



SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

What's happening on the job?

Plan on seeing at least two work sites this week on Sandlake Road one at Tiger Creek Bridge and the other, the continuing work on the gabion baskets near Mile Post 1.95. With the weather improving, expect to see a lot more work activities occurring. And yes, this means even more traffic control. However, the contract did think of the traveler in that it contains a clause to limit the amount of time you spend in a traffic line. The maximum time spent waiting regardless of how many work zones are controlled by flaggers is 30 minutes for the total length of Sandlake Road. So your time at one work zone stop should not be anymore than the total of six work zones. I might add, this is normally the case and something we strive for and monitor. There have been exceptions, sequencing of work and emergencies such as the truck tip over have caused exceptions to this and have upset a few people. For this I apologize, these events have happened and likely will happen in the future. The magnitude of this project and difficulty of working within a very restrictive corridor of right of way allows for very little room for detours or joint use of the roadway during work.

I have heard rumors in the community that this contract has been extended another year. That because of unexpected problems Federal Highways has granted the contractor another work year. Well this is NOT TRUE. The fixed completion date for this project is October 15, 2004. Yes, we have encountered problems on this contract as can be seen in the two slides. Recently Federal Highways and the Contractor met to discuss the commitment to meeting the October 2004 completion date. Elte is a company that continues to focus on the goal and they too want this road completed on time. Federal Highways on their part of the partnership to finishing this project have escalated the amount of recourses dedicated to solving problems before they can cause delays. Additional surveying is taking place, Widener & Associates were hired to work out environmental problems, and Soil Engineers are working on the slides. I must also add that the two timber companies Stimson and Simpson, which these slides impact have been very corporative and understanding in helping with a solution. Clearly they have shown a commitment to community in also wanting this road completed on time.

*** * EXPECT 30 MINUTE DELAYS IF YOU PLAN TO TRAVEL SANDLAKE ROAD * ***
7:00 AM in the morning to 6:00 PM in the evening