

# Highway 35



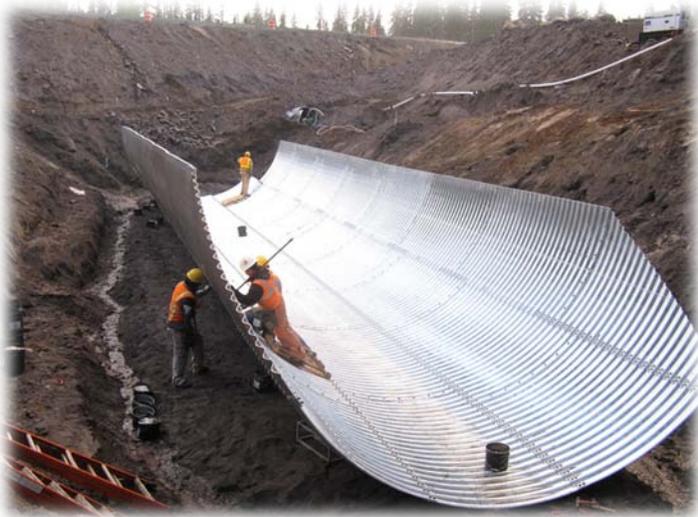
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Memorial Day came and went and now so did Labor Day, what happened to summer? So back to work was the theme for Tuesday with Jim Turin paving out the temporary detour. This detour will last about a month to allow construction of the 144” culvert full length under both the new alignment and existing road. A short term traffic change. The photo on the right is the start of paving Tuesday, 4-inches of asphalt over 6” gravel base. Even under less than ideal conditions they achieved compaction. Weather has prevented opening this to traffic because rain stopped the application of centerline and fog line until we have dry pavement. Should weather allow painting centerline this Friday traffic will be using the detour by Friday evening.



Over the last two weeks if you drove by the site you would have seen the excavation of a huge hole or canyon thru the new road alignment. Well that big hole was to allow construction of a 20-foot diameter pipe culvert. This pipe is a structural plate unit and is being installed by the supplier Contech Construction Products. In the photo below taken today the crew has the base sections in place for roughly 60 percent of the length. It’s a slow process as there are literally thousands of bolts and nuts to install.

For next week, Malcolm Drilling will finish the last drilled shaft on Friday and begin moving out during the week only to return next year. Tapani will continue working on the new alignment both west and east of White River Bridge. The bridge subcontractor Cascade Bridge is scheduled to start on White River Bridge Monday forming abutment caps and pier walls. After all the work at Tamarack Quarry the week before this week has been quiet while they are deciding a course of action to extract riprap. So I have no news for what is coming up for Tamarack next week.



Next week travelers will encounter traffic controlled stops on Highway 35 Monday thru Friday, 7:00AM to 6:00 PM.

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