

New Vikings Stadium News & Notes - 2/27

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Don't Look Now, but a Video Board is Taking Shape

Quietly going unnoticed on the construction site has been the placement of the frame for the new stadium's east video board. By checking out [EarthCam's aerial view](#) of the stadium or the spot-shadowed image above, fans can catch a glimpse of the video board's significance. Keep in mind, however, that at 4,400 square feet, this is the smaller of the two end zone video boards. Nearly 13 Metrodome video boards (646 square feet) could fit in the second 8,160 square-foot video board that will be on the stadium's west side. Just to reinforce the stark difference between old and new, take a look at this comparison image one more time.

Ridge Truss One Step Closer to Connecting

Weighing in at 559,000 pounds and standing 57 feet high at its deepest section, an 85-foot long section of the new stadium's roof ridge truss was placed on Wednesday, bringing the massive structures stemming from both the east and west sides of the stadium one step closer to connecting almost directly above what will be the 50-yard line. This was the fifth section of the roof truss to be put into place, leaving just two of the seven total left; Mortenson expects to have them in place by July.

From the Top Turnbuckle – Is WrestleMania Coming to Minnesota?

The Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal reported earlier this week that Meet Minneapolis and Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority officials plan to work together on a bid to bring WrestleMania 33 to the new stadium in the spring of 2017. Given that WWE awarded this year's event to Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara and WrestleMania 32 will be held in AT&T Stadium in 2016, it sure seems like the event is being held in newer, state-of-the-art venues. Making Minnesota's bid even more interesting is the fact that Patrick Talty, who was tabbed last month by SMG to be general manager of the new stadium, previously served as senior vice president of live events for WWE. So might the event be heading our way in 2017? We could know by the end of this year.

Here's Your Chance to Weigh in on the Downtown East Commons and the Pre-Game Experience

The 4.2-acre green space adjacent to the new stadium site is currently being designed, and you have a chance to weigh in. Take the City of Minneapolis survey and let the designers know what you want to see in this public space.

For future notifications on the new Vikings stadium, join the stadium waitlist.

