



SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

What's happening on the job?

Asphalt, yes asphalt hit the road this morning covering those gravel sections both east and south of the Three Capes intersection. We had hopes of getting one layer of new asphalt over the existing road at the intersection but with wet weather it was impossible to tack. Tack is nothing more than asphalt oil used between layers that promote bonding between layers of asphalt. Since there is no tack used over gravel sections we went ahead with paving these segments. Its possible that tomorrow we could finish out the paving, but weather is key to this work.

One item that has caused a great deal of trouble on this project is the underlying soil below the existing roadbed. In one location its what we expected but in others it ranges from soft enough to get your car stuck, to locations that seem like a bottomless swamp. We have to date nearly doubled the amount of unsuitable soils dug out and hauled away. This extra work is not only expensive it slows the progress. The contractor has asked if there was a possibility of working on Friday with limited traffic control. Last year we allowed the contractor to work on Friday provided the work was entirely off the usable roadway, which he did without incurring public complaints. This year in hopes of making up some lost time due to dealing with unsuitable soils we will trial some limited traffic control worksites for Fridays. This would first include momentary traffic stops, no pilot car, just flaggers that would allow some short duration activity to take place such as loading a truck or backing in a truck. If the trial Fridays were successful, our optimum utilization of Friday would eventually be full traffic delays Monday through noon Friday, then from Friday noon until dusk using the momentary delays. Friday work on holiday weekends or festival weekends would remain prohibited. Our goal is to maximize the workweek to get this project DONE! So bear with us, please. Our other option is to have November as dry and warm as July.

Next weeks, work activity will have the operations starting to build the section around Milepost 1.6 on Sandlake Road, just east of McConkey Bridge. In addition a crew will be starting with culvert construction of smaller cross pipes not impacted by In-stream regulations. The culvert activity is mainly off the roadway. Expect traffic control on Sandlake Road next week. To make the best of the workday, weather permitting, construction activity should be anticipated Dawn to Dusk Monday thru Friday, with flaggers and pilot cars Monday thru Thursday and starting this week, flaggers only on Friday. If you have any comments please call or forward an email.

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