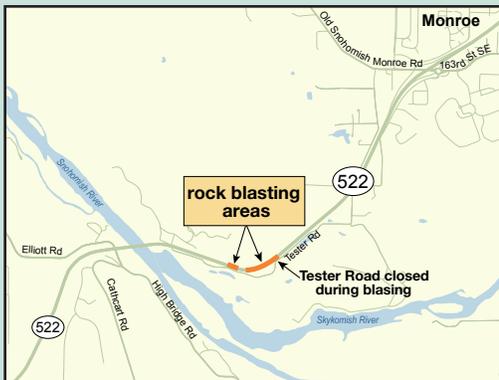


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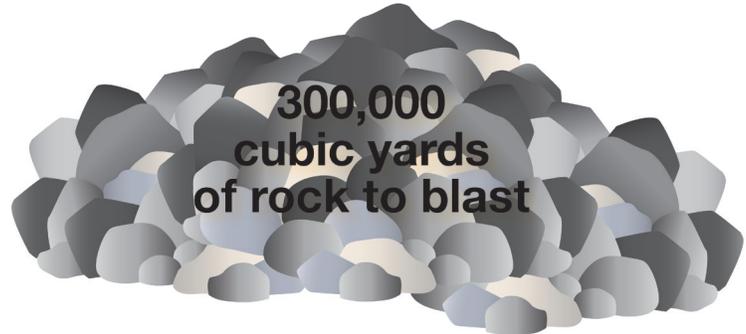
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Drivers can choose an alternate route or follow a signed detour using SR 9 and US 2 around the closure. We will use electronic signs and highway advisory radio to alert drivers to the closures. We'll also provide advance notice to emergency responders.



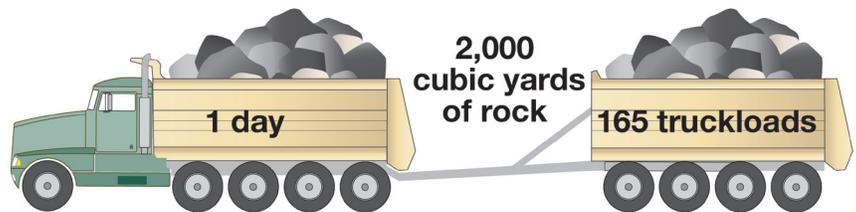
To create space for the widened roadway, we will remove 300,000 cubic yards of rock along the westbound lanes.



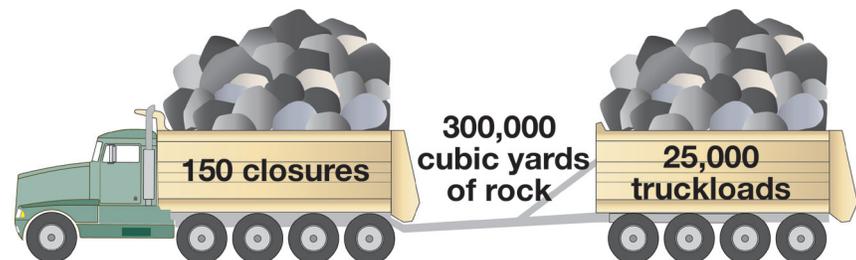
We will blast the rock using explosives and then haul it away from the site. Each truck can haul about 12 cubic yards of rock.



Each blasting operation will take about an hour from start to finish and must be done during daylight hours. To keep drivers safe we will fully close the roadway in both directions during the blasting work.



We can remove about 2,000 cubic yards (165 truckloads) of rock each day.



We expect to use 150 closures to complete the rock-blasting work. **Closures are currently scheduled for 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Monday through Friday and will likely start in May 2012.**