

Highway 35



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The photo to the left is our last box culvert nearly complete. This is one of several 30-foot wide units large enough to handle two lanes of traffic. However, these will never see any vehicles just water. Many of these cross culverts like this one are to provide a route to move water when the next flood event occurs. I said "when" and not "if" because history proves another flood event will occur and test both design and construction. So when you look at that large rock lined ditch lined and those dams to force water through each box culvert, envision the water force this

facility will contend with, without damage to the highway.

The lower photo is in the Clark Newton section and notice the concrete barriers are gone and the road is ready for base rock. Once the base rock is in place, the next step is paving this 13-foot wide strip. This was previously the area used by the detour but the detour from Clark Creek down is now gone. In the coming weeks they will remove that orange silt fence and blend the slope with natural ground at the tree line, followed up with a berm of compost to contain and control sediment. Unlike most projects this project will utilize the berm that unlike silt fence that needs removal and hauled off the compost berm will slowly decay unobtrusively and add to nutrients to the forest.

Next week expect to see trucks hauling rock between the job and Tamarack Quarry. Expect short traffic delays at both sites during the week. Its also possible ODOT will be doing paving on Hwy 35 next week and they could have delays. Next week expect traffic control from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday thru Thursday. With Labor day on the 3rd the job will shut down August 31 thru Sept 3rd.



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