A helicopter is being used to support transmission line work during CapX2020 construction between the Zumbrota and Hampton area. The helicopter will be flying in close proximity to the new transmission structures assisting in the stringing of conductor (wire) from structure to structure. A helicopter will also be used during work on five crossings of Highway 52 through May and in attaching components to the conductor. Drivers will encounter temporary lane closures and short traffic stops when the helicopter is used for the Highway 52 crossing work.

Structure setting and stringing are taking place on the final 345-kilovolt portion of the CapX2020 transmission line between Hampton, Minn. and Pine Island, Minn. and is expected to be complete in the fall of 2016.

Additional information including video of helicopter work is available on CapX2020.com.

MNDOT urges motorists to follow these recommendations in work zones:

- Stay alert
- Watch for signs, equipment and workers
- Minimize distractions, such as using cell phones, eating or drinking
- Avoid tailgating
- Follow posted speed limits and directional signs
- Stay in one lane while driving through a work zone
About the project
Construction on the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kilovolt transmission line project started in Minnesota in February of 2013 and is scheduled for completion in 2016. Approximately 120 miles of the project is complete. Construction is taking place on the remaining 38-mile section of the project between Pine Island and Hampton.

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