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ROUTE 624 IN WARREN COUNTY CLOSING APRIL 18 FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

STAUNTON – Part of Route 624 (Morgan Ford Road) in Warren County is scheduled to close Monday, April 18, for replacement of a low-water bridge over the Shenandoah River. This closure is from the intersection of Route 643 (Howellsville Road) and Route 661 (Fairground Road), but homeowners on either side of the bridge will have access to their properties.

Contractors have begun tree cutting and trimming in the area of the project, and drivers can expect flagger-controlled traffic from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily until the road closure.

Beginning the morning of April 18, signs will direct motorists on one of the following detours:

- Drivers south of the bridge will turn right on Route 643 (Howellsville Road), which changes to Route 603 and then to Route 638 in Clarke County. Drivers will then turn left on Route 17/50 (John Mosby Highway) and left on Route 624 (Red Gate Road/Milldale Road) to reach the end of the detour.
- Drivers north of the bridge will follow Route 624 (Milldale Road/Red Gate Road) north and turn right on Route 17/50 (John Mosby Highway) in Clarke County. Drivers will then turn right on Route 638 (Howellsville Road), which changes to Route 603 and then Route 643, to reach the end of the detour.

The existing one-lane Morgan Ford bridge will be replaced by a two-lane structure located at the existing location following the existing alignment. Approximately 480-feet long, the new bridge will have 22 feet of travel width. The roadway approaches on either side of the bridge will vary from 22 to 24 feet of paved width. Ditches will be provided where needed.

On January 29, 2016, the Virginia Department of Transportation awarded a \$4,886,508.07 contract to Orders Construction Company Inc. of Saint Albans, West Virginia. The project has a contract completion date of June 1, 2018.

More information about the project, including a list of frequently asked questions, is found on the Morgan Ford Road project page at this link: [Warren County – Route 624 \(Morgan Ford Road\) bridge replacement](#).

The VDOT Staunton District serves Frederick, Shenandoah, Clarke, Warren, Page, Rockingham, Augusta, Highland, Rockbridge, Alleghany and Bath counties.

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