

# Highway 35



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Wow, it's September already. What happened to our summer? Oh yeah, it just arrived as did the fires, smoke and hot temperatures. Just a recap of where we are in the contract. Tapani Underground was awarded the bid in June 2010 for a total of \$19 million and change. They started work in July 2010 on the first phase, the White River location. In May 2011 they were able to start work on the second phase, Clark – Newton or approximately from Teacup Sno-Park to the East Fork of Hood River. In 2010, all but one pier was completed on two bridges, the replacement bridge for White River and the entirely new bridge Green Apple. Along with the bridges, Tapani was able to install two large culverts and raise nearly 60 percent of the new roadway leading up to the bridges. So far this year we have added a temporary one lane detour bridge at Clark Creek, constructed a two lane detour from Clark Creek to Newton Creek and will complete the new Clark Creek Bridge. Add in a bunch of concrete box culverts, building the expanded Teacup Sno-park and raise the intersection at the FS 48 road and we're off to a good start. Currently budget wise we are not quite at the 50% spending mark but fast approaching it. We have some big ticket items this year that will put a significant dent in that budget.



The first photo is Clark Creek Bridge construction progress. The deck false work is moving along in preparation for deck steel next week. The progress if we get deck steel started next week will be on track for a deck pour shortly. The 2<sup>nd</sup> photo is the FS 48 intersection with Highway 35. The old asphalt was previously ground and removed and now the fill material starts up, raising the road to the new intersection elevation. One little “glitch”



for drivers will be a short detour for this year and next from the 48 road to highway 35. Until we have the new Highway 35 paved and traffic going over the two new bridges, we need to route vehicles towards Hood River then onto Highway 35 in a short “S” configuration. When you see our detour I think you'll like it.

Next week expect trucks hauling from White River to Clark and for flagging stops near Teacup Sno-park. With work, now moving into a 6 day schedule flaggers will be out Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Please expect some minor delay on Saturday. We are going to try working two Saturday weeks in row and then take a one week rest from a Saturday workday. Snowflakes are on the horizon.

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