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## **CapX2020 to use helicopter to install wire across US Highway 169 near Belle Plaine**

August 7, 2013—FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—CapX2020 construction crews will use a helicopter to install wire across US Highway 169 approximately two miles southwest of Belle Plaine near CSAH 53 in Blakely Township.

Crews will begin installing equipment east and west of the crossing point on Highway 169 beginning on Monday August 12. The work is expected to be complete by Friday August 16. There may be occasional lane closures on Highway 169, and traffic control specialists have been enlisted to ensure travel continues uninterrupted. Minnesota State Patrol officers will be on-site to assist motorists.

Using helicopters to perform line work enables wire to be installed in difficult-to-access areas, and reduces the need for extended lane and road closures. The wire installed is called 'lead line,' which is then connected to the permanent wire and pulled through structures on either side of Highway 169 with ground-based machinery.

CapX2020 utilities and MNDOT urge motorists to avoid stopping and watching the work while it occurs, and to keep moving through the work zone. Please don't stop, don't gawk, and drive safely.

The Brookings County-Hampton project is a 250-mile 345 kV transmission line between the Brookings County Substation in South Dakota, and the Hampton Substation in Dakota County, Minnesota. The first segment, between Renville County and Scott County, is expected to be energized in late 2013.

Additional information on the CapX2020 projects, including videos of helicopter equipment installation, is available at [www.CapX2020.com](http://www.CapX2020.com).