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## SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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### What's happening on the job?

The contractor is now working in the area of approximately Mile Post 0.75 to Mile Post 1.6 hoping in fact to get a short section of this under new pavement by the end of next week. We again have found something new under the old road that is a surprise to all, a plank roadway. In construction of this road, the pioneer road builders found a low-tech solution to crossing the soft blue clay section in the Mile Post 1.6 area, put down timbers in the wheel tracks and bridge over the clay. Then along came later road builders and covered the planks with gravel and later with asphalt. Our construction methods now use heavy equipment and once we removed the old road in order to build the new road the equipment broke through the timbers and up came our blue clay. If you drove through the job on Wednesday of this week you would have seen the blue clay "boils" popping up. So more digging, more blue clay hauled out along with those timbers, again more unexpected work.

Wednesday of this week left a lot of people waiting in line when with out warning all of Highway 101 traffic was diverted into our project because of a truck accident at the intersection of Highway 101 and Sandlake Road. It seems a Coast Oyster truck hauling seed oysters and some shucked oysters failed to make it around the corner and left a lot of oysters on the half shell along Highway 101, "cocktail sauce and lemon please". Aside from the mess and traffic delay problem, at least no one was hurt. It took us a few minutes to change our work zone to accommodate the volume of traffic so you may have sat in line longer than usual.

Next week the work zone should again extend from Mile Post 0.5 to Mile Post 1.6. Our contractor again expects to work long days next week taking advantage of good weather. You might also see a traffic delay near the Three Capes Intersection for one or two days while they finish up the first lift of asphalt. To ensure traffic flow stays under the time limit, the pilot cars clock and record the time for each round they make. And when they exceed that 30-minute time they record a comment, which we look at and if necessary, take corrective action. Remember this Friday June 18 will be our first working Friday out on the road. The big difference from our Monday to Thursday schedule is in how we handle traffic. No pilot cars will be used and the traffic will be only stopped momentarily such as to allow a truck to get loaded or dumped. We expect these momentary stops will not exceed more than a few minutes in duration. Working on Fridays preceding a holiday or festival weekends will still be prohibited. We are monitoring how this works so call us if this creates any problems. It's balancing the opportunity to work during good weather in order to complete this project verses trying the patience of the traveler.

**\* \* EXPECT 30-MINUTE DELAYS DAWN TO DUSK \*\***