AREAS

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Grading for the new lanes continues moving east through the project. Watch for trucks hauling dirt away from the current median between I-35W and Victoria Street. The crushing work of old roadway into gravel was completed on Saturday, April 28.

Hwy10

New bridges will be built for Hwy 10/Ramsey County Road 10 spanning I-35W. Demolition will happen Friday evening, June 8 through early Monday morning, June 11.

Snelling Avenue/Hwy51

Construction begins on the new ramp from eastbound I-694 to southbound Snelling Avenue on May 15 through November 2012.

Additional noise will continue during daytime hours for storm sewer work in this area.

Old Snelling Avenue/Ramsey County Road 76/Old Hwy10

Continue to watch for flaggers directing single lane traffic beneath the I-694 bridge during daytime hours.

Lexington Avenue

The Lexington Avenue bridge widening project adds dual left turn lanes and an improved bicycle/pedestrian lane. The signal system and ramps to and from the freeway also will be upgraded. Crews start work on the middle of the bridge so the left lane of southbound Lexington Avenue will be closed for about two weeks. Northbound Lexington Avenue will be restricted to a single lane for the

duration of the project which concludes in mid-July. If you walk or bike across the bridge you'll still be able to cross over the interstate during construction.

Hamline Avenue

The intersection of Hamline Avenue and County Road F is expected to close for about a month early this summer while the intersection is reconstructed. A signal system will be installed next year.

Island Lake Bridges

Motorists should watch for temporary lane closures on I-694 near Victoria Street after the evening rush hour. The closures allow for safe working areas to reinforce the bridge decks and safe movement of the cranes and other equipment used.

The work area has been isolated on each side of I-694 with sheet piling to keep the lake clean. Nearby residents and park visitors can still expect some excessive daytime noise for pile driving operations for at least a couple more weeks.

Please contact us with any comments or concerns by email at Info@694NorthCentral.com or call the project hotline at 1-877-206-0060.

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