

Highway 35



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A busy week at Highway 35 starting Monday morning with the first of 16 girders arriving for Green Apple Creek's bridge. In the lower photo one of those 75" high girders is being lifted into position by two cranes at span one. By Tuesday evening all 16 girders were in place. Hopefully the traffic delays for this work did not overallly inconveniencence anyone. The upper photo gives a perspective to the new bridge as compared to the existing White River Bridge, bigger, higher and stronger = built to last.



Back from the bridge area Tapani Underground is busy adding fill to raise the new highway grade to match the higher bridge. The wall of dirt and fabric along the shoulder of Highway 35 allows the new road to meet a width on top for two lanes of traffic and still have the existing road operational. In 2012 traffic will be moved over onto the new road while the old is being removed.

In the Clark Newton section the driller, Malcolm Drilling finished that last shaft today and will be moving out starting Friday. Testing of those six shafts will begin on Monday hopefully they meet specification by not having voids. Tapani Underground continues their temporary road construction. On Friday with the ability to finally work within the stream area they will be moving Clark Creek temporarily out of the bridge area. This allows removal of the two culverts and construct a more natural stream bed under what will be the new Clark Creek Bridge.

Next week work will continue at Clark Creek Bridge with excavation and riprap work. At the White River location, Cascade Bridge has now two bridges to work on White River and Green Apple. Tapani Underground will continue their material haul building the new road way and more wall. Also, trucks will be hauling material out of White River to the Clark Newton section. Expect some minor flagger stops Monday thru Friday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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