



City of Bedford

Bedford City Utilities

Samuel J. Craig, Mayor
Misty D. Adams, Utilities Director



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The Spider Creek lift station and storage tank project has begun. Reynolds Construction was the low bidder on the project. The bid included the option of blasting as a way to minimize rock removal costs to the site where Geotech showed considerable hard rock. Blasting is a safe and cost saving alternative for this project.

The subcontractor SX Blasting based in Wisconsin is committed to the safe application of explosives and providing a safe workplace for its employees and all others at or near their worksites. As a requirement per Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) for precautionary measures and safety, Highway 50 (16th Street) at the bridge will be closed during each blasting process due to the proximity of the project to 16th St bridge. A detour route will use R St and Beech St with local access only between those roads and the bridge. Traffic will be allowed within both sides of the bridge but no crossing at the bridge until blast is complete and all clear is given. Semi truck traffic must use Beech St or R St to John Williams Blvd as the detour. Please avoid this area or take alternate route unless you have business there.

Blasting Process Horn sounds

A warning signal of a 1-Minute series of long blasts 5 minutes prior to blast signal.

A blasting signal series of short blasts 1 minute prior to the shot

All clear will be a prolonged horn blast following the inspection of blast area

At that point Highway 50 (16th Street) will be open for traffic.

This process should last under one hour for each blasting occurrence.

The Milwaukee Trail will be closed from the U Street entrance off John Williams Blvd to the Wilson Park trail entrance onto the trail during the blast process.

Blast Schedule **UPDATED**

Blasts are tentatively planned for twice a day for approximately 20 working days **starting 5/29** – 6/14. Tentative blast times are 10 AM – 11AM and 2PM – 3PM. This number and times could change with rock conditions and weather conditions. Emergency personnel as well as the postal service will be notified of these road closures. If you are aware of deliveries, please let them know of the closures. Please avoid these areas if possible. All businesses will be open during the road closures.

Notification

If you are not signed up and would like to get notifications from the City of Bedford, go to www.bedford.in.us and click on Emergency Preparedness. Sign up now to receive free alerts from the City of Bedford via text message, email, and/or voice message. You can select Utility announcements to get notified. If you need help on receiving alerts, contact City of Bedford Utilities at (812) 275-1626.

We apologize for this inconvenience. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 812-275-1626 or email madams@bedford.in.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Misty Adams".

Misty Adams

Utilities Director