

Metrodome Roof Collapse Video Time Lapse Is An Oddly Beautiful Farewell To Vikings Stadium

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It took just 35 minutes to forever alter the skyline of downtown Minneapolis and close a chapter in the history of Minnesota sports.

With the Vikings set to begin construction on a new stadium, the Teflon-coated fiberglass roof of the Metrodome was deflated for the fifth and final time early on Saturday morning. The Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority opened the stadium's relief vents and turned off the power to the fans that kept the iconic roof inflated at 7:15 a.m. Saturday, according to the CBS Minnesota.

MSFA Vice Chairman Bill McCarthy characterized Saturday to The Associated Press as "a sad and exciting day at the same time."

The final hours of the Metrodome were captured in an oddly beautiful -- yet certainly bittersweet -- [time lapse video created by EarthCam](#). The Vikings also captured the view of the collapse from both inside and out.

