



SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

What's happening on the job?

Last week the contractor was again working in the area of Milepost 2.0 building the Rockery Wall and working on the Gabion Basket faced wall that goes along the left side. This week more of the same, both Rockery Wall and Gabion Baskets are going in. Work in this area will likely continue through the end of March, weather permitting. Please watch for truck traffic between this site and Sandlake Store. Just an early reminder that starting March 1 the contractor will increase their working hours and start at 7:00 am and continue until 6:00 pm daylight conditions permitting. There could be days that work would cease before 6:00 pm but plan to see traffic control hours increase starting MARCH 1, 2004.

Last week the crew was able to complete a section of foundation rock and rock lined ditch and started setting the first of the baskets in place Thursday afternoon. The process is labor intensive as can be seen by the amount manpower needed to assemble and place the baskets. Once the first row of baskets are in the backfill and second row of baskets should go quickly. The important item is that this section is above the water level in the ditch, which makes construction much easier.

I hope everyone understands that the traffic delays are not meant as a delay just for the sake of traffic control. This location does not have the room to freely move vehicles through. When traffic goes through the location nearly all work must stop, the excavators realign themselves and everything waits. The contract provides the contractor with a window of work of approximately 25 minutes before having to wait for two lines of cars to pass. So please be patient they are moving as fast as they can to finish in this section.

*** * EXPECT 30 MINUTE DELAYS IF YOU PLAN TO TRAVEL SANDLAKE ROAD * ***