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## BOWDOIN HEADQUARTERS PARKING AREA Project MT RRP BOWD 900(1)

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This week the contractor worked at placing shoulder gravel along Old Highway 2 both on the contract portion and the county funded portion. This will eliminate the sharp pavement edge left from the new paving and provides a little added width. Another work item finished up was rebuilding the Pierce Waterfowl parking area and road. The parking area used during hunting season was a little small and restrictive to even turning around. However don't expect to see any asphalt; the improvements were constructed with gravel as was the road.

You might have noticed that Thursday afternoon the sign along US 2 directing traffic to the refuge using Strater Road came down. We are reinstalling this sign near the intersection of Old Highway 2 and US 2 to match the same sign for east bound traffic. The plan is to have anyone going to the refuge use Old Highway 2.

Three major items remain that of paving the Headquarters parking lot, the access road and the trail. The parking lot and access road are obviously facility improvements but I can hear the question already, why the trail. The trail is something everyone should come out and see for themselves it offers a pleasant walk around a wetland with a picnic table and further down the trail a bench to sit awhile. The paving of the trail will allow folks with limited mobility access to the facility. It already affords some "Handicap" parking so this improvement only completes that original concept. I'm sure if you ask someone confined to using wheels to get around which they preferred rough gravel or smooth asphalt, the answer is obvious

Next week will be more paving as the trail will be finished and the Headquarters parking area and road get finished. Also on Monday the Auto Tour will be closed for a culvert replacement. And later in the week the Bowdoin Refuge sign that was near Strater Road for west bound traffic will be put back up on its new foundation closer to Malta. Its very likely that we could wrap this project up by next Friday.

If you have any comments or concerns related to the construction please forward these to the listed Email address or call 360-907-0685. If you would like this Newsletter Emailed to you just send me a request to the Email address listed below.

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