



SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

What's happening on the job?

As I write this newsletter (stolen minutes during paving) our subcontractor Road and Driveways is placing the first lift of asphalt from M.P. 0.93 to 1.86, that gravel section we have been working on. We thought earlier this week that we could pave possibly on Friday based on the amount of work still ahead of us on Monday. However this would have meant in order to pave on Friday a pilot car controlled traffic line would need to continue well past the noon deadline. Although this would have likely caused a stir, getting almost another mile under asphalt would in the long-term outweigh the extra Friday delay. If we did not get the road ready by Friday our next paving opportunity was August 25. So everything looked like Friday until Tuesday evening when we learned the paver could not make Friday, it was now Thursday or wait until the 25th. So to cut to the heart of the matter everyone worked until dark Tuesday and Wednesday and had the road ready for Thursday morning paving. It meant grading the road to it's final smoothness, having the guardrail installers doing their part, removing the old bridge rail posts and drilling in new inserts into the bridge, and diverting a stream. So if you found yourself stuck in that traffic line late into the evening hours I hope this answers the question why we were working so late. And sorry to say today will also be a long workday, maybe till dark again.

Next week work will continue in the area of M.P. 3.1 to 4.0 getting this ready for rock. This is the segment we have been digging out blue clay. The clay is in pockets just under the surface and since we don't know of anyone having a high tech gadget to locate all these soft blue clay pockets our choice is to remove a layer of surfacing and backfill with rock. By digging out these pockets of clay and reinforcing the roadbed over them it prevents these clay pockets from maturing into road failures. You might if time permits see the contractor start on the culvert replacement in the stream near M.P. 2.4. Next week expect work zones with piloted traffic control from M.P. 2.2 to 4.1 on Sandlake Road.

*** * EXPECT 30-MINUTE DELAYS DAWN TO DUSK ****
Monday thru Thursday next week & Friday till Noon