

HELICOPTERS AND IMPLOSIONS

CapX2020 power line construction work in Buffalo, Trempealeau and La Crosse Counties

A helicopter will be used for transmission line work on the 48-mile segment in Wisconsin starting in Buffalo County in December. The helicopter will be flying in close proximity to the new transmission structures assisting in the stringing of conductor (wire) from structure to structure and in attaching components to the conductor.

Implosive connectors will also be used in the line construction to splice conductor joints and to connect conductor to the structures. The split second detonation of the implosive connectors creates a flash and a very loud boom. The technology provides stronger, more reliable and efficient connections, reducing maintenance needs and increasing system reliability. They also result in fewer environmental and agricultural impacts as less heavy equipment is required in construction areas.

Project crews will inform local landowners whenever possible in the days preceding the implosive blasts in each area. The connections are not used on every structure. CapX2020 utilities urge motorists to avoid stopping and watching the work while it occurs. Additional information including a helicopter video and a video of implosive connector blasts is available at www.CapX2020.com.



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About the project

Construction on the CapX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV transmission line project started in Minnesota in February of 2013. Work on the Wisconsin segment between Alma and the new Briggs Road Substation near Holmen is scheduled for completion in 2015.

We want to hear from you.

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