

Highway 35



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Having all the girders in place on White River Bridge the next process is to tie all the girders together with concrete walls called diaphragms. The first of these received concrete on Wednesday, the next set was poured today. The photo shows the plywood forms braced with 2x4s that hold the concrete for the diaphragms. The lower plywood is just walkways and safety for workers. On top of these girders will eventually be a concrete deck.



At the Clark Newton section of the project, the activity has been busy preparing for the temporary bridge at Clark Creek. Tapani Underground not only is building the temporary road along side Highway 35 but is also constructing approaches for the one lane bridge. Cascade Bridge who is building the permanent bridges is installing the temporary bridge. Ambitious as it maybe they will started building the temporary bridge today and expect to have it in place ready for asphalt paving late next week perhaps on Friday. This means Cascade Bridge will be working through the weekend and maybe some long hours.

Expect traffic control next week at White River Bridge for truck traffic hauling material to the Clark Newton section. Over at the Clark Newton section, expect traffic control all week and even through this weekend as the temporary bridge is being constructed. On Friday before the holiday weekend they plan on paving that detour so expect some minor traffic stops next Friday. On the plus side, no traffic interruptions will occur during the July 4th holiday weekend. However, it's likely that on July 5th traffic signals will get turned on for the one lane detour over Clark Creek. As the summer progress the construction activity will increase as different phase of work start, so please drive cautiously and keep your speed down through the construction areas.

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