

Highway 35



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Its beginning to look like construction on Highway 35. Our detour with the traffic signals are now operational next to the Clark Creek Bridge construction. Your wait if you hit the red is 3 minutes and a few seconds give or take a tick tock or two. On Tuesday Malcolm Drilling moved in with their mass of hardware and support equipment. They assembled their equipment and were drilling the first of 6 shafts before noon on Wednesday. The first shaft drilled without problem. Concrete finished out this shaft Thursday morning. The photo herein was taken Wednesday morning as they were setting up



to drill the first shaft. Since the work is adjacent to Clark Creek a lot of precautions were taken to make sure drilling fluid (water) and cement never reached Clark Creek waters. Not only is there that orange silt fence in place but also a compacted soil berm diverting runoff from rain away from the creek. All the drilling fluid that is pumped in and out of the shaft including any concrete leach during the concrete pour is being cycled through a large containment tank just outside of the photo. The anticipated completion date for drilling these shafts is next Thursday. Hopefully if all goes as scheduled testing for acceptance will begin on July 18th.

Next week work will continue at Clark Creek Bridge with more drilling. Down towards Newton Creek Bridge Tapani is starting excavation for the first of many concrete box culverts, this first one being one of the 30-foot span units. At the White River location, Cascade Bridge will be setting girders at Green Apple both Monday and Tuesday and continuing with construction on the White River Bridge. Also, trucks will be hauling material out of White River to the Clark Newton section.

Expect traffic control next week the same as this week both at White River and the Clark Newton section from Monday thru Friday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. The traffic stops at White River maybe up to 20 minutes to get the girders off the trucks and in place Monday and Tuesday. The rest of the week the delay would be brief to allow trucks to maneuver onto and off the highway. At Clark Creek, the traffic signals will remain operational.

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