

## **Unweave the Weave activity continues during winter weather**

Although Minnesota's winter weather usually spells the end of most road and bridge construction projects, work is in full swing on the Unweave the Weave project to rebuild I-35E and I-694 along with their common sections in Little Canada and Vadnais Heights. Construction is underway on Bridge 62902 that will carry traffic from northbound I-35E to westbound I-694. The contractor is currently driving sheet pile for building the bridge piers.

Other work on the project includes hauling in fill material for bridge abutments for future Bridge 62910 which will carry traffic from southbound I-35E to eastbound I-694. Unseasonably warm weather has halted this work although it will continue once conditions are more seasonable (colder) and the ground freezes solid. Some temporary lane closures during non-peak time will be necessary to complete this work.

Work will begin in late January or early February on the retaining wall located east of the ramp from Little Canada Road to northbound I-35E. An access road will be built along the interstate to allow for installation of steel H beams and soils anchors. Weather permitting, this work should begin in mid to late January.

The contractor also is driving sheet pile for Bridge 62904 over the railroad tracks just east of Rice Street. The piling will be used for building a future bridge across I-694.

If the weather cooperates, work will continue throughout the winter to complete some bridge and wall construction before construction begins on the mainline roadway early this spring.

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