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## **SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

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### **What's happening on the job?**

Starting July 1, 2004, yes that's today, the contractor is able to proceed in those areas defined by project permits as being within fish habitat or influencing fish habitat. Work in these areas is conditional to following requirements such as isolating the work area from the stream, monitoring the water for turbidity and most of all saving any fish from being stranded within those isolated work areas. We have several of these locations on the project that were impacted and now included into our environmental permits midway into construction. On the plus side the environmental agencies that issue these permits have been excellent in offering their time to helping resolve these types of problems and yet maintain environmental quality.

Next week the contractor will continue work on the segment of Sandlake Road from M.P. 1.05 to M.P. 1.71 and with In-stream work allowed, they can start digging out blue mud west from McConkey Bridge to M.P. 1.86. Also in this same area preparations are being made to move a small stream in order to finish up that box culvert partially installed earlier this year. The schedule is to have this segment now in construction ready for asphalt by the third week of July. A lot of work remains, as well as a lot of mud to move. If you haven't already noticed the people working this project are working 14-16 hour days, it's a single crew doing the job of two crews. A bunch of tired workers and truck drivers by Friday night, so this weekend will help get everyone rested up.

This Friday, July 2, 2004 the contractor will not be in the roadway due to the heavy traffic expected for the holiday weekend. He may have a few workers doing some work along the shoulder areas, but if he does this will not hinder traffic and you will not see any Flagger's or pilot car.

Next week due to contract restrictions for the holiday weekend the contractor will not be working on Monday. The first workday next week on the project is Tuesday July 5, 2004.

Also, next week, its possible that Friday will be the first summer Friday that full traffic control measures (30-minute delays) will be allowed until noon. From noon on the traffic control will change to using momentary stops using only flaggers. This is all contingent upon work that gets accomplished during the week that could benefit from needing another half day on Friday.

**FROM FEDERAL HIGHWAYS AND ELTE CONSTRUCTION WE EXTEND TO EVERYONE A WISH FOR A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY, AND DON'T FORGET TO BUCKLE UP.**

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

**Tuesday thru Thursday next week & Friday till Noon**

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