

# Highway 35



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Done for the year would read the banner over Highway 35 if one was hung. Reflecting on the fact this newsletter is number 49 tells a story of 49 weeks people have left their families, some for the day some for longer periods in order to get the job done. Everyone sees big yellow equipment, feels frustration of having to wait at the flagger, but seldom does anyone thank those men and women driving that equipment, pushing concrete, tying steel, and always measuring something. More than anything, it takes people from that initial concept and discussion to cutting the ribbon at the end of it all. As you drive through the job areas, you see a lot of people, some getting dirty, some wheedling heavy equipment, some observing and checking, and those that you don't see likely carry the responsibility of seeing that it is built correctly and with a reasonable profit margin. So for those that gave of themselves in time and energy, thank you to each and everyone. We hope the holidays come with time for your family and sharing stories and laughter with friends. See you next year as the snows are melting in the early spring. Perhaps sometime in April for our last year, provided everything goes as planned. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

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