



# NEWS RELEASE

VirginiaDOT.org

RELEASE: IMMEDIATE  
CONTACT: **Tina W. Bundy (VDOT)**  
(540) 899-4560  
[Tina.Bundy@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:Tina.Bundy@vdot.virginia.gov)

July 20, 2006  
FBG 034

**Katy Lloyd (King William Co.)**  
(804) 769-4985  
[klloyd@kingwilliamcounty.us](mailto:klloyd@kingwilliamcounty.us)

## **Former Virginia Gov. A. Linwood Holton to dedicate new Lord Delaware Bridge *Mattaponi Bridge Run/Walk to precede dedication ceremony***

**FREDERICKSBURG** – On July 29 at 9:30 a.m., former Gov. A. Linwood Holton will dedicate the new Lord Delaware Bridge carrying Route 33 over the Mattaponi River at West Point. The Honorable James H. Hudson, III, Mayor of West Point will be the master of ceremonies for the ribbon cutting by local dignitaries and representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the prime contractors.

The event will be preceded by the Mattaponi Bridge Run/Walk. Registration for the 5k race and one-mile walk across the new bridge will begin at 6:30 a.m. The race will begin at 8 a.m.

The Lord Delaware Bridge is the first of the two West Point bridges to be replaced. Construction of the \$37.6 million project began in the summer of 2004. Its completion is the result of successful partnering between VDOT, McLean Contracting Company of Glen Burnie, Md. and Byrant Contracting, Inc. of Toano, Va. The fixed completion date for this project is Nov. 1, 2006 but it is expected to be open to two lanes of traffic by August 1.

Once the new 3,545-foot bridge opens to traffic, motorists will travel on four 12-foot lanes with 10-foot shoulders on each side. The bridge will also have pedestrian rails for foot and bike traffic and overhead lighting with brick pilasters to accent the bridge's appearance. The bridge will have a 55-foot clearance for river traffic.

The old bridge was constructed in 1945. In recent years it has been plagued with on-going routine maintenance and repairs that created long delays to motorists. Replacement of the bridge will greatly enhance mobility in the Town of West Point and other localities, and will provide the region with an additional asset to improve the quality of life.

For more information about the bridge replacement project or the status of the second phase of the West Point Bridge Project (Eltham Bridge) visit [www.virginiadot.org](http://www.virginiadot.org). For more information about the Mattaponi Bridge Run/Walk visit [www.kingwilliamcounty.us](http://www.kingwilliamcounty.us)

(END)



*You are cordially invited to attend the dedication of the new*

***Lord Delaware Bridge***  
***Saturday, July 29, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.***

*The bridge is located on Rt. 33 and crosses over the  
Mattaponi River.*

*The keynote speaker will be former Virginia  
Governor A. Linwood Holton, Jr.*

*Parking available at Smurfit Stone located at 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets.  
Transportation to the bridge will be available.  
Casual Attire*

*RSVP to Katy Lloyd at (804) 769-4985 by July 21, 2006*



