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## SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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### What's happening on the job?

This week was very busy for everyone, hydro-seeding the slopes, erosion control mat being applied, culverts being installed, oil rock, and most of all asphalt surfacing. The contractor's crew put in some long hours this week.

The subcontractor for seeding came to the project on Monday and Tuesday and applied seed and mulch to all the slopes having topsoil along with those areas adjacent to the wetlands. On two of the steep slopes we applied seed and mulch and then covered this with a straw mat to both disperse rain and prevent erosion. The mat also maintains moisture to aid in seed germination. With today's rain and sunshine those slopes should become green in a week or two.

The section from M.P. 3.4 to M.P. 4.0 received the last of the oil coated base rock by Tuesday morning and for the rest of the day three graders, two rollers, and surveyors setting grade hubs were on a mission to lay down asphalt by Wednesday morning. By early Tuesday afternoon Federal Highway staff began the process of checking the road to receive asphalt. By 8:30 Tuesday night enough road was within a 1/2" tolerance so we could pave. On Wednesday morning we started to pave and then came the rain, lots of it. We stopped paving and thought we would not finish today, but after a quick round table discussion paving was once again continued and the weather stayed dry through the rest of the paving. However, we will need to remove a small segment of asphalt on the Sand Creek Bridge, as it was too wet for the tack oil (oil used to bond new asphalt to old or to concrete) and repave this small area later. It was this or leave a big drop onto the bridge deck, logic was to pave the deck and fix it later.

For the remainder of this week Thursday and Friday and next Monday expect no work, the contractor is giving their crew a little breather over the Labor Day holiday. But on Tuesday morning work starts again so expect pilot cars running from M.P. 0.80 to M.P. 3.4 Tuesday through Friday of next week. On Friday you will also have a full day of traffic control and not just till noon.

**REMEMBER BUCKLE UP THIS WEEKEND TO GIVE YOURSELF THAT ADDED SAFETY**

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

**Tuesday thru Friday**

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