

Legislative Update



Staunton District

Warren County

Summer 2015

Route 340/522 - South Fork Bridge

UPC 76469

Contract Value:

\$48.4 million

Estimated Completion Date:

Late 2017

Project Manager:

Robert Good, P.E., 540-743-1420

This project is located at the bridge over the South Fork of the Shenandoah River just outside the Town of Front Royal. The purpose of the project is to replace the deteriorating South Fork Bridge and to address the severe traffic congestion in the bridge corridor. The project will also accommodate bicycle and pedestrian traffic and improve corridor safety. The new bridge will have six lanes and feature bike and pedestrian facilities. Improved signs, markings and longer turn-lanes are included. A new left-turn lane will be built at 18th Street in Front Royal.

A primary goal of this project is to significantly reduce congestion in the area and enhance safety. At the Route 340/522 intersection with Route 55 high traffic projections require that non-traditional intersection treatments be considered. The intersection will feature an innovative design called a "Quadrant Roadway Intersection (QRI)." A traffic simulation model of the QRI was presented at the public hearing.

A contract worth \$48.4 million was awarded to G.A. & F.C. Wagman of York, Pennsylvania, on October 17, 2013 by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Route 340 - Gooney Creek Bridge

UPC 76467

Contract Value:

\$12.8 million

Estimated Completion Date:

Fall 2015

Project Manager:

Robert Good, P.E., 540-743-1420

This project is located on Route 340 from 0.667-mile to 0.330-mile south of Route 605 (Poor House Road). The project includes replacing the current bridge and approaches at Gooney Creek with a new two-lane structure and approaches. The roadway will have two travel lanes with 10-foot shoulders. Also, rumble strips will be installed along the edge of the travel lanes to provide a separation between vehicular traffic and bicycles.

This project also features intersection sight distance improvements at Route 605 Poor House Road and the addition of a left-turn lane at the intersection.

On Dec. 4, 2013 the Commonwealth Transportation Board awarded a \$12.8 million construction contract to Kanawha Stone Company of Nitro, West Virginia. The project is targeted for completion in fall 2015.

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Leach Run Parkway Town of Front Royal - New Road

UPC 103003

Estimated Cost:

\$12 million

This 1.3-mile long project is located on new location. It creates a four-lane connector road between Route 55 and Happy Creek Road. This is a revenue sharing project with the Town of Front Royal.

Project Advertised:

May 22, 2015

Project Manager:

Steven Damron, 540-332-7389

Route 624 (Morgan Ford Road) - Bridge over Shenandoah River

UPC 77272

Estimated Cost:

\$9,850,208

The low-water bridge over the Shenandoah River on Route 624 (Morgan Ford Road) is proposed to be replaced with a new two-lane bridge in the vicinity of Route 643 (Howellsville Road). This project in Warren County is located approximately 0.3 mile north of Route 643.

Estimated Ad Date:

Spring 2016

At the existing bridge site there are easements with the Virginia Outdoor Foundation (VOF) on the north side and Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) property on the south side. Morgan Ford Boat Landing is on the southeastern side of the existing bridge. The environmental process in the project design phase reviewed the historic and cultural resources of the area. During design development VDOT incorporated elements to have the bridge blend with the aesthetic nature of the surrounding environment and rural community.

Project Manager:

Ronald Tabor, 540-332-7887

The existing multi-span bridge is a single-lane structure built in 1925 and is 321-feet long with a single 11-foot wide lane. The existing bridge does not meet the current design standards and is in poor condition. During the design process the existing bridge was evaluated for repair and rehabilitation, but it was not economically feasible to pursue this course of action due to safety issues and economic reasons.

A public hearing was held in February 2015 and the design was accelerated to accommodate advertisement in late 2015. The design is complete and the right of way process has begun. However, the interagency coordination process associated with acquiring easement along DGIF property is time consuming and may jeopardize the accelerated advertisement.

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Route 647 (Dismal Hollow Road) - Park and Ride near I-66

UPC 106183

Estimated Cost:

\$400,000

The current park and ride has 133 parking spaces, including five handicap spaces. A new additional lighted parking lot will be built in this area with 60 parking spaces including three handicap spaces.

Estimated Ad Date:

Fall 2015

Project Manager:

Anthony Pelina, 540-332-9575