This was another rainy week. Sensor installation work continued for Cell 40 and Cells 60-63. Saturated conditions made below-grade work challenging.

Strings for paving Cell 40 were installed on Thursday, and the fabric interlayer was installed on Friday. The fabric will extend beyond the shoulders to provide a drainage outlet. The edges of the fabric were folded inward to avoid interfering with the string lines. These will be unfolded prior to shoulder placement. The fabric will be covered with plastic to protect it over the weekend.

Paving of Cell 40 is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 10. The paving operation is expected to last about 2 hours. A pre-placement meeting is scheduled at 8:30 a.m. in the MnROAD conference room. Note that safety glasses are required in addition to boots, vests and hard hats for personnel in the area during concrete paving.

Final preparation of the aggregate base in the driving lane of Cell 13 is also scheduled for Monday so instruments can be installed and aggregate field testing can begin. The passing lane of Cell 13 will not be prepared until after Cells 60-63 have been paved because it is needed for access to those cells.

Tuesday, June 11 is reserved for sensor installation.

Paving of Cells 60-63 is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12.

An open house is scheduled on Wednesday, June 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the MnROAD conference room. This will include a tour of Cell 40 and viewing of the paving operations in Cells 60-63.

Paving of Cell 13 is scheduled for Monday, June 17. A mix with 75% recycled concrete aggregate is planned. The preformed neoprene joint sealant will also arrive that week. Representatives from the manufacturer, DS Brown, will be present to assist Superior Sawing and Sealing with installation.

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