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Accident and Closure of 86th Street Overpass at Interstate 35W

On February 20th, 2016, at approximately 12:59 p.m., Bloomington Police and Fire Department personnel assisted the Minnesota State Patrol at a reported accident involving a commercial vehicle on Interstate 35W at 86th Street. The accident, involving a collision with the 86th Street overpass, caused a large natural gas leak.

As a result of the gas leak, and out of concern for nearby residents and motorists, the 86th Street overpass will be closed until further notice. Bloomington Public Works personnel are working with CenterPoint Energy and State Department of Transportation officials to repair the gas leak and ensure that the structural integrity of the bridge has not been compromised as a result of this incident. Motorists and pedestrians will be detoured around the 86th Street overpass until further notice.

All of the northbound and southbound lanes of Interstate 35W have reopened. The Minnesota State Patrol is investigating the initial accident.